

# The Many Faces of Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS)



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“Decades ago as I began my academic career, a wise colleague invited me to “Come along” to an affiliate AAFCS meeting. Then as I grew professionally, I saw the value of investing my time

and energy in AAFCS as a means to both enhance my capabilities and professional impacts, and also support the FCS profession.

As FCS professionals, we can and do link and collaborate to create impacts. The power of collaboration in our personal and professional lives is profound. FCS content is at the core of current societal needs and behaviors. We hold the keys to enhance individual wellbeing as well as to improve the communities in which we live.

The desire to do good transcends immediate desires for personal comfort or gratification, enabling us to individually and collectively as FCS professionals make inroads into and have impacts on the lives of individuals, families, and communities within the spheres of our influence. As we first recognize, reinforce, and develop our individual talents and capabilities via professional associations, we bring increased abilities to the work. Then, as we recognize that our personal talents are most effective as we link and connect with others, both within FCS and beyond, we multiply our individual efforts by teaming with the experiences, roles, and assets of others.”