

The Many Faces of Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS)



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“I met AAFCS staff at the FCCLA Nationals in Seattle in 2024 and I immediately felt a connection with the mission of AAFCS. Since then I've jumped in with both feet.

Why do I love FCS? - mostly it's that I truly have a passion for doing anything I can to lessen the load of classroom teachers by making high-quality learning materials and projects available to them, which in turn enables me to positively impact high school students with materials that they feel connected to. I don't have all the answers, so collaborating directly with teachers as a partner and encouraging them to adapt our model to produce the best outcomes for their classes and communities are experiences that I treasure.

If I'd realized at a younger age in my career what the role of an FCS teacher actually encompasses, I might very likely have chosen it instead of English!

FCS is important because it's impossible to separate the individual (people) from family or to separate the individual and the family from community. Each aspect of our life is interconnected through these spaces - career or home life. And ultimately require us to act in these spaces with empathy and compassion, as well as with skills that enable us to thrive and help others thrive.”