

2017 NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS

CELEBRATING SCHOLARSHIP, IMPACT & SERVICE

National Teacher of the Year

AAFCS is pleased to award **Brenda Sue Osman** of East Central High School in St. Leon, Indiana, the **National Teacher of the Year Award**. Now sponsored by Goodheart-Willcox, the **AAFCS National Teacher of the Year Award** was established in 1974 to recognize exemplary teachers who utilize cutting-edge methods, techniques and activities to provide stimulus and visibility to family and consumer sciences in elementary and secondary education. Brenda will present her program at the 108th Annual Conference & Expo, where she will receive a \$2,500 cash award from Goodheart-Willcox.



National Teacher of the Year, Merit Finalists

AAFCS is pleased to also honor **Kimberly Baldwin, CFCS**, of Ponderosa High School in Parker, Colorado, and **Melody Weatherford, CNWE**, of Wren High School in Piedmont, South Carolina, as Merit Finalists for the **Teacher of the Year Award**.

Leader Award



The **Leader Award** was introduced as a part of the Association's 75th Anniversary observance in 1984, when it was established to identify and honor family and consumer sciences professionals who have made significant contributions to the field through their involvement with AAFCS. This year, AAFCS is honored to recognize the following individuals as **Leaders**:

Barbara George, CFCS, Wisconsin
Susan Turgeson, CFCS, Wisconsin
Melinda Swafford, Tennessee

New Achiever Award



The **New Achiever Award** was established to identify and honor emerging family and consumer sciences professionals who have exhibited the potential to make significant contributions to the field through their involvement with AAFCS. AAFCS is excited to recognize these individuals as **New Achievers**:

Meilana Charles, CFCS-HDFS, Texas/Washington
Esther Aloia, Pennsylvania

Undergraduate Scholarship



AAFCS is pleased to award **Faith Dalton** of Purdue University the Jewell Taylor Scholarship in the amount of \$5,000. Faith is pursuing her bachelor's of science in family & consumer sciences education and anticipates graduation in May of 2018.

Graduate Fellowship



AAFCS is pleased to award **Rachel Schichtl, CFCS**, a clinical instructor at the University of Central Arkansas, the Jewell Taylor Fellowship in the amount of \$5,000. She is pursuing her doctoral studies at Texas Tech University.

Distinguished Service Award



Ethel Jones, CFCS, **Mary Turner Gilliland**, and **Carol Kellett** will be honored with AAFCS' highest award, the **Distinguished Service Award (DSA)**, at the 108th Annual Conference & Expo in Dallas, Texas. We are honored by their membership, and applaud their service, which reaches a multitude of individuals, families, and communities. See **JFCS Vol. 109 Issue 1** for the complete DSA feature.

AAFCS will honor all awardees at the 108th Annual Conference & Expo in Dallas, Texas, in June. We look forward to sharing more details about each of our awardees in future communications and online at www.aafcs.org. Please email awards@aaafcs.org with any questions about the AAFCS Awards Program.