

# The FAN Letter

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## President's Message



I love the Olympics. Winter, Summer, it doesn't matter. I love the excitement, the pomp and circumstance, the sports I rarely get to see. I feel like the Olympics is one thing we can all agree on, you know? Despite everything else, we all want to see our countrymen compete and do well. We all want to see them get recognized and rewarded for their immense talents.

I feel the same way about everyone in the Family and Consumer Sciences profession. We may not all have the same opinions on some of the "Big Hairy Topics," but we are all connected through our commitment to helping others. We genuinely care about each other and the people around us. We celebrate each other's talents and reward each other's accomplishments.

That is one of the reasons I enjoy my career so much. The support and encouragement I have received and have given to others have been very rewarding. I love the way, even when we are not able to be together in person, we are all still so compassionate, creative, and enthusiastic. We are still there for each other even when we are not "there" for each other, and that is a wonderful thing.

Thank you so much for all that you have done and continue to do for each other and others. Our profession is profoundly important and the network of professionals we've all created is one of the reasons why those of us in FCS could never fathom doing anything else.

Go Team FCS! And go Team USA!

Samantha Kennedy, M.S. FAFCS President, 2022-2023

The next FAN Letter submissions are due April 15, 2022.

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## Public Relations

Submitted by Wendy Lynch

Calling Florida Membership -We need your support! The AAFCS National Conference Committee is in search of giveaway ideas for this year's annual conference. We are aiming for a Florida theme. We would appreciate any ideas, thoughts for sponsors or donations. Please share your ideas using this link: [2022 AAFCS Conference Give-aways](https://bit.ly/AAFCSgiveaways) or <https://bit.ly/AAFCSgiveaways>

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## International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE)

Submitted by Joyce Cotner

### WORLD HOME ECONOMICS DAY 2022: KICK-OFF EVENT

Every 21st of March, IFHE and its members celebrate World Home Economics Day, a public relations event to raise awareness for household and consumer issues. As in previous years, a kick-off webinar serves as starting signal for preparations around the globe.

“Resilient homes and communities” was made theme of 2022 World Home Economics Day (WHED) – a topic that has become even more important due to the effects of the pandemic and has also been

designated a priority theme for 2022 by the United Nations.

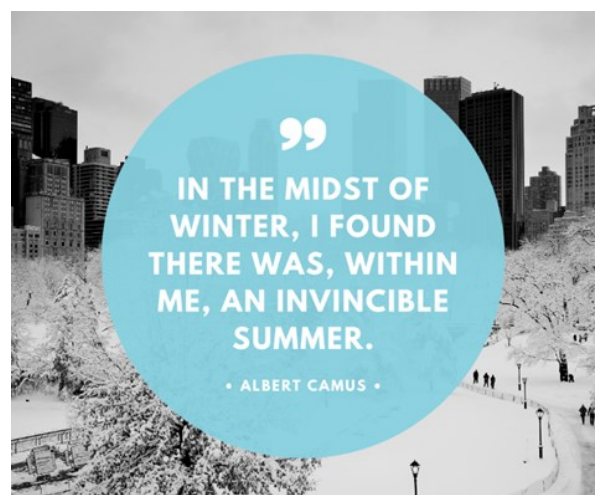
IFHE launches its global WHED preparations activities by offering a free webinar that outlines interesting aspects of the topic. Pamela Turner, Chair of the IFHE Household Technology & Sustainability Committee and IFHE President Gwendolyn Hustvedt hold an interview-style information session on resilient homes, housing, recovery from the pandemic and disasters and preparedness that helps building resilient homes. Please visit the IFHE YouTube channel to watch the pre-recorded 30 min webinar.

### XXIV IFHE World Congress: 4th-10<sup>th</sup> September 2022

This is the year for the International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE) Home Economics: Soaring towards Sustainable Development. Atlanta, GA.

Mark your calendars! Check out details at the Congress website, [www.ifhe.org](http://www.ifhe.org).  
[Join IFHE! www.ifhe.org](http://www.ifhe.org)

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## 2021 Awards

Submitted by Kendra Zamojski

**What's new in awards this year?** We have increased the number of allowable words from 50 to 500 words. We know you needed more space to share all of your great work or to help you nominate a shining star. We have also added an award recognizing outstanding business professionals.

**Why apply?** 2021 has been full of great successes. Family and Consumer Sciences professionals shined as we pivoted, shifted, and rose to the challenge of helping students and families adapt during a pandemic. Family and Consumer Sciences topics and the life skills we teach every day help improve the lives of the families we touch. Nominate a colleague who inspired you or apply for an award yourself to recognize the work you have done this year and beyond.

**How to apply?** It's easy to apply! Simply complete the application form included in this newsletter and submit a 500-word application about how the professional demonstrates excellence. Here are the awards to consider:

- **New Achiever Award** recognizes our emerging professionals under the age of 35.
- **Kindred Spirit Award** recognizes non-members who have greatly contributed to AAFCS goals.
- **Extension Excellence Award** recognizes member Extension Agents who have demonstrated excellence in the profession.
- **Leader of the Year** recognizes our professionals who have demonstrated leadership in the profession.
- **Teacher of the Year** recognizes member teachers who have demonstrated excellence in the profession.
- **Business Professional of the Year** recognizes members who have demonstrated excellence in the business community.

Send your nomination to Kendra Zamojski by email or by mail by

**January 30, 2022:**

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Please remember that an award may be received by one person in any one category only once in five (5) years. Let's have our state members recognized in each of these categories.



## Florida Affiliate of AAFCS AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

*(Check Category Below)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher of the Year

\_\_\_\_\_ New Achiever

\_\_\_\_\_ Leader of the Year

\_\_\_\_\_ Extension Excellence

\_\_\_\_\_ Kindred Spirit Award

\_\_\_\_\_ Business Professional

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**Nominating group/person:**

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**Contact Information:**

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

AAFCS Membership #:

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**Nominee:**

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

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**Attach a statement about the nominee describing, "What makes this individual outstanding?".  
The statement should be no more than 500 words.**

Submit to Awards Chair:  
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**DEADLINE:**  
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**Note:** If more than one nomination is received for the same award, additional information will be required from the nominee.

## Membership

Submitted by Nancy Hamilton

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### Membership Message - Rethinking Recruitment

As we look at our membership numbers and try to devise a plan for recruitment, let's ask these questions:

- Are we targeting the right group?
- Would we benefit from having official "talking points" when talking with stakeholders and potential members?
- Do we value the opinions and experiences of our newest members?
- Do we mentor our newest members?
- Are our newest members involved right from the start?
- Are we committed to mentoring our District leadership?

Sometimes we need people from OUTSIDE AAFCS/FAFCS to help us think outside the box! By rethinking our recruitment practices, our efforts will be rewarded and our membership will increase.

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Sha Pate and Betty Mann McQueen celebrating Family & Consumer Sciences Day, the birthday of Ellen Swallow Richards.

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