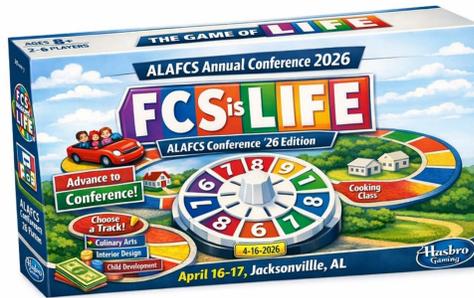




**ALAFCS Annual Conference**  
**Friday, April 17, 2026**  
**Jacksonville State University**  
**College of Education and Professional Studies**



## FCS is LIFE Instructions

We are looking forward to hosting everyone at Jacksonville State University's College of Education and Professional Studies for the Annual ALAFCS Conference April 16th and 17th, 2026. Our theme is FCS is Life. We will explore the many facets of FCS through speakers and hands-on activities. You don't want to miss it!

There's something for everyone, so don't miss out! To help you prepare, please review the enclosed packet, which includes:

## SET-UP Instructions

- Conference Registration Form
- Program at-a-Glance
- Conference Lodging Information
- Call for Proposals (Research, Workshop, and Poster Presentation)
- Proposal Submission Form
- Showcase of FCS (Creative Activities) Submission Form

Attending this annual meeting offers numerous opportunities for personal and professional growth, including earning professional development units (PDUs) and technical update hours. To make the process seamless, we've set two important deadlines:

- **March 27, 2026:** Submission deadline for forms (Research, Poster, Creative Activity, Showcase of FCS, and Scholarship applications). <https://tinyurl.com/5n8svdy8>
- **April 1, 2026:** Deadline for lodging and conference registration.

You can register for the conference via Eventbrite or by mailing your completed registration form to the address listed on the form.

We're excited to welcome you to Jacksonville April 16th & 17th, for an enriching and unforgettable experience!

Sincerely,

*Christi Trucks*

Christi Trucks, PhD  
President, Alabama Association of Family and Consumer Sciences  
[ctrucksalafcs@gmail.com](mailto:ctrucksalafcs@gmail.com)



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# GAME PLAY

## Alabama Association of Family and Consumer Sciences 2026 Annual Conference Tentative Schedule

### Thursday, April 16th Pre-Conference

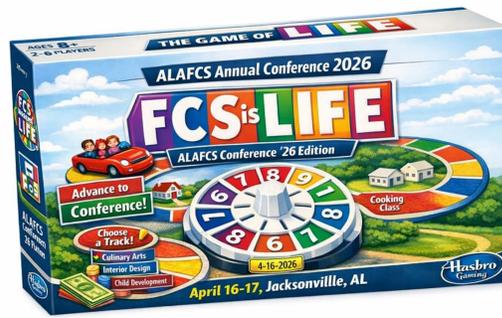
1:00 pm. - 4:00 pm.	Pre-conference: Spend the afternoon in the JSU Sewing Lab refining skills, interacting with the Glowforge, embroidery machine, sublimation printer, and more. Space is limited to 20. \$25.00	
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm.	Welcome Reception and Poster Sessions	
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Executive Board Meeting <i>(board members only)</i>	

### Friday, April 17th

8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Conference Registration	
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 am	Opening Session	
10:00 am - 11:45 am	Concurrent Sessions	
11:45 am - 1:15 pm	Lunch General Session	
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Awards and Recognition/Speaker Concurrent Sessions	
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Business Meeting/ Installation of Offi	



*\*All times and activities are tentatively scheduled and subject to change.*



Name \_\_\_\_\_

AAFCS Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Need membership information? Visit AAFCS online at [www.aafcs.org](http://www.aafcs.org).

CFCS:  Yes  No Student:  Yes  No

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Rates	Early Bird Registration by April 1st	General Registration by April 10th	Amount Due
Member Professional	\$110.00	\$125.00	
Non- Member Professional	\$125.00	\$150.00	
Member Retired Professional	\$90.00	\$110.00	
Non-Member Retired Professional	\$125.00	\$150.00	
Student	\$50.00	\$50.00	
<b>Total Registration Cost</b>			

Make checks payable to ALAFCS. Return payment with registration form to:

**ALAFCS**  
P.O. Box 661211 • Birmingham, AL 35266

No postdating of checks.

\*An additional \$45 will be charged for all returned checks.



Scan the QR code to register and pay online: **Eventbrite**  
<https://tinyurl.com/dc27xrxs>

\*A processing fee is assessed.

If paying with Purchasing Order (P.O.):  
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**QUESTIONS/NEED ASSISTANCE?**

Contact: Dr. Christi Trucks, *President*, [ctrucksalafcs@gmail.com](mailto:ctrucksalafcs@gmail.com)

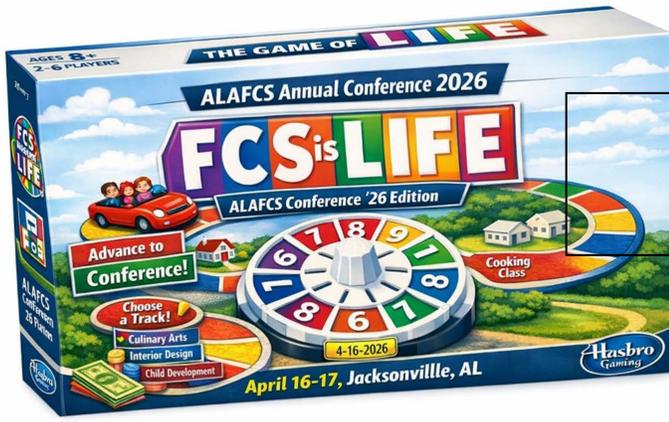
**\*REFUND POLICY:** No refunds given after April 5, 2026. All requests for refunds must be submitted in writing to ALAFCS via mail or emailed to [fcsalabama@gmail.com](mailto:fcsalabama@gmail.com). Travel related issues including, but not limited to, weather cannot be refunded.

**ADA STATEMENT:** Please indicate any assistance needed and special accommodations including dietary restrictions:

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## CONFERENCE LODGING

## Hampton Inn Jacksonville, AL

*1041 JD and L Drive SW, 36265*  
*256-782-0330*



Located at the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, just five miles from Fort McClellan Army Base. Stay with us for graduation and football games – we're minutes from Jacksonville State University. Start your morning with our free hot breakfast. Enjoy an afternoon in our sunroom, or go for a swim in our outdoor pool. Complimentary hot breakfast every morning!

### Conference Room Block

**Per Night Charge: \$117.00 plus taxes & fees**

Be prepared to show your school system ID. **Deadline:**

**Monday, March 16, 2026** - rooms will still be available , but at a higher rate.

**Reservation: Call**  
**256-782-0330**

**Group Name: ALAFCS**

### Hotel Amenities



**Dining**  
Free hot  
breakfast



**Business and work**  
Business center  
Meeting rooms



**Fitness and recreation**  
Outdoor pool  
Fitness center



**Conveniences**  
Free parking  
Free Wi-Fi



## 2026 ALAFCS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### *Call for Proposals*



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The Alabama Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (ALAFCS) is pleased to announce that proposals for presentations at the 2026 ALAFCS Annual Conference are being accepted. ***Proposals can include innovative teaching strategies, research, and creative works presented as oral presentations, poster presentations, and visual displays.***

The ALAFCS Annual Conference will be held April 16 - 17, on the campus of Jacksonville State University's College of Education and Professional Studies. This year's conference theme is **FCS is Life!**

With name change in 1994, the "Family and Consumer Sciences" (FCS) profession has made strides to better inform the public of its phenomenal potential. The 2025 conference is seeking to share innovative ways to demonstrate how FCS has accepted and operationalized the mission – meeting diverse needs of individuals and families.

All proposals that meet the specifications will be considered. Presentations by undergraduate and graduate students are highly desired, so please ***encourage students to submit a proposal***. This is an excellent venue for class projects and research projects to be presented. Presentations can include topics that include innovative classroom ideas, empirical or research findings, exploration of educational/instructional methods, theory development, critical analysis, creative endeavors, or similar subjects. Creative activities could include apparel design and clothing, wearable textile art, and interior textile art for example. Our areas of expertise include:

- Culinary arts, hospitality, and tourism
- Education and training
- Food science and nutrition
- Health management and wellness
- Housing and interior design
- Human/child development and family relations
- Personal and family finance
- Textiles, apparel, and retail

#### **General Guidelines:**

- **All presenters must register for the conference.**
- **Oral** presentation times will depend on the number of approved submissions.
- **Posters** will be presented in a poster session during the Showcase of FCS.
- Presenters will be notified of your specific presentation time upon proposal acceptance.
- Creative Activities will be displayed during the Showcase of FCS.

#### **Format for Conference Proposals:**

- Complete the attached **Proposal Submission Sheet** for each submission, regardless of category. Include a title of presentation or title of piece and an abstract that provides a review of key points of presentation or description of the creative piece. Abstracts are to be double-spaced using 12-point font. No more than 250 words for each abstract.

#### **Submission Information and Requirements:**

Submission deadline **March 27, 2026**. Send electronically to: Dr. Chrsiti Trucks, [ctrucksalafcs@gmail.com](mailto:ctrucksalafcs@gmail.com)  
Questions: 205-533-2427 or at email address above. ***Notifications of decision will be made by April 6th.***



## *Proposal Cover Sheet*

Please complete this form for each proposal submitted. Notice of decision will be sent to the primary contact person listed at the bottom. It is the responsibility of the contact person to notify all participants regarding the outcome of the review process.

**Presentation method:**      \_\_\_\_\_ Oral Presentation      \_\_\_\_\_ Poster Presentation  
    \_\_\_\_\_ Creative Activity (visual display)

**Title of Presentation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Author(s)** (add additional as needed)

*Author #1*

Prefix: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School/University: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Student?  Yes  No      ALAFCS Member?  Yes  No

*Author #2*

Prefix: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School/University: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Student?  Yes  No      ALAFCS Member?  Yes  No

**Abstract:** (Limit: 250 words for oral presentation, poster presentation, or creative activity)

**References:** (Include a list of references as appropriate, this does not count for the abstract word count)

**Equipment Needs**

*Is there any special equipment needed for your presentation?*

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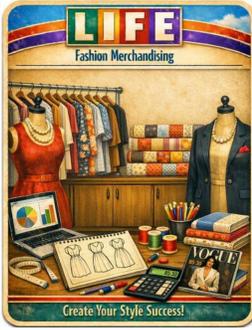
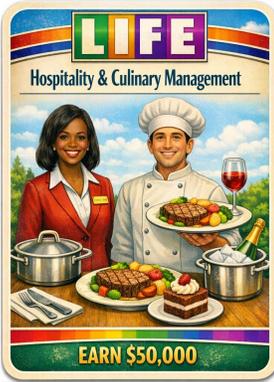
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Note that for posters, presenters will need to bring a table and their own table-top display or be prepared to mount their poster. You must supply your own dress form/mannequin/model/display which is appropriate for your work. Please note we may not be able to provide all requested equipment needs. If we are unable to provide your requested items, we will contact you.

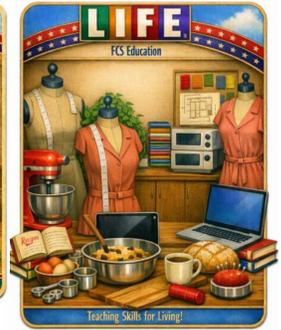
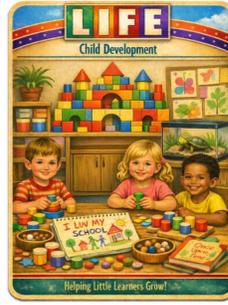
**Primary Contact Person** (*indicate contact for proposal approval*)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



## Showcase of FCS REGISTRATION FORM



*Return by March 27th.*

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>			
<b>CONTACT NAME</b>	<b>PREFIX:</b>	<b>FIRST NAME:</b>	<b>LAST NAME:</b>
<b>ATTENDEE(S)</b>			
<b>ATTENDEE(S)</b>			
<b>ADDRESS</b>			
<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>CITY:</b>	<b>STATE:</b>	<b>ZIP:</b>
<b>E-MAIL ADDRESS</b>			
<b>TELEPHONE</b>	<b>OFFICE:</b>	<b>MOBILE:</b>	

**Description of Creative Work/Display** (i.e., apparel design, wearable or interior textile art; description not to exceed 250 words):

**Creative Works:** May include up to 3 photographs (send in word document or separate jpg) showing the work, but *not required*.

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# HOW TO WIN

**Register TODAY!!!**

