Greetings NCAFCS Members,

It is with great pleasure to serve you this year as President of this organization. We are needed now more than ever before to take a stand and advocate for our profession’s future.

The Mission of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences To provide leadership and support for professionals whose work assists individuals, families, and communities in making informed decisions about their well-being, relationships, and resources to achieve optimal quality of life.

Accordingly, the Mission of the NC Affiliate is the same. To honor this mission, the NC Affiliate has committed to seven purposes. Today, I am challenging us to highlight two the seven purposes that encompass all seven purposes and focus on advocacy- a basic human right that impact individuals, families and communities.

- Purpose One: Sponsor and otherwise support seminars, debates, symposia, conferences, and similar professional discussion in Family and Consumer Sciences.
- Purpose Two: State and disseminate policy for professional guidance at the state and national levels concerning the public interest in Family and Consumer Sciences.

I thank each of you for boldly addressing the aforementioned purpose number one today by your participation in the 2016 NCAFCS Annual Conference and invite you to collaborate with me to target advocacy to inform, inspire and implement. Inform all stakeholders about who we are, what we do and why we do what we do; inspire all to take action on laws, regulations and policies that control and protect our core identity; and implement our professional organization agenda with fidelity and loyalty.

It is often stated that loyalty is debating an issue with a leader and sharing your dissent, but implementing the final decision of the team as your own. NCAFCS, I choose to OWN our agenda and humbly request that you too, will do the same. Let’s do what we (NCAFCS) do best, impacting policy for professional practice.

With a Servant’s Heart

Derrick L. Fogg, President
Nomination Committee Report from the Annual Session Election

The following slate of officers were approved by the membership at the annual session meeting:

**President Elect:** Meeshay Williams-Wheeler

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**Vice Presidents, Membership:** Shannon Braxton and Michael Holman

**Vice President, Finance and Development:** Lee Ann Williams

**Nomination and Elections Committee:** Irma Bode, Kiyana Thomas and Michelle Wilson
The 2016 Student Unit Award recipient is Ms. Courtney Parker, a junior Family and Consumer Sciences major with 7-12 licensure at Meredith College in Raleigh, North Carolina. Courtney has served as President of the Meredith Association of Family and Consumer Sciences for the current academic year and as the Co-President of the NCAFCS Student Unit organization as well. Last year she attended the NCAFCS Annual Meeting and the AAFCS Annual Conference and helped lead the Student Leadership meeting at NC A&T State University in the Fall of 2015. Under her leadership, the Meredith chapter of AAFCS has doubled in membership and with her encouragement, the student members have participated in national projects such as FCS Dining In and Cardz for Kidz. Courtney has volunteered with the Health Department’s WIC program; and the NC State Fair Field of Dreams, where she educated children about growing, harvesting and identifying fruits and vegetables. She also interned with the Wilkes County Cooperative Extension program and tutored with the Johnston County Public Schools.

According to her sponsors, Courtney is an outstanding student who excels academically and professionally in terms of her leadership and service. She is caring and passionate about the field of family and consumer sciences and is dedicated to learning as much as she can about AAFCS and the overall profession. She has a positive attitude, is highly motivated and enthusiastic, has a professional demeanor, and represents the best among her peers.

Courtney’s honors and awards include recognition as a Meredith Teaching Fellow, recipient of the Meredith College Academic Award Scholarship; and membership in Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society. She is currently serving as a teacher intern with Wake County Public Schools. Her sponsors believe that her resourcefulness and commitment to making a difference in the world will earn her a place as one of the outstanding leaders in our profession.
The 2016 Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Irma Bode, is a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher at Wakefield High School where she has taught Parenting, Child Development, and Early Childhood Education. She is a member of AAFCES, NCAFCS, the National and North Carolina Associations for the Education of Young Children. She serves as the Early Childhood Education Internship Coordinator as well as advisor for FCCLA. The Wakefield High School chapter of FCCLA has boasted the largest membership for an eight-year period for which it has received national; the chapter has also received National Program Awards. Ms. Bode earned the Spirit of Advising award from the National FCCLA organization for her role as a chapter advisor committed to ensuring the success of her students. Her students are involved in leadership opportunities at the school, district, state and national levels and have travelled to district and state conferences competing in STAR competitive events at the state and national levels. Every year for the past eight years her students have won first place at the state level.

Mrs. Bode has established herself as a leader in FCS education in North Carolina. She serves as a mentor to beginning teachers, a coordinating teacher to student teachers, and as a coordinator for the Human Services Career Advisory Team in the Wake County School District. She is widely recognized as a leader in Career and Technical Education in North Carolina for her work in building a FCS model program. Her Early Childhood Education program applies the Career Cluster knowledge and skill statements through rigorous coursework, work-based learning, and the Career and Technical Student Organization, FCCLA. Her lesson plans and assessment practices recognize the value of authentic experiences to equip students with relevant skills and create a smooth transition to postsecondary education and employment. For example, students advance through 4 credits in Early Childhood Education, building a professional portfolio which documents their acquisition of the knowledge and skills needed by human services professionals. This portfolio then becomes a tool for students to use with potential employers. Mrs. Bode’s program further supports career pathway initiatives by providing the opportunity for students to earn articulated credit from Wake Technical Community College and earn an industry recognized certification, the NC Department of Health and Human Service’s Lead Teacher Credential making them more marketable for jobs in early childhood education.

According to her sponsors, Mrs. Bode is the epitome of an excellent teacher who has no trouble articulating solutions toward issues while earning the respect of her colleagues, students and administrators. She stands out as a rare example of all of the qualities that a teacher should possess. She has high academic and ethical standards which she applies to herself and her students. She is passionate about her teaching and her students’ learning and brings creativity, innovation, professionalism and a strong work ethic to the classroom. She is able to give constructive criticism to students and colleagues in a manner that is professional and well received. Her honors include Wakefield High School Teacher of the Year, North Carolina FCCLA Advisor of the Year, Southeast Raleigh Teacher of the Year, and recipient of the East Wake High School Service Award. She is a master teacher, leader and advocate for family and consumer sciences and is truly worthy of the 2016 NCAFCS Teacher of the Year Award.
The 2016 Professional of the Year, Dr. Jane T. Walker, is a professor in fashion merchandising and design and has been an active member of AAFCS for over 20 years. Dr. Walker is Interim Chairperson in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences at North Carolina A&T State University and has served the university on numerous committees and as coordinator of the Fashion Merchandising and Design program area. She received her doctoral degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in Textile Products Marketing, her master’s degree from Virginia Tech in Clothing, Textiles and Related Arts, and her bachelor’s degree from Appalachian State University in Home Economics Education. Her professional career has been devoted primarily to university teaching in Family and Consumer Sciences but also includes positions in industry. She has received a number of grants designed to enhance student and community leadership experiences.

In service to the profession and communities locally and nationally, Dr. Walker has been actively engaged with organizations and boards at the national, state, and local levels as a member and as an elected and appointed officer. She has been involved with the AAFCS Board as Director of Affiliates, AAFCS Senate, AAFCS Research Committee as Chair and Secretary; NCAFCS as Counselor, President, President-Elect, and 1st and 2nd Vice President; and ITAA (International Textile and Apparel Association) as Chair of the Curriculum Committee and Career Fair Coordinator. Dr. Walker regularly attends meetings of these professional associations to deliver research presentations.

According to her sponsors, Dr. Walker’s dedication to FCS can be highlighted through two of the responsibilities she has willingly assumed: the first for NCAFCS and the second for AAFCS. For NCAFCS, she accepted a call to action to enhance public awareness by volunteering to oversee the formation and operation of a NCAFCS think tank. She brought together leaders in every area of FCS with a stake in the profession, arranged meeting space and logistics, communicated with all parties throughout the year, planned and oversaw discussions, and led the group in developing and implementing objectives for FCS in North Carolina. She has served at the national level in AAFCS by providing leadership training for president-elects from every state affiliate to ensure the efficacy and sustainability of AAFCS and the FCS profession. Over the years, Dr. Walker has generously shared her growing knowledge in tandem with other professionals and students. She has a genuine passion and love for Family and Consumer Sciences and believes in what she professes to others. Her engaging smile, friendliness, benevolence, and wit are authentic, as is her broad, intellectually strong foundation as a teaching professional. She is the consummate professional and role model to her colleagues and students and is most deserving of the North Carolina Association of Family and Consumer Sciences’ Professional of the Year Award.
Introducing The 2016-2017 NCAFCS Student Unit Officers

President: Sarah Cope (East Carolina University)
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Would you like to have Past Issues of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Journals?

Betty Swarthout has moved to a retirement home. In downsizing, she has 10+ years of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences journal. They would be good to use with students or otherwise resources in classroom or library. If necessary, she will pay postage to have them delivered. Please contact Marilyn Gore at mgore3@bellsouth.net if you can use this resource.
Stay in the Loop

Make sure that you checkout the new NCAFCS website: www.ncafcs.org
CALL FOR NCAFCS AWARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2016-2017
Deadline: December 2, 2016

Check One:

☐ Professional of the Year Award, the highest honor given by the state association, recognizes members who have made outstanding achievements in family and consumer sciences; made significant contributions to the profession; and demonstrated sustained leadership and active involvement at the local, state and national levels as a longtime member of the profession. Eligibility: Actively employed in a family and consumer sciences related profession; or a current family and consumer sciences professional in home and community; or retired; consistent membership in AAFCS for 20 years or more.

☐ New Achievers Award recognizes emerging professionals who have exhibited the potential to make significant contributions to family and consumer sciences. Eligibility: Any AAFCS member who does not belong to the Student Unit, who has earned a family and consumer sciences degree, and who has completed three (3) to eight (8) years of service to the field is eligible to receive this award.

☐ Student Unit Award recognizes the pre-professional/graduate student who excels in academics; service to school and community; and leadership ability. Eligibility: Undergraduate or graduate Family and Consumer Sciences major who is a member of NCAFCS at the time of the nomination.

☐ Leader of the Year Award recognizes members who have made significant contributions to the family and consumer sciences profession through their involvement with AAFCS. Eligibility: Any AAFCS member who does not belong to the Student Unit and who has completed more than eight (8) years of service to the field.

☐ Teacher of the Year Award recognizes exemplary FCS teachers who utilize cutting-edge methods, techniques, and activities to provide the stimulus for and give visibility to family and consumer sciences elementary and secondary education. Eligibility: Employed as a full time, permanent family and consumer sciences teacher in grades kindergarten through 12 (K-12), or full time permanent FCS Teacher who has retired within twelve months of the nomination; three current consecutive years of active membership in NCAFCS including the year of the nomination; created and runs a FCS program that exhibits creativity, innovation, and cutting-edge techniques and alignment with State or FCS National Standards focused on an original, expanded, or substantially modified traditional FCS content area, OR, a teaching emphasis consistently embedded in the nominee's curriculum, i.e. service learning, technology, project based learning, STEM, communications. Recipients are eligible to compete at the national level.

NOMINATIONS MUST INCLUDE:
1. Nomination Form.
2. Letter of nomination from a current member describing the basis for the nomination (one-page maximum). For Teacher of the Year, include a description of the nominee’s educational program and address the eligibility requirements for the award.
3. Curriculum Vita/Resume including personal data, organizational membership and leadership roles, community and professional contributions, as well as other accomplishments. (For Student Unit award include student performance and accomplishments; community and student leadership roles.)
4. Two letters of endorsement separate from the letter of nomination

Return all forms and information to: Dr. Valerie L. Giddings, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences North Carolina A & T State University, B-16 CH Moore, Greensboro, North Carolina 27411 Phone: 336/334-7612, FAX: (336)334-7674; e-mail: vlgiddin@ncat.edu

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American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences
HUGS Sponsorship Form
Help for Undergraduate & Graduate Students

Calling all those who believe in the power of HUGS!
The future of our Association lies with the strength of the Student Unit.

Attention AAFCS members! This is your opportunity to support the future of FCS and create lasting relationships with the next generation of FCS professionals. Help introduce your passion to students interested in promoting and working in the field of family and consumer sciences.

NOTE: Find matches with the help of your affiliate or nearby campus offering FCS courses. The name of the student scholarship recipient and all moneys must be received together at AAFCS headquarters. Complete this form and return it to: Membership Department, AAFCS, 400 N. Columbus Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, or if using a credit card, you can fax the form to 703.706.4663.

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Family & Consumer Sciences Day "Dining In" for Healthy Families December 3rd, 2016

AAFCS Leadership Council Fall Workshop, November 4-6, 2016

World Home Economics Day, Tuesday, March 21, 2017

AAFCS Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, June 25-28, 2017