

WAFCS News - September, 2023

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Officer Spotlight

Michael Westbrook
WAFCS President



My family consists of:

My husband Adam, my daughter Brooklyn, and my son Ash. We also have two dogs Minnie and Milo and 10 chickens. (Though they don't have names yet after the Great Westbrook Chicken Catastrophe where Minnie got into the chicken coop and we had to raise new chicks this summer) And you can't forget about our beta fish named Firework.

Current job and educational background:

I attended UWSP and majored in FCS education and continued with UWSP for my Master's in education. I am currently in my 6th year teaching and currently teach at Menasha High School teaching classes within the education and training pathway.

Passions outside of work:

Outside of work I love to spend time outside! I love to bike, rollerblade, and walk. You'll also find our family trying out new state parks in our pop up camper, but our absolute favorite is Firefly Campground in the NHAL State Forest.

Last book I read was:

I just finished reading To Sir Phillip, With Love from the Bridgerton series and it was probably my second favorite of the series so far!

Most cherished item on your desk:

What's interesting is that I don't use my desk at school. My district purchased an amazing embroidery machine so that we could hire a YA to run an embroidery business for our school and the machine lives at my desk.

Most guilty 'food' pleasure:

I LOVE ice cream! It's not for everybody, but blue moon is my favorite flavor.

Reminders!

- Have you updated your pdu's for your certification? So easy to do but so easy to forget!
Certification Renewal Information - aafcs.org
- Have you put the Annual Conference date, **Feb 29th - Mar 1st**, into your planner?

Presenters Wanted

We are still looking for awesome breakout presenters like you to present at WAFCS!



The Family
Consumer
Science
Conference is
this Friday,
September 29th,
UW-Stout.

Wisconsin's 126 members makes us the second largest affiliate for AAFCS.

Only 40 additional members would put us larger than Texas

becoming AAFCS's #1 affiliate!

Renew your membership! - Invite a colleague to join WAFCS! - We could do this!

WANTED: Award Nominations!

"Do you work with a distinguished colleague? Maybe you collaborate with an exceptional business partner? Please consider nominating them for an award!

WAFCS has four different awards that are looking for nominations, they are as follows:

- **The New Achiever Award** is for young professionals that are projected to make exceptional strides in their careers.
- **The Teacher of the Year** is for the best teacher with the best FCS program.
- **The Friend of the Family Award** is for an FCS industry partner that is carrying out the great work of Family and Consumer Sciences.
- **The Leader Award** is for active or retired professionals that have made an exceptional impact on their field of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Please check out our WAFCS website to see the details on each award. Remember that all nominations are due on Sunday, October 15th, 2023."

Foundation Offers for Students AND Professionals! \$9000+ in Membership Benefits Annually

From originally offering one \$300 undergraduate scholarship, fast-forward to the current benefits the Foundation makes available to WAFCS members. The Foundation has awarded as much as \$11,725 to members! See application guidelines on the WAFCS website.

For Student/Pre-professional Members:

- \$500 Undergraduate Scholarship (multiple scholarships offered some years)
- \$1000 Graduate Scholarship (multiple scholarships offered some years)
- \$100 Travelship (up to 10) offered to support student attendance at WAFCS Annual Conference
- \$300 Travelship (up to 3) offered to support student attendance at AAFCS Annual Conference
- \$300 for a WAFCS member serving on the AAFCS Student Unit Leadership team to attend the AAFCS Fall Leadership Workshop

For Professional Members:

- \$100 Reimbursement incentive to become fully certified in any one of the AAFCS-sponsored certifications
- \$1000 Professional Project/Research Grant (multiple grants offered some years)
- \$125 Stipend (up to 3) offered to promote professional attendance at WAFCS Annual Conference
- \$500 Travelship (up to 3) offered to support professional attendance at AAFCS Annual Conference
- \$500 Travelship for a member of the WAFCS Annual Conference Planning Committee to attend the AAFCS Annual Conference prior to the state conference for which they are responsible.
- \$500 Travelship to WAFCS Award Recipients (Teacher of the Year, Leader, New Achiever)

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Foundation Scholarships, Grant and Travelships - continued

Unique Offerings:

- \$500 Travelship (up to 3) offered to promote professional attendance at IFHE World Congress
- \$1000 Scholarship for a representative from an underdeveloped country to attend IFHE World Congress
- \$425 Annual Dues for WAFCS organizational membership in IFHE
- \$1000 for a new Executive Director to attend the AAFCS Fall Leadership Workshop

Details for applying for all member benefits can be found on the WAFCS website at www.wafcs.org under *Forms* and then under *WAFCS Foundation Forms* and/or *Student Scholarship and Travelship* (or for a specific application form, contact Jean Zeithaml at 715-836-8330 or djzeithaml@att.net).

To promote the concept that **"Membership has its Benefits!"** you must be a current AAFCS/WAFCS member to be eligible and preference for the conference travelships will be given to first-time attendees and/or those in the early years of their professional careers.

WAFCS Foundation Donation Form

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