

Colorado Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

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Colorado Affiliate Accomplishment Report: 2018/2019

a. & d. Professional Development Activities/ Collaboration initiatives and activities:

The Colorado and Wyoming affiliates again collaborated to co-sponsor a professional development conference in February, 2019 with the theme "Awareness, Advocacy and Action: Family and Consumer Sciences". The focus was on sustainability. The keynote presenters discussed *Community Building and Engagement* and *Civic Engagement in Action*. Participants enjoyed multiple round table discussions that focused on how to advocate and take action. Student members were presenters as well as participants in the conference. This annual conference has been a collaboration between the two affiliates for numerous years and provides excellent content as well as networking opportunities.

The two affiliates also publish a quarterly newsletter that focuses on content oriented articles in addition to necessary information about activities, dates, and registration information. Following each affiliate or national conference, various members write a brief summary about sessions they attended. Student members from Colorado State University and the University of Wyoming are contributors.

b. & e. AAFCS and Affiliate initiatives and events / Advocacy initiatives and activities:

Colorado Governor Hickenlooper declared December 2, 2018 "Dine-In Day for Healthy Families" at our request. Several members got their schools to participate in Family & Consumer Sciences Day, with over 400 participants in Colorado. The CAFCS President spoke on a panel of professionals about FCS career opportunities at the FCS Career Day for FCCLA members from across Colorado in October 2018. A Teacher Job Fair was held at Colorado State University with Colorado and Wyoming schools invited to participate. University of Wyoming students participated in the Family Promise Project of Laramie, WY, providing more than a week's worth of food and educating family members about renting and leasing.

Members were encouraged to support humane policies & treatment of families crossing US borders based on a position paper drafted by two AAFCS members from Colorado State University and the University of Wyoming.

The 2019 joint affiliate conference focused on becoming aware of issues affecting families, then advocating and taking action in multiple ways. CSU student posters describing Colorado legislative bills are normally a part of the conference, however since the conference was held in February, the timing was not conducive to having the student posters ready for the event this year.

Coups for Troops coupons are cut out during the joint conference and prepared for mailing.

The presidents and president-elect of CAFCS participated in the Leadership Council event held at the AAFCS Annual Conference to become aware updates to AAFCS initiatives and activities.

c. Membership recruitment and retention activities:

We utilize the joint affiliate newsletter to keep members informed of opportunities for engagement, encouraging each member to be responsible for helping to recruit new members. Since we find that the current membership reports do not always accurately reflect membership tenure, the President called several members to ascertain their tenure so that they could be appropriately recognized at the joint affiliate annual conference. This resulted in retaining at least one member. New student members are recruited at their respective universities. We have a presence on Facebook and Twitter now that we have a Social Media Chairperson.