



WAFCS News – September, 2024

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Note from President Sue Strutz

Happy Fall!

While it's a busy time of the year, I love this time of year! On a professional level, I'm able to start fresh with my classes and incorporate new activities I developed over the summer. On a personal level, I enjoy driving around the countryside taking in the colorful landscape and stopping at roadside stands for nature's bounty. The fall flavors and smells are delightful!

Fall is a time for reflection and thankfulness for me. As a child growing up on a farm, the fall meant LOTS of work—preparing the barn for winter, crawling in gravity boxes to unload corn, hours of raking leaves, etc. As I reflect, I can see it was a time for my family to come together. I am thankful for those memories!

As I begin this year as president of WAFCS, I want to encourage all of you to reflect on your time in the profession. What have you learned from those challenging days? What impact do you have on others? Who do you look to for support and guidance? Let these reflections be a guide to your future. Be thankful that our WAFCS family members are just a phone call or email away.

Please reach out to me, a board member, or our executive director if you have questions or concerns that you would like addressed. We are here to help and support each other!

Sue Strutz—sstrutz69@gmail.com

~WANTED: Award Nominations~

Nominate your WAFCS colleagues for
New Achiever, Teacher of the Year and the
Leader Award by **October 15th!**

Award Nomination Forms can be found under
'About WAFCS' at:
<https://www.aafcs.org/wafcs/home>

The New Achiever and Teacher of the Year
nominations should be emailed to:
Mary Kennedy at kennmaindel@gmail.com.

The Leader Award nominations should be
emailed to:
Tara Weber at weberta42@gmail.com.

Announcements!

- WAFCS's next Executive Board meeting is at 7:00pm on October 9th. If you have an idea and would like to be included on the agenda please email Sue and Cindy: [sstrutz69@gmail.com](mailto:ssstrutz69@gmail.com) or cindyquilling.wafcs@gmail.com
- Breakout Sessions are wanted for the 2025 WAFCS Annual Conference. Please check out page 2 for a request form.
- Stay Tuned for Professional Development Opportunities coming soon!

Sue Strutz, President, and Cindy Quilling, Executive Director, recently attended the 2024 Fall Leadership Summit.



***September 20-22, 2024**

***Held in the Downtown Marriott, Kansas City, MO location of the 2025 AAFCS National Conference**

***Over 60 FCS leaders and educators from various affiliates were inspired to connect, engage, and learn best practices.**

***Workshops provided an understanding of our communication styles and how we can effectively communicate with others.**



The Goebel Young Leadership Fund was building up from donations over the weekend. \$790 was raised by noon on Sunday.

Keynote Speakers:

***Charlie's House is a resource for families seeking information on safety/injury prevention.**

***Pete's Garden's workers and volunteers repurpose unwanted restaurant foods to help feed the local food insecure communities.**



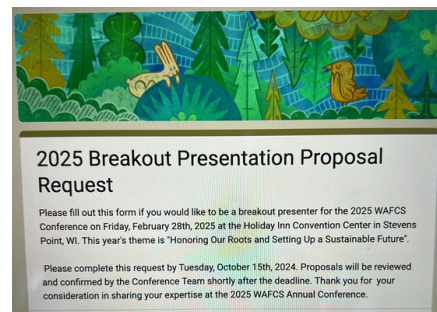
Thank you to WAFCS and the Foundation for your financial support to attend! Sue and Cindy



WAFCS Conference Breakout Sessions

If you or someone you know is interested in presenting at the the Annual Conference please click on the link below to submit your proposal.

Deadline: Tuesday, October 15, 2024



2025 Breakout Presentation Proposal Request

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbx5-8LL1yuKJjyAzuTti5BfNORwp6als-4nmQeE5Mkegbw/viewform>



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