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WHAT OUR MEMBERS SAY



2008 FCSRJ Best Article Award winners and former FCSRJ Editor Joan McFadden (far right)

“To me, one of the biggest benefits of AAFCS is the ability to interact with FCS professionals from all different areas—whether it is nutrition and foods, apparel and textiles, child life, design, or consumerism, from educators to business to social agencies. I feel that we can often get isolated into our own little worlds of work in one specific area—and forget how in FCS, all the areas cross over and affect each other.”

■ **Kathryn Kemp**, Illinois Affiliate State Coordinator

“(AAFCS) Membership has offered me a foundation through which to seek current industry information, engage in discourse, create collegial relationships, and reach professionals and academics through publication and research presentation. The community at large is a dynamic and crucial component of engaging in and understanding policy, practice, and scholarship as they relate to family and consumer sciences.”

■ **Gus Vouchilas**, Assistant Professor of Interior Design, San Francisco State University

CONNECTING PROFESSIONALS. TOUCHING LIVES.

AAFCS is a broad-based membership organization that helps connect family and consumer sciences (FCS) professionals across multiple practice settings and content areas to share knowledge, research, and experience. Our members are early childhood, elementary, secondary, university, college, and Extension educators, administrators and managers, human service professionals, researchers, community volunteers, business people, consultants, and students.

For more than 100 years, AAFCS members have been working to improve the quality and standards of individual and family life by delivering educational programs, influencing public policy, and conducting research. They provide research-based knowledge about the topics of everyday life, including:

- Human Development
- Personal and Family Finance
- Housing and Interior Design
- Food Science, Nutrition, and Wellness
- Textiles and Apparel
- Consumer Issues

Join our coalition of dedicated professionals and students who are making an impact on the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities. Grow and accomplish more with AAFCS!



AAFCS 2010 National Teacher of the Year Nancy Malafatopoulos (center) of Fairfield Warde High School, Fairfield, Connecticut, with her students

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is family and consumer sciences (FCS)?

A: FCS is the comprehensive body of skills, research, and knowledge that helps people make informed decisions about their well being, relationships, and resources to achieve optimal quality of life. The field represents many areas, including human development, personal and family finance, housing and interior design, food science, nutrition and wellness, textiles and apparel, and consumer issues.

Q: What do I get for my membership dues?

A: Through AAFCS, you have ready-access to the latest knowledge, research, and experience of FCS professionals. AAFCS helps you sharpen your skills, form life-changing relationships, and keep current on cutting-edge research. You'll receive access to numerous members-only resources and discounts, become eligible for member awards, and receive additional points for grants, fellowships, and scholarships. Your membership dues give you membership in both the national association and the affiliate of your choice.

Q: Will my AAFCS membership help protect FCS programs and strengthen the profession?

A: Your membership helps to fund national-level communications, certification, accreditation, and advocacy efforts that can influence education funding and legislation.

Q: How do I contact my local affiliate?

A: Call national headquarters at 1-800-424-8080 or email membership@aafcs.org for your affiliate contact. Or, view the affiliate directory at www.aafcs.org/Membership/Affiliates.asp.

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COLLABORATE WITH PROFESSIONALS AND STUDENTS

AAFCS Affiliate Membership*

- Attend region-specific professional/educational events.
- Receive opportunities for leadership and advancement in your state/region.

AAFCS Communities*

- Using the latest in online technology, work together with members nationwide to take action on issues that support AAFCS' mission.
- Join as many AAFCS Communities as you like, or apply to start a new one!

International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE)**

- Receive special members-only annual dues rate of \$85.
- Participate in international events, networking, and exploration of global issues affecting families and communities worldwide (www.ifhe.org).

RECEIVE RECOGNITION

Awards

AAFCS recognizes outstanding members, professionals, and groups with prestigious national awards. Improve your eligibility with membership in AAFCS (most awards require the nominee to be an AAFCS member!)

Fellowships, Scholarships, and Grants

Apply for financial support for your research or studies in family and consumer sciences and receive additional points on your application if you are an AAFCS member.

*Included with Membership **Members-Only Discount

EXPAND YOUR EXPERTISE

FCS Professional Development Center www.aafcs.org/DevelopmentCenter

Your one-stop resource for learning about FCS professional development opportunities, demonstrating your expertise as an FCS professional, and connecting with your peers to exchange knowledge, research, and experience.

- On-Site Events** — Include our Annual Conference & Expo and the annual Leadership Conference.
- Webinars: New Experiences in Training (NEXT)** — Include a wide scope of training activities from research and best practices in FCS content areas to career development and leadership training.
- AIM Sessions (Association Involvement and More)** — Include association initiatives, governance, and education about various AAFCS programs.

Journal of Family & Consumer Sciences*

Receive the quarterly AAFCS journal with FCS research, strategies, and practice articles, as well as AAFCS news and information.

Family & Consumer Sciences Research Journal (FCSRJ)**

Receive more than 75% off the individual nonmember price for this quarterly journal. Each refereed article in *FCSRJ* includes innovative research and practical information for FCS professionals.

Members-Only Online Resources*

Access helpful career tools, such as:

- Membership Directory
- Resource Directory for Classroom Teachers
- Media / PR Tool Kit

Advocacy Tools*

- Use the online AAFCS Public Policy Tool Kit and other resources to take action on FCS-related issues in your community.
- Demonstrate the value of your FCS program by using AAFCS resources and request a letter of support from AAFCS leaders if desired.



DISTINGUISH YOURSELF, YOUR BUSINESS, OR YOUR PROGRAM

FCS Credentialing Center www.aafcs.org/CredentialingCenter

Pre-Professional Assessments and Certifications (Pre-Pac)



improvement requirements, gain program recognition, and satisfy funding mandates.

- If you are a secondary or postsecondary educator or administrator, find out how AAFCS pre-professional assessments and certifications can be used to verify student competence, meet program accountability and improvement requirements, gain program recognition, and satisfy funding mandates.
- If you are a postsecondary student, learn more about our standards-based and industry-recognized pre-professional credentials, which can be used to validate competence when applying for employment, gaining admission to degree programs in FCS, and seeking credit-by-examination.

Professional Assessments and Certifications**

- If you are an employer, consider using AAFCS professional assessments and certifications to validate the competence of potential employees.
- If you are a baccalaureate degreed professional, learn how you can earn one of our nationally recognized broad field or concentration certifications. **Plus, members receive \$100 off of the certification fee!**

University Program Accreditation

- The AAFCS Accreditation program benefits the public, students, higher education units, employers of alumni, and the profession by promoting and recognizing quality in FCS education.
- If you are an administrator or faculty member for a baccalaureate FCS program, learn how your program can earn recognition by meeting or exceeding established quality standards.

Member Savings!



Members can participate in a wide array of insurance plans at group rates available through AAFCS' partnership with the Trust for Insuring Educators, including car insurance through GEICO, student educator liability insurance (required by many student-teaching programs), and professional liability plans.

AAFCS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

A. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

Renewals are due one year from the date membership application is received. AAFCS' official publication, the *Journal of Family & Consumer Sciences*, is a benefit of all membership categories.

Active \$135*

- Individual with a baccalaureate degree or higher, professional-level certification, or professional-level licensure in family and consumer sciences or a related field who is working toward or supporting the vision and mission of AAFCS.
- Eligible to vote, participate on committees, and hold office.
- Eligible for member benefits, such as discounts on publications and event registrations.
- Special introductory rate for the first year of Active Membership. (one-year only) **\$100****

*(Annual dues in CA, OH \$140; TX, KS, NE \$145; IA \$150)

** (First year dues in CA, OH \$105; TX, KS, NE \$110; IA \$115)

Ellen Richards Sustaining \$250*

- Individual who is eligible for membership as defined under the Active Member category and is interested in furthering the purposes of AAFCS through an additional contribution.
- Includes listing in the Honor Roll of Donors.
- Eligible for member benefits, such as discounts on publications and event registrations.

*(Annual dues in CA, OH \$255; KS, TX \$260; IA \$265)

Associate \$115*

- Individual with an associate degree, pre-baccalaureate level certification, or pre-baccalaureate licensure in family and consumer sciences or a related field who is working toward or supporting the vision and mission of AAFCS.
- Eligible to vote and participate on committees, but not hold office.
- Eligible for member benefits, such as discounts on publications and event registrations.

*(Annual dues in CA, OH \$120; TX, KS, \$125; IA \$130)

Emeritus \$95*

- Individual who is retired and at least 60 years of age and has been a member of AAFCS for at least 10 years.
- Eligible to vote and participate on committees, but not hold office.
- Eligible for member benefits, such as discounts on publications and event registrations. *(Annual dues in CA, OH \$100; KS, TX \$105)

Student (Collegiate/Postsecondary) \$60*

- Individual enrolled full-time as a postsecondary, undergraduate, or graduate student.
- Completed Student Status Statement.
- Eligible to vote and hold office in the AAFCS Student Unit.
- Eligible for member benefits, such as discounts on publications and event registrations.

STUDENT STATUS STATEMENT

I am currently enrolled **on a full-time basis** as a student.

FULL NAME OF SCHOOL / COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY / INSTITUTION (NO ACRONYMS)

STUDENT SIGNATURE DATE

Faculty / Teacher Confirmation: I confirm that the applicant is a full-time student at my school / college / university / institution.

FACULTY/TEACHER SIGNATURE DATE

B. MEMBER INFORMATION (please print clearly)

New Member Renewing Member: ID # _____

Referred/Sponsored By _____

Preferred Mailing Address Office Home

NAME

TITLE / OCCUPATION

ORGANIZATION / SCHOOL NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP COUNTRY

TELEPHONE FAX

EMAIL — TO RECEIVE *THE FACS* NEWSLETTER AND ENJOY EXTRA MEMBER BENEFITS. (Your email will only be shared with your affiliate leadership and with other AAFCS members through our online directory.)

Preferred Local Affiliate: _____

NOTE: Your affiliate is automatically assigned based on the state indicated in your preferred mailing address. Please indicate here, only if you'd prefer to be assigned to an alternate affiliate.

Professional Role(s) / Practice Setting(s) (check up to two)	Content Focus(es) (check up to two)
<input type="checkbox"/> Business / Consulting	<input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Studies and Retailing
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood / Elementary Educator	<input type="checkbox"/> Family and Consumer Sciences Broad Field
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational Administrator	<input type="checkbox"/> Food Sci., Nutrition and Wellness
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension Educator	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality Serv. and Culinary Arts
<input type="checkbox"/> Home and Community Human Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing and Interior Design
<input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Educator	<input type="checkbox"/> Human Development and Family Studies
<input type="checkbox"/> University/College Educator	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal and Family Finance
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Textiles, Apparel and Design
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

C. FEES

AAFCS Membership Dues (from section A) \$ _____

Optional Upgrades:

FCS Research Journal Subscription (\$30) IFHE Dues (\$100)

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____ (AAFCS dues + fees for optional upgrades)

D. PAYMENT OPTIONS

VISA MasterCard Check # _____ PO# _____

*An original purchase order must accompany this application in order to begin processing your membership.

NAME ON CARD

CREDIT CARD # EXP. DATE

CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE DATE

AMOUNT (FROM SECTION C)

THANK YOU!