CALL FOR 2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROPOSALS

The Alabama Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (ALAFCS) is pleased to announce that proposals for research, innovative teaching, and creative works as poster or display presentations are currently being requested for review for our 2020 annual conference. The ALAFCS Annual Conference will convene on February 28, 2020, at the University of Montevallo in Montevallo, Alabama. See the attached flyer and registration form for the conference.

This year’s conference theme is FCS: Touching Lives. Preference will be given to proposals that support this broad theme of the impacts of FCS on improving lives through innovative research, resources, and relationships. Presentations by undergraduate and graduate students are also highly desired, so please encourage students to submit a proposal.

Presentations may include topics from any of the specialties within FCS (e.g., clothing, food and nutrition, etc.) or from the interdisciplinary FCS viewpoint. Submissions may be empirical or research findings, exploration of educational/instructional methods, or creative activities.

The deadline for conference proposal submittals is December 13, 2019. Questions or request for additional information should be addressed to:

   Dr. Melissa Wilmarth
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   Phone: 205-348-7954
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Please see attachment for the following documents:

- General Guidelines
- Cover Sheet
- Submission form
ALAFCS 2020 Conference Proposals
GENERAL GUIDELINES

General Guidelines:
- All presenters must register for the conference.
- Posters will be displayed throughout the day and will presented in a combined poster session with other presenters. You will be notified of your specific instructions and the presentation time upon proposal acceptance.

Format for Conference Proposals:
- Complete the attached Cover Sheet with title, submission category, author name(s), addresses, and equipment requirements. Use separate cover sheets for each submission.
- Complete the attached Submission Sheet for each submission, regardless of category. Include a title, brief description of the presentation, and a full abstract that provides a review of key points. Abstracts are to be double-spaced using 12 point font. Bibliographies, references, titles, and addenda are not included in the word count of 500 words.
- Proposals should be sent electronically to the email below.

Submission Information and Requirements:
Submission deadline: December 13, 2019.
Send electronically to: Dr. Melissa Wilmarth, mwilmarth@ches.ua.edu
Questions: Phone: 205-348-7954 or E-mail: mwilmarth@ches.ua.edu

Submission Checklist:
___ Cover Sheet, one for each submission
___ Submission Form with brief presentation description and full abstract
___ Conference registration submitted separately, as appropriate (Can be submitted at a later date. Acceptance of proposal will be tentative and will not be finalized until conference registration is completed)

Notifications of acceptance or rejection will be made by early January 2020.
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COVER SHEET

Please complete this form for each proposal submitted. Notice of acceptance or rejection 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.

Title of Submission: __________________________________________________________

Author(s) (attach a brief biography for each author, to be used for conference program)
Author #1
Name __________________________________________________________
School __________________________________________________________
Student? ___Yes ___No  ALAFCS Member? ___Yes ___No

Author #2
Name __________________________________________________________
School __________________________________________________________
Student? ___Yes ___No  ALAFCS Member? ___Yes ___No

Author #3
Name __________________________________________________________
School __________________________________________________________
Student? ___Yes ___No  ALAFCS Member? ___Yes ___No

Note that for posters, presenters will need to request a table and bring their own table-top display, or be prepared to mount their poster on a wall. Creative activities will need to request a table and provide their own display (e.g., mannequins) needs unless arranged with the conference organizers prior to the conference.

*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 so that you can make arrangements to bring that equipment.

Primary Contact Person (indicate which author you wish to us to contact with proposal approval)
Name __________________________________________________________
Address __________________________________________________________
Phone __________________________________________________________
Email __________________________________________________________
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SUBMISSION FORM

Please complete this form for each proposal submitted.

**Submission Type:**

- [ ] Research
- [ ] Creative Activities (e.g., Design Submission)
- [ ] Innovative Teaching Method

**Author(s):**

**Title of Presentation:**

**Brief Description of Presentation (for program information):** (100 words or less)

**Full Abstract:** (not exceeding 500 words)

**Reference List:**

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