Experts Convene in St. Louis to Learn About Emerging Issues and Evolving Perspectives in Family & Consumer Sciences

Hundreds of dedicated and enthusiastic professionals and students in family and consumer sciences practice settings and allied fields gathered in St. Louis, Missouri for the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) 110th Annual Conference & Expo, June 23 – 26, 2019. Attendees experienced great moments in education and were inspired to explore new heights with a view of the iconic Gateway Arch.

There were opportunities to expand professional knowledge and skills for FCS professionals in practice settings by participating in research sessions, curriculum and design showcases, poster presentations, learning labs, i3 roundtables and the new deep dive sessions. In addition to these valuable sessions, the conference schedule included the Find Your People networking event; Gateway to the World Welcome Reception; Educational Excursions and Celebrating the STARS of AAFCS’ Dinner.

Making Meaningful Contributions to the Community

Co-led by the AAFCS Student Unit leaders and Kappa Omicron Nu student members, the Student Unit FCSfit Service Project demonstrated the importance of giving back to the community this year by collecting hundreds of hygiene products for sibling groups served by Angels’ Arms in St. Louis. Angels’ Arms is dedicated to providing and supporting loving homes for foster children by keeping brothers and sisters together within a nurturing family until a forever home is found.
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Dr. Nancy Franz, Professor Emeritus, Iowa State University School of Education captivated the audience during the Opening General Session with her keynote presentation, “Developing Stories that Amplify our FCS Voice and Impact”.

From the moment she entered the stage with a song to kick off her presentation, to the tips, tools and lessons about storytelling that she shared, attendees were engaged in journaling their own stories with proof of the value of family and consumer sciences.

Capstone Luncheon

One of the many highlights was the Capstone Luncheon with remarks by Dr. J. Scott Angle, Director, U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute for Food & Agriculture and Dr. Alisha Hyslop, Director of Public Policy, Association for Career and Technical Education. Scott Stump, Assistant Secretary for Career and Technical Education, U.S. Department of Education provided recorded remarks.

Jones Receives AAFCS National Teacher of the Year Award

Heather Jones, CFCS, family and consumer science (FCS) teacher and career and technical education (CTE) department chair, Carl Sandburg Middle School, Alexandria, Virginia, received the AAFCS 2019 National Teacher of the Year award, sponsored by Goodheart-Willcox Publisher, at the AAFCS 110th Conference. The award was presented by Todd Scheffers of Goodheart-Willcox, during the Opening General Session.

Jones’ FCS program, “Perfect Platform: Using Family & Consumer Sciences to Teach Communication and Appropriate Use of Technology,” focuses on the integration of 21st century skills, specifically communication and appropriate use of technology, as a means of mastering traditional FCS content. By focusing on the need to be able to communicate and effectively use technology, Ms. Jones’ FCS courses move students beyond the high-stakes testing environment and helps them develop skills for navigating college, careers, and life.

National Teacher of the Year Merit Finalists were also honored for their outstanding programs: Jenna Black, Decatur High School, Decatur, Georgia and Renee Fortune Sigmon, Carrol High School, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

2019 Summit for Taking Action

FCS educators and administrators in secondary, post-secondary, and Extension programs at the local, district, state and national levels were in attendance at the 2019 Summit for Taking Action held at the close of the AAFCS Annual Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. The summit was sponsored by the National Partnership to Recruit, Prepare, and Support FCS Educators. Dr. Nancy Franz, a national consultant, provided hands-on training and a toolkit designed to “Enhance Competence in the Science and Craft of FCS Storytelling”. Dr. Alisha Hyslop, ACTE, provided an overview of the “Components of a High Quality Program.”
AAFCS Honors Award Recipients
Celebrating the STARS of AAFCS Dinner

Conference attendees gathered on Tuesday for a memorable evening to celebrate the accomplishments of the 2019 award recipients. The 2019 Distinguished Service Award honorees were honored for their outstanding service and impact on the field and the profession and their efforts to raise over $23,500.00 for the 2018-19 DSA Honorary Fund Campaign. Contributions will help support these AAFCS Strategic Priorities: Advocacy and Collaboration; Education and Recognition; and Research and Innovation. AAFCS appreciates the generosity of our donors and extends our gratitude to the 2019 DSAs for inspiring others to support our work.

National Teacher of the Year Luncheon

Past and Present National and Affiliate Teachers of the Year

Best Papers in the 2018 Family & Consumer Sciences Research Journal

Left to Right: Farin Bakhtiari, Ul-Jenn Yu, Sharon Devaney, CFCS, Jae-Min Lee, Camila Haselwood and Leacey Brown.

“Opening General Session was great! Session topics were varied and very good.”

2019 Distinguished Service Award Honorees

Left to Right: Margaret Viebrock, CNWE, CFCS, Washington; Janelle M. Walter, CFCS, Texas; Valerie L. Giddings, North Carolina; and Sally J. Yahnke, Kansas.

2019 Fellowship Recipients

Left to Right: Annamarie D. Sisson, Kansas (Margaret E. Terrell Graduate Fellowship); Emily Leerhoff, Iowa (Jewell Taylor Undergraduate Scholarship); Jessica Parks, Georgia (Myrna Crabtree Professional Development Graduate Fellowship); and Robert Van Dyke, Colorado (Jewell Taylor Graduate Fellowship).

Leader and New Achiever Awards

Left to Right: Jeong-Ju (Jay) Yoo, Texas (Leader Award); Kaylee Ann Wiens, Minnesota (New Achiever Award); Cassy Dalbom, Kansas (New Achiever Award); and Cindy Quilling, Wisconsin (Leader Award)
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“This was my first conference for AAFCS and I really enjoyed it. I found it to be relevant and valuable.”
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Celebrating Scholarship, Impact & Service

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Heather Jones, CFCS, Virginia

National Teacher of the Year, Merit Finalists
Jenna Black, Georgia
Renee Sigmon, Indiana

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Margaret Vlebrock, CFCS, CNWE, Washington
Sally J. Yahnke, Kansas

Leader Award
Cindy Quilling, Wisconsin
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Farin Bakhtiar, Texas
Jessica Parks, Georgia

Best Papers and Emerging Scholar in FCSRJ in 2018

Emerging Scholar for 2018
A Taste of Health: Evaluation of a School-Based, Healthy Lifestyles Program for Parents in Latino Communities by Annette Besnilian, Peggy Johnson, and Scott W. Plunkett. FCSRJ, 46(3), March, 205-218.

Best Paper in Apparel, Textiles and Merchandising

Best Paper in Family and Consumer Sciences
Education
The Influence of Coping Strategies on College Students Grade Point Averages by Phillip Zepp, Derek Potter, Camila Haselwood, and Sonya Britt-Lutter. FCSRJ 47(1), September, pp. 73-86.

Best Paper in Family Studies/Human Development
Life Quality of University Students from Immigrant Families in the United States by Farin Bakhtiar, Aprile D. Benner, and Scott W. Plunkett. FCSRJ, 46(4), June, pp.331-346.

Best Paper in Foods and Nutrition
Continued Barriers Affecting Hispanic Families’ Dietary Patterns by Elizabeth Villegas, Sarai Coba-Rodriguez, and Angela Wiley. FCSRJ, 46(4), June, pp.363-380.

Best Paper in Housing and Interior Design
Electricity Consumption by Age of Single-Person Households in Korea by Min-Jeong Kim. FCSRJ 47(1), September, pp. 42-55.

Best Paper in Professional Issues
Technology Use by Older Adults: Involving Young Adults in Technology Training by Leacey Brown and Jane Strommen. FCSRJ, 46(3), March, pp. 297-313.

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