

# WAFCS NEWSLETTER

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The mission of WAFCS is to provide leadership and support for professionals whose work assists individuals, families, and communities in making informed decisions about their well-being, relationships, and resources to achieve optimal quality of life.

## Congratulations Marilyn Swiontek, CFCS - 2017 WAFCS Leader

Marilyn Swiontek, a teacher with Milwaukee Public Schools for over 33 years, current substitute teacher, and volunteer at South Division High School, was recognized at the WAFCS Annual Conference in Appleton as Wisconsin Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (WAFCS) Leader of the Year for 2017. Marilyn was recognized for her significant achievements in the field of Family and Consumer Sciences, including Vice-president of External Relations for WAFCS and treasurer of Wisconsin Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Foundation. She has previously earned national recognition as a top-ten FCS teacher of the year and was inducted into the FCCLA National Leadership Hall of Fame. She held several offices, including president, of Wisconsin Family and Consumer Educators.



Her interest in developing student leadership and family and community involvement inspired her to serve as an adviser for the South Division FCCLA Chapter for over thirty years. With her encouragement, students planned and carried out projects working with local elementary schools, meal programs, and health fairs. Her students were state leaders in the FCCLA program "Stop the Violence" and they presented workshops throughout the state. Recently South Division FCCLA members presented a session, "TXT and UR NXT," at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference.

Marilyn served on the MPS advisory committee for service learning and strongly supports opportunities for students to participate in service-learning. As an MPS volunteer, she works with South Division teachers and students and the Blood Center of Wisconsin to host school blood drives and with Violence Free Zone to train students to be peer educators to address prevention of alcohol, drug, tobacco and other risky behaviors. She also assists with South Division's Multicultural Club activities and she developed and instructs the International Baking Class for South Division Community Learning Center (CLC).



## Congratulations Mary Harp-Jirschele - 2017 WAFCS Friend of the Family



The Wisconsin Association of Family and Consumer Sciences has awarded Mary Harp-Jirschele as this year's winner of the Friend of the Family Award. Established in 1984, the award is presented to an individual or organization that has affected policies for families. In order to be eligible an individual or organization needs to be involved at the national or international level in the policy-making process, and their work over time has made significant contributions that affect the well-being of families.

A lifelong advocate for families, Harp-Jirschele began her career as a journalist with the Appleton Post Crescent. From there she moved to Thrivent, formerly Aid Association for Lutherans, as communication specialist and eventually became the vice president of communications. She was also vice president of a Fox Cities employment company and for the past 10 years served as the executive director of JJ Keller Foundation before retiring in 2016.

Harp-Jirschele has been involved in family policy issues in her many professional roles. This has included efforts addressing dental health, affordable health care, basic needs of families and affordable housing. Mary is not just an advocate for these needs she is also a tireless volunteer on the local level, and does not hesitate to find the time to prepare meals at the local Homeless Connection site, as well as find funding for the many programs needed by area families.

Her many accomplishments include serving as the driving force in establishing a mobile dental clinic that includes a bus donated by Bob Glass that travels from school to school to offer free dental work to area students in Northeast Wisconsin. She also worked with Habitat for Humanity building efforts, assisted in getting multiple health organizations to work together to develop Catalpa Health – mental health clinic for children, assisted with the establishment of the Oshkosh Area Food Pantry and Riverview Gardens.

Another of her many talents is working with fund raising, such as helping with the US Venture Golf Outing this past year – their 30<sup>th</sup> Annual outing that raised 3.61 million for basic needs funding in the Fox Valley area in collaboration with the Basic Needs Committee of the Fox Valley Community Foundation.

In her retirement, Mary continues to serve on a variety of community volunteer and leadership groups. She is an active member of the Appleton Rotary and is currently recruiting Rotarians to be a part of the outreach volunteer work she has been doing at the Homeless Connection.

The Friend of the Family award was presented Friday March 3 at the Wisconsin Association of Family and Consumer Sciences banquet at the Paper Valley Hotel.

Once again . . . pigs fly  
What a surprise! You all have honored me once again . . . now as an AAFCS Legend. Cindy Quilling, thanks so much for the recognition at the state meeting. I love the memorabilia: the big card that you all signed is being framed. And there is the photo with "purple highlights"--thanks Carolyn Barnhart. WAFCS means so much to me and all your support has made my career so much fun.

Karen Goebel

*Editor's note: Legends Carol Anderson and Sue Buck were in Antarctica and were sorry to miss being honored by WAFCS!! (but excited to be in Antarctica!)*



## Congratulations Sarah Jill Puddy - 2017 WAFCS New Achiever



Many of you know Sarah as Sarah Jill Puddy on the Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers Facebook Page. Three years ago she started the Facebook page as a space for twenty people in a FCS class at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Today, Sarah continues as the creator, organizer of the page with over 8,200 FCS members. This site is managed and supervised by Sarah along with five Google websites with support services. It serves as a professional site for FCS teachers around the world. For many teachers in one-person departments the site is a lifeline for ideas, encouragement and support. If you have been on the site you may be asked to vote on student projects, post curriculum or share a laugh or two. Followers show their principals the site and have had it approved for professional development.

Sarah has made a positive difference in education. She joined AAFCS and WAFCS in 2008-2011; and rejoined in 2016-present time. She has attended and presented at WAFCS in 2009, 2010, 2016 and 2017. She has attended AAFCS in 2010 and presented in 2016.

In college she was a Freshman Interest Group Academic Resource Coordinator. With her bachelor's degree in Family and Consumer Sciences Education (December 2010), she has taught at Columbus High School (2011-2012), Thiesen Middle School (2012-2016) and currently she teaches at Sabish Middle School in Fond du Lac.

Sarah's daughter, mother and grandmother cheered for her at the WAFCS Awards Luncheon. Her grandmother told me, "Sarah has always been self-motivated and organized!"

We are pleased Sarah Jill Puddy is our 2017 WAFCS New Achiever!

## A Message from your President..

Spring is the season we welcome change! Not only with our yards and homes but also within ourselves. The last of the snow and clearing of yard debris encourages us to reflect on the happenings of winter and letting go of the old. The first bloom of daffodils and tulips reminds us of the optimism of what is coming ahead. Mowing the grass and grooming the yard represents the managing we do to organize the activities in our lives.

As WAFCS members have you reflected on your lives the last few months? What can you let go of? Did you incorporate *FCSFit* into your daily routine? With summer coming soon have you started making your personal and professional plans? What did you do to bring attention to your career and other FCS educators on May 4<sup>th</sup> National Family & Consumer Sciences Educator's Day? Are the activities in your lives supporting your hopes and passions?

Thank you for letting me serve as your WAFCS president this past year! It is exciting to see our new officer's ready to lead us into the future. My hope for you as members is to use the resources AAFCS has to offer that support the activities that bring you joy and rejuvenation. Join me in celebrating the reminders of 'Spring'!



## 2016-17 WAFCS

Cindy Quilling, President

Carol Subera, President Elect

Mary Kennedy, Past President

*Thank you all for your dedication to WAFCS and willingness to lead WAFCS.*



## Successful Silent Auction; Foundation Awards Scholarships, Stipends, Travelships, and Professional Project/Research Grants

The Silent Auction fundraiser held during the WAFCS Annual Conference turned out to be another big success with the help of many volunteers, especially **Carol Subera** and **Mary Kay Merwin** and **Carolyn Barnhart** who clerked the checkout process. Thanks to all of those who donated items and to those who “bid high and bid often” to raise \$2,052 for the Foundation! A special thank-you to **Priscilla Bondhus** for the donation of a one-week timeshare vacation that raised \$600 of that amount. We also tried the added concept of a “Buy-it-Now” table for items \$5 or less that turned out to be a success and we will continue it.

An additional \$787 in Foundation donations was received around the time of the Annual Conference. Due to the combined success of the Silent Auction and donations, the Foundation was able to award two undergraduate scholarships, the first graduate scholarship, professional stipends/travelships, and two professional grants. The Foundation also pays WAFCS organizational membership dues (\$425) in IFHE (International Federation for Home Economics) to support our profession at the international level.

### Student Scholarships/Professional Stipends, Travelships

**Alana Blechl** and **Miranda Stroik**, both of UW–Stevens Point, were each awarded a \$500 Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship. **Stephanie Love** is the first recipient of the **NEW** Foundation Graduate Scholarship of \$1000.

Two professional stipends (at \$125 each) were awarded to **Alyssa Anderson** of Pittsville High School and **Cathy Newport** of Sheboygan South High School for 2017 WAFCS Annual Conference attendance. Cathy was a first-time conference attendee. Alyssa’s school district does not pay for conferences that are not required; the travelship allowed her to attend the WAFCS Conference for the second time.

The Foundation honors WAFCS Award recipients by offering \$300 travelships to support their attendance at the AAFCS Annual Conference in the following year when they are in consideration for national recognition. Eligible for travelships this year are **Kayla Correll** (2016 WAFCS New Achiever Award), **Susan Turgeson** (2016 WAFCS Leader Award), and **Barbara George** (2014 WAFCS Leader Award).

A student travelship of up to \$300 to attend the 2017 AAFCS Annual Conference in Dallas, Texas was awarded to **Alana Blechl** of UW–Stevens Point. Alana will also co-present at the conference with her professor, **Dr. Susan Turgeson**.

### Professional Project/Research Grants

Two Professional Project/Research Grants were awarded for 2017-2018. A \$925 grant was awarded to **Julie Martin** for “Development of an ‘Exploring Hospitality’ Course at the Secondary Level.” **Edie Felts-Podoll** was awarded a \$600 grant for “Development of a ‘Memory Café’ Structure for Waushara County Residents in Need.”

### Foundation Board Meeting

The Foundation Board of Directors held a meeting on March 2, 2017 during the WAFCS Annual Conference. The Foundation Board voted unanimously to limit awarding of the \$125 Professional Stipend for WAFCS Annual Conference attendance to no more than three times to the same individual. It also unanimously approved increasing the travelships awarded to WAFCS Award recipients (Leader, New Achiever, and Teacher of the Year) to attend the AAFCS Annual Conference in the following year from \$300 to \$500 starting in 2018; increasing the Professional Travelship Awards (up to three) to attend the AAFCS Annual Conference from \$300 to \$500 starting in 2018; maintaining the Student Travelship Awards (three at up to \$300 each) to attend the AAFCS Annual Conference.

Foundation Treasurer, Susan Turgeson, was authorized to reinvest the Foundation certificate of deposit that will mature on 3/30/2017. It was suggested that one, two, and three year certificates of deposit be considered, pending interest rates at that time.



## Recent Donations

Thanks to **Shelly Doering, Esther Fahm, Virginia "Ginny" Hall, Rita Houser, Chris Kniep, June Luett, Mary Kay Merwin, Janet Powell, Cindy Quilling, Gretchen Speerstra, Carol Subera, and Marilyn Swiontek** for recent donations. Another very generous **Anonymous** year-end donation was also made to the Foundation.

Memorial donations were made by **Karen Dickrell** in memory of **Jane Beestman Tietzen** and **Joyce Albrecht**. **Mary Kennedy** made donations in memory of **Jeanne Schwass-Long's** mother, **Jane Spires**, and in memory of **Gretchen Speerstra's** brother, **Rev. William Speerstra**.

### WAFCS FOUNDATION DONATION FORM

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I am writing in regards to the professional stipend I received to help cover the cost of my hotel stay at the WAFCS conference. This conference has been one of the best ones I've attended and forsee myself continuing to attend. It is wonderful to see this organization giving back to its members and allowing the opportunity to apply for a stipend to cover some of the cost.

Thank you, Alyssa Anderson  
FCS Teacher  
Pittsville High School

I am honored to have received a financial award from this organization. It helps tremendously when it comes to paying for school, and it allows me to continue my education to become a better future educator. My dream is to teach FCS and health education in a middle school classroom, and this is helping me move towards that dream. I cannot thank WAFCS enough, but I hope that my future teaching will be able to portray how valuable of an award it is.

Thank you, Alana Blechl  
University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point

*I would like to take a moment to thank the WAFCS Foundation in supporting the New Glarus High School Family and Consumer Sciences department for the grant money to help support the new "Exploring Hospitality" course. This money will not only benefit the students who choose to enroll in this course, but the development of the Hospitality industry in Wisconsin. I thank you again for this fantastic opportunity.*

*Sincerely,*

*Julie Martin*

New Glarus School District

## Conference Highlights

The 2017 WAFCS Conference was filled with excellent breakout sessions in addition to the outstanding keynote speakers. Chris Kniep gives us thoughts from her breakout session.



### Gratitude – a Mindfulness Gift

#### Chris Kniep

One of my favorite dimensions of mindfulness is being aware of and acknowledging things we are grateful for in our life. During the workshop on Mindfulness that I led at the WAFCS Conference, I asked attendees to identify things they were grateful for. The list is long and powerful. Here's what the group said:

- Financial security
- Students
- The opportunity to teach
- People around me
- My family
- Family
- My husband
- Laughter
- Music... my piano
- My home – a place to relax and refresh
- Good children and grandchildren
- Wendy Plehn – mentor, friend, coworker
- My faith & church
- Good health (now cancer-free)
- My family – grandsons!
- Life
- Children's laughter
- My strong faith
- Administrator
- Empathy
- Fresh air
- My husband and son
- My grandchildren
- Good health
- My daughter
- A loving and caring husband
- My amazing family
- The struggles I've experienced in life
- Cinnamon toast and hot chocolate
- This WAFCS Conference 2017
- Growing up in a household where my parents supported me, loved me, and gave me all of the opportunities in the world!
- I am grateful for my husband's love and encouragement – he believes it is very important for me to be professionally active and pursue my passions
- I am grateful for the friends I am closely connected with even though we do not physically see each other often
- My church
- Friends
- Springtime and new life
- To have an interesting retirement
- I am grateful for the love and support from family
- Marsha Larson for helping me get my teaching license
- Hope
- Family

- Supportive administrators
- The companionship of Pumpkin, the cat
- Being physically able to bowl and golf
- The natural world in all its glory
- Grateful for: WAFCS Scholarship dollars awarded
- Seasons – from spring through winter
- I am grateful for the life the Lord has blessed me with
- I am grateful for my fiancé, Glen!
- I'm grateful for the nice compliments my husband gives me every day
- Mike Tremberger
- To be able to have a job which is fun, mind-expanding, and all-around great
- I am grateful for people reminding me about times I have helped others – we tend to forget
- The opportunity to travel to Asia and Europe as well as all 50 states

I also promised to share the “recipe” for the **Glittery Mind Jar**:

- o 1 pint jar with a “tight” lid
- o Add a few tablespoons of glitter – different size pieces – not too fine
- o Fill jar about ¾ full with water
- o Fill to nearly full with glycerin – this is what slows down the settling
- o Add a few drops of food coloring – your choice
- o Add about 2 drops of liquid dish soap – too much makes bubbles!
- o Close the jar, shake and calmly watch it settle....

There are many “recipes” available on the web or via Pinterest – enjoy!

*Editor's Note: This article can also be found at [wafcs.org](http://wafcs.org) - Resources - Annual Conference Resources*



During the conference, **Kayla Correll, CFCS**, V-P of Communications and Technology asked various members to share why “We are FCS”. She videotaped each person, then created the following video. Thank you, Kayla!

Visit this link to view our WAFCS video: <https://vimeo.com/210004445>

You, too, can create your own short “Say Yes to FCS” video (or any other FCS topic) and post it on YouTube.



### **Congratulations, Rita Houser, 50 Year Member**

While it doesn't seem possible that I have been involved in WAFCS/AAFCS activities for fifty years, membership in this organization has allowed me to expand my leadership skills in many ways. I would encourage our students who are pursuing a Family and Consumer Sciences degree to explore the many opportunities that are ahead of them. Education was always my first love and my degrees enabled me to pursue teaching opportunities from pre-school, middle school, high school, college and adult education. I have also worked in business, retail, and owned my own business. These degrees opened the door for many opportunities for me, as I am sure it will for all of you. Thanks for the memories WAFCS/AAFCS!



## Great Conversation Wrap

Esther Fahm, Vice President Profession Development  
Kayla Correll and Virginia (Ginny) Hall

At this year's Annual Conference, we held a Great Conversation to gather information on how WAFCS might better meet your professional development needs. The purpose of the Great Conversation was to examine the role of the WAFCS regions and other delivery formats in providing quality, easily accessible professional development opportunities at the regional level. This Conversation engaged participants in facilitated roundtable discussions on this topic. Additionally, participants were asked to respond to a multiple choice question to identify their preferred delivery format for professional development and to provide comments as desired.

This article summarizes the findings of the Great Conversation and makes recommendations for providing professional development opportunities at the regional level for today's and tomorrow's family and consumer sciences professionals.

### Results of the Great Conversation

A total of 64 individuals, approximately 48 percent of WAFCS current membership, participated in the Great Conversation. Participants included college/university students in family and consumer sciences disciplines (FCS), as well as active and retired FCS professionals. They represented all six (6) WAFCS regions, and 29 of the 72 Wisconsin counties. Eighteen (18) participants were from Region 5; 17 and 11 were from Regions 5 and 3, respectively. The remaining Regions had 9 or fewer participants represented.

### Themes of RoundTable Discussion

Thirteen facilitators summarized ideas expressed at roundtable discussions regarding effective ways to provide quality, easily accessible professional development opportunities at the regional level. Also, participant noted numerous comments, which provided further explanation and ideas regarding for meeting their professional development needs. A review of these comments identified the following common themes/ideas:

- ♣ *Do not discourage regional meetings*—regional meeting offer vital face-to-face interactions for networking; many young professionals indicated a preference for regional meetings at the roundtables.
- ♣ *Make regions smaller*—divide the existing six WAFCS regions into smaller geographical areas to minimize time and cost for travel.
- ♣ *Connect with college students*—help keep them active, including providing financial support.
- ♣ *Use social media for program planning*—establish facebook pages and other forms of social media to use for planning programs, scheduling events, and for continuous follow-up.
- ♣ *Arrange social media and webinar/online sessions during night and tape*—schedule sessions so people can watch if they miss.
- ♣ *Combine/co-sponsor meetings with other professional groups*—invite all FCS professionals (members and non-members, extension, dietetics/nutrition, family, other); partner with business.

Finally, many comments related to strategies and program ideas for regional meetings. These include:

- ♣ Promote regional meetings all over state.
- ♣ Establish a regional Facebook page for continuous communications.
- ♣ Have a teaser at next state meeting about regional meetings.
- ♣ Make sure to organize and advertise what the meeting will provide attendees.

- ♣ Focus on emerging issues.
- ♣ Conduct a survey to determine issues and what is needed at the time.
- ♣ Select a speaker, tour or workshop; hold meeting at central location, offer food, and fun activities.
- ♣ Use email and on-line based meeting scheduling tools for planning meetings, contacting potential participants, and other purposes.

### Recommendations

In view of findings from the Great Conversation, the following recommendations are made as initial steps for WAFCS to move forward with providing professional development opportunities at the regional level for its members as well as other FCS professionals:

- Review the state map and create WAFCS regions that are smaller in geographical area than the current six regions. This recommendation could be accomplished by examining the distribution of WAFCS membership in the state, and creating regions according to potentially viable geographical areas for members.
- Each WAFCS region should determine its own professional development delivery format; the format could vary from year to year.
- WAFCS should generate its directory via regional area to allow for ease in identifying members by region.
- The Vice President for Professional Development should identify a person in each area (convener) to organize a professional development activity. The convener should rotate each year unless otherwise determined by the regional group. Working with the regional group, the Vice President should ensure that a person is identified to convene a professional development activity annually. It is recommended that the convener is someone who is technologically competent or able to work with someone with this ability. Consideration of a new professional for this role is also recommended.
- The Vice President of Professional Development along with the WAFCS Executive Director should ensure that regional conveners are provided with tools for assisting them in organizing the professional development activities. These include, but are not limited to:
  - o The email address for WAFCS members as well as other FCS professionals in the area, and mailing addresses for WAFCS members without email addresses.
  - o Examples of electronic tools for contacting individuals, planning, and scheduling events such as doodle.com, google survey, and others.
- The WAFCS Executive Director should reach out to other executive directors to find out if reciprocal arrangements could be established for sharing email add addresses of members or publicizing professional development sessions among organizations.

Finally, it is recommended that recommendations be considered for implementation no later than Fall 2018, and be revisited in at least two years of the implementation date to assess effectiveness and continuous improvement.

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The authors express appreciation to all participants and facilitators for their participation and contributions to the Great Conversation.

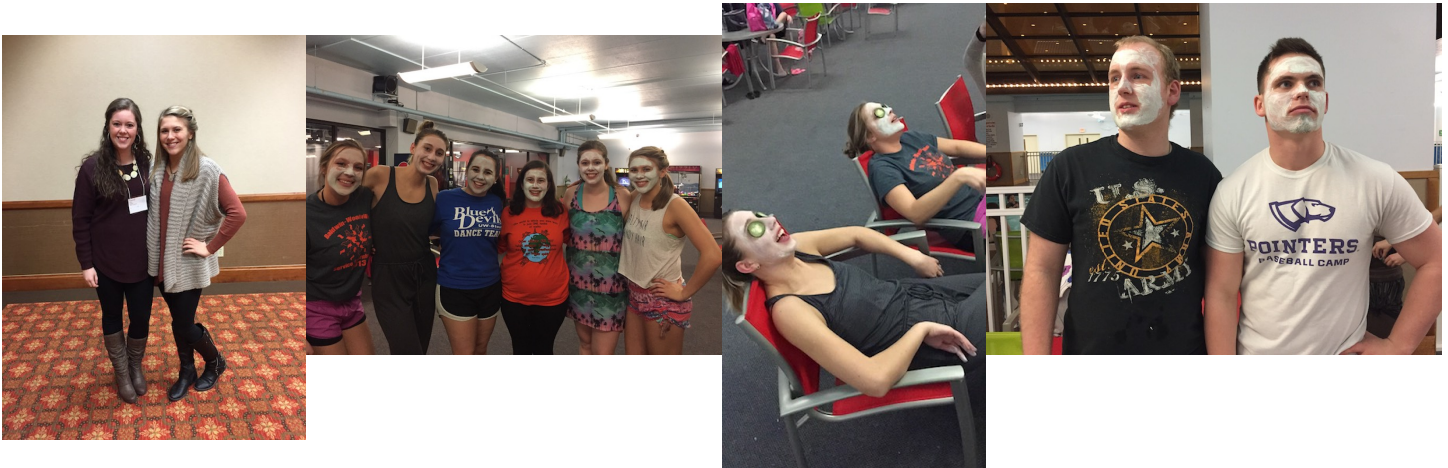
Should any member desire a complete, unedited copy of the comments obtained from the roundtable discussion, please contact Esther Fahm at [fahme@uwstout.edu](mailto:fahme@uwstout.edu).

*Editor's Note: The full report can be found at [wafcs.org](http://wafcs.org) - Resources - Annual Conference Resources.*

## From the Students.. by Randi Miller

WAFCS state conference was one to remember. The students from both UW-Stevens Point and UW-Stout came together to talk and hangout by the pool for a SPA night. I was extremely happy to see how many students came. We talked about student teaching, where we want to teach in the future, how great our professors are, and how excited we were to become future FCS educators. The breakout sessions taught us more about ourselves and how to apply the knowledge in the future. The first keynote speaker, Patricia Dischler, was someone we all seemed to relate with because she told many stories about her experiences working with children. The second keynote speaker, Kara Thom, talked about the power of movement and how important it is to get up and move as much as possible. I think many people had a wake up call after this speaker because we probably do need to move way more than we do! Also, Susan Turgeson hosted an activity session where mentors and students can talk to each other and exchange ideas, questions, and experiences. It was a great turnout and all students attended this event. What an amazing way to professionally connect with educators in Wisconsin! I know I left that event with some business cards in hand. Overall, we (the students) are so blessed to have many great mentors to guide and provide us with the tools to become successful in our futures!

Thanks from all the students!



## Keynote Speakers..

### Patricia Dischler

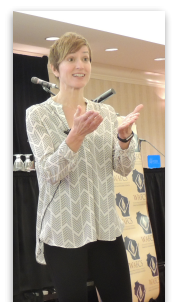
[kidbizresources.com](http://kidbizresources.com)

Favorite comment when someone says "How are you today?" "I'm fantastic and fabulous until you came along and now I'm a whole lot better!"



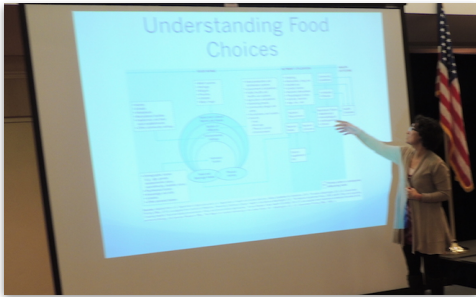
### Kara Thom

"Exercise is a great way to attain fitness, but it's not the only way. How you move throughout the day matters too, and most people don't take advantage of sneaky and simple ways to move to improve their health."





## Karen Ostenso



The revised Dietary Guidelines are designed to help us work through the myriad of food choices and influences on our eating choices to maintain a healthy diet.

## Let's Recognize..

### LEGACY CORNER by Carol Subera

*This is the first of a series of articles to honor our Legacy members.*



**Virginia (Ginny) Hall** has been a member of AAFCS/WAFCS for 62 years.

She earned her B.S. and M.S. in Home Economics/Extension Education from UW-Madison.- followed by a long career in Extension until retiring as Professor Emerita in 1989. Her Extension work included Sheboygan and Walworth Counties.

Ginny has also been extensively involved in other community groups including special projects for the Lake Geneva Public Library, County Historian, Elderhostel Teacher, Lector and Eucharistic Minister, St. Benedict's, Fontana

WAFCS has been fortunate to have Ginny serve in many leadership roles including membership chair, president-elect and president, Serving on many committees, as well as presenting at district/state and national meetings , Ginny has been a recognized leader in AAFCS/WAFCS as well as the Wisconsin Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, serving as president of that group. Ginny's active involvement has included attendance at more than 40 national meetings.

Reviewing all of Ginny accomplishments that include many published articles, research involvement, advocacy for the profession, extensive collaboration with other state committees and agencies, member and faculty governance committees, it is not surprising that she has been honored with many awards. These include NAEFCS Distinguished Service Award, Continued Excellence Award , Honorary Membership, and Florence Hall Award, Epsilon Sigma Phi Distinguished Service Award, Citation by the Wisconsin State Assembly, and Fairfield Grange Community Citizen Award. Ginny offers this advice to members of our profession "Be active in your professional organizations. They help you, you need to help them. Together progress is made. Take time for yourself, smile a lot and stay healthy."

We thank Ginny for her service to our profession, her leadership contributions, and her continued advocacy for our profession. She continues to contribute and we are happy to recognize her as a true legacy member.

### UW-Stevens Point FCS

#### Holly Ahrens, Jennifer Johnson, Randi Miller and Molly Thome

Four Family and Consumer Sciences students were honored on May 10 with the Chancellor's Leadership Award at the University of WI-Stevens Point. **Holly Ahrens, Jennifer Johnson, Randi Miller, and Molly Thome** were nominated by Assistant Professor, Susan Turgeson for this recognition. Established with the endorsement and encouragement of former

Chancellor Lee Sherman Dreyfus, the Chancellor's Leadership Award is intended to recognize and honor the numerous graduating seniors who have contributed significant leadership, have demonstrated meaningful university and community service and involvement, and who have shown a commitment to personal growth throughout their career at the University or WI-Stevens Point. Holly will be continuing her education pursuing a degree in school counseling. Both Jennifer and Molly will be attending graduate school with a focus on student affairs. Randi will begin her teaching career and will serve as the student development chair for WAFCS.

Susan Turgeson, Ed.D., CFCS



**Randi Miller** will be receiving the Albertson Medallion Award on Friday, May 19. With this award, the University annually honors those graduating students who have exemplified outstanding qualities as a leader, a scholar, and as a citizen on campus and in his/her community. All three criteria are to be given equal weight. The Albertson Award is given to no more than 1% of those graduating each year.

### **UW-Stout Kennedy Navis**



I was recently chosen as the Region 1 Collegiate Representative through 2018 for Phi Upsilon Omicron, an Honor Society for Family and Consumer Sciences. I will serve as a voting member and participate in conference calls, attend the Fall 2017 Board Meeting in Kansas City, and the Fall 2018 Conclave in Boston! I was also elected as UW-Stout's Phi U Co-President for this upcoming year! At Stout we are the Tau Chapter.

I am also the Vice President for the Stout Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, and the President for the Student Unit of the Wisconsin Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

At Stout this past year, the King and Queen of homecoming were replaced with the Stout Ambassadors. This is a very prestigious group of students that serve to represent the school and work very closely with the Alumni Office and Involvement Center. To be an Ambassador, students must be elected by their program director, apply, go through an extensive interview, and then be selected! I am proud to have been elected as one of eight Stout Ambassadors this past year, and I am looking forward to serving next year as well! The Chancellor even wrote me a letter of recommendation for my work as an Ambassador, which I am very proud and excited to have!

Additionally, I will be graduating in 3.5 years, so next year is my last year of classes at Stout before I student teach! This summer I'll be in Boston working for YouthWorks, a Christian Youth group organization. I'll be working as a Community Service Coordinator and I'll also be leading worship with my guitar and singing! I leave on May 20th, I'm really looking forward to it!

## AAFCS Leaders - Congratulations

**Barbara George and Susan Turgeson** will be recipients of the AAFCS Leader award in Dallas, TX. Congratulations to both. Information about the celebrations and award ceremony will be shared in the August e-newsletter.

## Other News..

### from Charmaine Rimple, V-P of Public Policy

Here is the APA-style reference to locate vital information that validates early childhood home visiting programs as a means to achieve positive outcomes for children and families, promoted by Green (2017). The information is time sensitive and encourages supporters of early childhood visitation programs to **contact their legislators**.

Green, A. (2017, April 29). Green: Renew, expand funding for home visit programs. *USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin*. Retrieved from <http://www.postcrescent.com/story/opinion/editorials/2017/04/29/green-renew-expand-funding-home-visit-programs/100985008/>

“Programs supported by the federal [Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting \(MIECHV\) program](#) can help parents and children live better, healthier, more self-sufficient lives.

These voluntary programs protect and support children from before they’re born through the first few years of life, [an absolutely critical time of a child’s development](#). They train young mothers, mothers-to-be, and sometimes fathers on the basics of caring for a child — and the basics of caring for themselves as parents.

Funding for MIECHV is set to expire on Sept. 30, 2017. If it isn’t renewed by then, thousands of parents and children across the country — and in Wisconsin — won’t have access to a proven, beneficial program that helps put them on a path to better, more productive lives.”

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From Sarah Tantillo at AAFCS:

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<b>June 25-28</b>	AAFCS Annual Conference - Dallas, TX
<b>July 15</b>	August E-Newsletter deadline*
<b>August 4</b>	WAFCS Board Meeting Mauston Library
<b>September 15</b>	October Newsletter deadline
<b>March 1-3</b>	WAFCS Annual Conference Wintergreen Resort and Conference Center Lake Delton, WI

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