

## News especially for PAFCS members

### UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

#### HUGS Mentor/Mentee Mtg

September 17, 2023 7 PM  
October 22, 2023 7 PM  
January 7, 2024 7 PM  
March 3, 2024 7 PM

#### Pittsburgh Fashion Week Runway Show & Afterparty

September 15, 2023

#### 'Burgh Bits & Bites Food Tour - Brookline

October 14, 2023

#### South Central District Mtg

October 30, 2023  
Messiah University  
[Click to register](#)

#### PAFCS Annual Conference

April 12-13, 2024  
Central Penn College  
Summerdale PA

Hello PAFCS Member!

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 Family & Consumer Sciences has on individuals, families, and community. This newsletter provides some updates from your PAFCS Board of Directors.

#### SAVE THE DATE – PAFCS CONFERENCE APRIL 12 – 13, 2024

The PAFCS Annual Conference will be held April 12 – 13, 2024 at Central Penn College in Summerdale, PA. Visit our [PAFCS Conference](#) website for updates.

#### INTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Members are encouraged to apply for PAFCS awards and scholarships including Teacher of the Year, Standards for Excellence, Outstanding FCS Professional, and Friend of FCS. Our PAFCS scholarships available include Incoming Freshman, FCCLA Incoming Freshman, Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarship. Nomination Forms for Awards and Scholarships are available on our [website](#). The submission deadline is January 10, 2024.

#### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Committee has been working towards increasing our membership and we have gained new members since April! The goals are:

- Recruitment – Locating possible members and sharing the benefits of membership in AAFCFS/PAFCS.
- Retention – Once joining, support members to get involved and maintain their membership.
- Recognition – Acknowledge long-term members and learn more about members.

An email was sent to members requesting volunteers to help in achieving our mission for membership in any one of these areas. If you're interested, please email our Membership Chair, Pat Hetrick [paafcs@gmail.com](mailto:paafcs@gmail.com). We look forward to meeting as a group to move ahead with your ideas and participation. If as a member you need any support, feel free to contact Pat Hetrick.

#### AREA VICE PRESIDENTS AND DISTRICT CHAIRS

September 15, 2023 – Pittsburgh Fashion Week – Runway Show & Afterparty ([click to register](#))

October 14, 2023 – 'Burgh Bits & Bites Food Tour – Brookline ([click to register](#))

October 30, 2023 – South Central Meeting at Messiah University ([click to register](#))  
4:30 – 7:30 PM – Bring your students interested in FCS for a fun-filled program!

#### NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The following positions will be on the ballot in January. Please consider nominating yourself or someone else for the following positions: President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Nominating Chair, VP of Internal Relations, VP of External Relations. Email our Nominations Chair, Joan Hammond, ([paafcs@gmail.com](mailto:paafcs@gmail.com)) with any nominations or questions.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Summer was filled with several opportunities, and we hope you were able to take advantage of those. If you attended the National Conference and want Act 48 hours, please file the evaluations before September 4 with our Professional Development Chair Pat Hetrick.

If you are a PAFCS member and would like 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.

[Sasha Roble](#) (President)

[Sharon Baillie](#) (President-Elect)

[Mercy Ross](#) (Past President)

[Bethany Pepe](#) (Secretary)

[Elizabeth Gallagher](#) (Treasurer)

[Mary Kaye Rhude-Faust](#) (Executive Director)