

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

**PA FCCLA  
State Conference  
March 18 - 20, 2024**  
Wyndham Lancaster Resort

**PAFCS Conference  
April 12-13, 2024**  
Central Penn College  
Summerdale PA

## News especially for PAFCS members

Thank you for being a member of the Pennsylvania Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. We appreciate your participation in the network of FCS professionals advocating for the value and impact that FCS has on individuals, families, and community.

### PAFCS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

PAFCS is sponsoring a conference April 12-13, 2024 at Central Penn College in Summerdale PA. Workshop topics include ChatGPT/AI, Personal Finance for Women, STEM, and ideas for innovative lesson-planning. Visit the PAFCS [website](#) for more information and to [register](#).

### CONTACT US WITH YOUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IDEAS AND REQUESTS

Do you have an idea for a professional development workshop? Contact us and we'll make it happen!

### EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Michelle Tweardy and Lisa Golding presented at the LEADFCSS conference about the FCS Peer Mentor Program and the Northeast Network to help prepare, recruit and support FCS educators. State leaders shared their successful initiatives including university FCS signing day for students going into FCS education and teacher talks to connect with state leaders and other educators on a monthly online call. The committee would love to hear about ways that you are supporting your FCS program and future FCS educators. Please reach out to Michelle Tweardy ([mtweardy@iup.edu](mailto:mtweardy@iup.edu)), VP External Relations, to share your thoughts about how we can help this effort in Pennsylvania.

### HUGS MENTOR PROGRAM

Our HUGS mentor program has evolved in recent years to include mentoring, support and connection with all student members and mentors. Our HUGS mentors provide financial support to students so they can become members of PAFCS. To enhance the mentoring relationship further, HUGS virtual calls have been held throughout the year with the 6 matched pairs. We have enjoyed making those connections and look forward to meeting in person at the Annual PAFCS Conference in April. If you are a student member or mentor and have not registered for the conference yet please contact Michelle Tweardy, HUGS Coordinator, if you need assistance.

### JUST FOR MEMBERS

Certification testing will be offered at our PAFCS conference on Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 9AM – Noon. Contact Professional Development Chair, Patricia Hetrick, CFCS-Retired at [plhetrick2@gmail.com](mailto:plhetrick2@gmail.com) by March 15 for more details.

### MEMBER ACTIVITIES IN THE NEWS

The *Runway Repurposed Student Fashion Show* will be held on May 22, 2024 in Pittsburgh! There will be a \$1000 scholarship for the college winner and a \$1000 scholarship for the 9-12 winner. We are seeking sponsorships and basket donations to be auctioned off. All proceeds benefit the Salvation Army Family Caring House in Pittsburgh. Act 48 available. Contact Elizabeth ([gallagher.ElizabethAnn@gmail.com](mailto:gallagher.ElizabethAnn@gmail.com)) or Erika ([erikalynngraham@gmail.com](mailto:erikalynngraham@gmail.com)) for details.

### AAFCS CONFERENCE: Minneapolis, MN June 5-10, 2024 [Registration Details](#)

Member Early Bird (ends March 15) - \$349    Regular Registration (after March 15) - \$399  
50+ Year Member - \$199    Student Member - \$199

Visit our [PAFCS website](#) for more news.

If you want to become more involved with the Association by becoming a committee member, Advisory Board/Board member, or you have comments you would like to share, please contact one of the Executive Board members. We welcome your talent, creativity, experience, and ideas.

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