



## WAFCS News - January, 2025

# WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCES

### 2025 WAFCS Conference Registration



**WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF  
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES  
2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
FEBRUARY 27-28, 2025

**HONORING OUR ROOTS &  
SETTING UP A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE**

**THURSDAY**  
FOOD & FARM EXPLORATION CENTER  
5400 INNOVATION DR. PLOVER, WI 54457

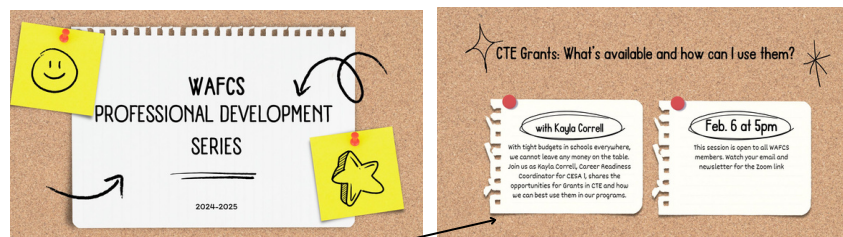
**THURSDAY EVENING - FRIDAY**  
HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER  
1001 HANSEN AVE. STEVENSON POINT, WI 54482

**Keynote Speakers**

**DR. KAREN  
BOGENSCHNEIDER**  
Family Policy expert from  
UW-Madison

**DR. JESSICA  
CALARCO**  
A leading expert on  
inequalities in family life  
and education

**REGISTRATION:  
OPEN DECEMBER 1ST**



**WAFCS  
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
SERIES**  
2024-2025

**CTE Grants: What's available and how can I use them?**

**with Kayla Correll**  
with tight budgets in schools everywhere,  
we cannot leave any money on the table.  
Join us as Kayla Correll, Career Readiness  
Coordinator for CESL, shares the  
opportunities for grants in CTE and how  
we can best use them in our programs.

**Feb. 6 at 5pm**  
This session is open to all WAFCS  
members. Watch your email and  
newsletter for the Zoom link.

Mark your Calendars - February 6th's PD topic is:  
"CTE Grants - What's Available/How Can I Use Them"

Here is the online registration link again for your reference:  
<https://uwspce.ungerboeck.net/prod/emc00/register.aspx?aat=6241586832544d717167676357596a71524a4f7a563366684b7169334f706d33552f6e6a507661595673673d>

(A paper copy is available at the end of this E-News)



**Baskets and  
silent auction  
items needed**

**AAFCS**  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES  
WISCONSIN AFFILIATE

**\$35 for 35 Years**  
Consider a Foundation Donation for their 35th Anniversary!

WAFCS will be honoring members with 50+ years of membership Friday morning. The WAFCS Golden Circle has been established to "honor the roots" of our organization.

WAFCS Foundation 35th Anniversary will be celebrated during the banquet Thursday evening. The fourteen Foundation Founders will be honored.

WAFCS will be celebrating the retirement of Karen Goebel from the Foundation Board after 32 years of service.

Join in the fun following the banquet Thursday evening as delegates face the challenge of an Escape Room that is focused on International Travel to IFHE and Ireland. Bring your phone or tablet to enter the QRC. Using clues from each of the round tables participants will decode their answers. Who will be the first to successfully get through the Escape Room and collect some bling?

## 2025 Art and Design Show – Celebrate The Unfinished! Show your W.O.M.B.A.T.s!

This year's Art and Design Show is going to be very fun! We want you to share your unfinished projects! Do you have a temperature blanket that you started, but fell out of? Perhaps you started learning to make hats, got frustrated, and left it to sit?

Inspired by a list of acronyms for different sewing related projects/steps, we found the acronym WOMBAT (Waste Of Money, Batting, And Time). Many of us have our UFOs, WIPs, PIGS (Project In Grocery Sacks), and it's time to get them out of the dark. Bring them in to show off, and it may even spark a new desire to finish the piece potentially. We would love a printed description along with your project to tell us a little about it, and if there is any reason that it has sat unfinished. (Come on, I know we all have some fun reasons as to why it has sat so long.)

Of course to help celebrate our pieces, we offer several viewer's choice awards, and this year special, we want to see who has the oldest unfinished project! That's right! Label your project with when you started it (a rough estimate in the year is fine), and the oldest UFO will win a special prize!

Email or text **Terri** your project description and she will have them printed and ready to be added to your project for display. You can reach her at [tlwfcs@gmail.com](mailto:tlwfcs@gmail.com), and feel free to text her at 715-254-5611. (If you don't get a response to your email, give her a text and let her know.) Can't wait to see your projects! We even take entries on the days of the conference.

## ADVOCACY

WAFCS offered a professional development session by Char Kelley focused on advocacy. Three main components of advocacy include:

- \* speaking up for FCS and CTE
- \* identifying and promoting a cause and
- \* impacting public perception and policy.

Char shared examples of promoting FCS during the daily context of our lives - while in the grocery store line or redirecting a conversation to tie in the value of FCS.

An important reminder is to stay positive. When encountering an individual or group with limited/dated knowledge of FCS, turn this into an opportunity for them to elevate their understanding of FCS.

Char will be presenting at the 2025 WAFCS Annual Conference on Friday, February 28th. You won't want to miss "Fever Pitch: How to Respond to - Don't You Just Cook?"

**Let's continue to ELEVATE FCS.**

## \$35 for 35 Years!

Consider making a \$35 donation to the Foundation in recognition and support of the progress that has been made since 1990... from offering one \$300 undergraduate scholarship annually to this past year when over \$10,000 was awarded to student and professional WAFCS members! We encourage you to donate in honor and celebration of the 35-Year Anniversary of the WAFCS Foundation. Thank you!

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## 2025 Wisconsin Association of Family & Consumer Sciences Conference

Thursday, February 27, 2025, Food and Farm Exploration Center, Plover, WI

Friday, February 28, 2025, Holiday Inn, Stevens Point, WI

**Registration Form** – please print clearly with one registration per form

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School District/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

List any Dietary Needs or Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

**Early registration ends 1/31/25**

Registration Type	Days	Early fee	Late fee	Banquet Included
Member	Thursday & Friday	195.00	220.00	X
Member	Thursday Only	65.00	90.00	
Member	Friday	130.00	155.00	X
Member	Friday Only	110.00	135.00	
Non-member	Thursday & Friday	245.00	270.00	X
Non-member	Thursday only	80.00	105.00	
Non-member	Friday	165.00	190.00	X
Non-member	Friday Only	140.00	165.00	
Student	Thursday & Friday	135.00	160.00	X
Student	Thursday Only	45.00	70.00	X
Student	Friday	90.00	115.00	
Student	Friday Only	75.00	100.00	
Banquet Ticket	Thursday	50.00	50.00	
<b>Registration Total</b>				
<b>WAFCS Donations</b>				
<b>AAFCS Membership</b>				
<b>Total Due</b>		150.00	150.00	

Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in PDUs through AAFCS \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

**Thursdays' Culinary Sessions** – If attending Thursday, you may choose up to two:

Cookie Entrepreneurs 9-10:30 AM \_\_\_ WI Vegetable and Potato Growers 10:45 AM-noon \_\_\_\_

Beef Council 12:45 -2 PM \_\_\_\_ Brakebush 2:15 – 3:30 PM \_\_\_\_

**Select meals you will attend:** Thursday Lunch \_\_\_ Thursday Banquet \_\_\_ Friday Breakfast \_\_\_\_ Friday Lunch \_\_\_\_

**Select if you will be attending a Post Conference AAFCS Certification Exam:** \_\_\_Family & Consumer Sciences

(FCS) Composite Examination \_\_\_Hospitality, Nutrition & Food Science (HNFS) Concentration Examination

\_\_\_Human Development & Family studies (HDFS) \_\_\_Nutrition & Wellness Educator (NWE) Examination

\_\_\_Personal & Family Finance Educator (PFFE) Examination

**I give my permission for WAFCS** to use my photo, possibly with my name included, in a manner consistent with quality, professional education, in any WAFCS electronic or print paper media communication. I also realize that WAFCS or any of its Regions may submit such communications to AAFCS as well as professional media covering WAFCS events and achievements. This permission can be revoked at any time by contacting the WAFCS State President in writing. Yes, \_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to UWSP and mail them to:**

UWSP Continuing Education  
2100 Main St  
Stevens Point, WI 54481

I give my consent to abide by the 2025 WAFCS Annual Conference Code of Conduct in all venues, including ancillary events and official and unofficial social gatherings. \_\_\_\_Yes, \_\_\_\_No

**2025 WAFCS Annual Conference Code of Conduct**

- The 2025 WAFCS Annual Conference aims to be inclusive to the largest number of contributors, with the most varied and diverse backgrounds possible. As such, we are committed to providing a friendly, safe and welcoming environment for all, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, ability, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, political beliefs, and religion.
- This Anti-Harassment Policy and Code of Conduct outlines our expectations for all those who participate in the 2025 WAFCS Annual Conference, as well as the consequences for unacceptable behavior.
- We expect all participants in the 2025 WAFCS Annual Conference to create a safe and positive experience for everyone.
- “Participant” in this policy refers to anyone present at the 2025 WAFCS Annual Conference including staff, contractors, hotel and AV staff, speakers, WAFCS leadership, and all attendees.

**Expected Behavior**

- We expect all participants at the 2025 WAFCS Annual Conference to abide by this Code of Conduct in all venues, including ancillary events and official and unofficial social gatherings.
- Exercise consideration and respect in your speech and actions.
- Refrain from demeaning, discriminatory, or harassing behavior and speech.
- Be mindful of your surroundings and of your fellow participants.
- Alert WAFCS leadership if you notice a dangerous situation, someone in distress, or violations of this Code of Conduct, even if they seem inconsequential.

**Unacceptable Behavior**

- Unacceptable behaviors include but are not limited to
  - intimidating, harassing, abusive, discriminatory, derogatory, or demeaning speech or actions by any participants in the 2025 WAFCS Annual Conference, at all related events and in one-on- one communications carried out in the context of the 2025 WAFCS Annual Conference WAFCS event venues may be shared with members of the public;
  - please be respectful to all patrons of these locations.
  - harmful or prejudicial verbal or written comments or visual images related to gender, sexual
  - orientation, race, religion, disability, age, appearance, political beliefs, or other personal characteristics
  - inappropriate use of nudity and/or sexual images in public spaces (including presentation slides)
  - deliberate intimidation, stalking, or following
  - harassing photography or recording



- inappropriate disruption of talks or other events
  - unwelcome and uninvited attention or conduct
  - physical assault (including unwelcome touch or groping)
  - real or implied threat of physical harm
  - real or implied threat of professional or financial damage or harm
  - possession or use of any illegal drug, narcotic or banned substance
  - possession or use of any item defined as a weapon, illegal or not
- Be careful in the words that you choose. Remember that sexist, racist, homophobic, Islamophobic, antiSemitic, transphobic, and other exclusionary jokes can be offensive to those around you.
  - Excessive swearing and offensive “jokes” are not appropriate for the 2025 WAFCS Annual Conference.

### **Consequences of Unacceptable Behavior**

- Unacceptable behavior from any participant at the 2025 WAFCS Annual Conference will not be tolerated.
- If a participant engages in unacceptable behavior, WAFCS may take any action they deem appropriate, including removal from the 2025 WAFCS Annual Conference (without refund) at which the harassment occurred. Egregious violations will result in more severe sanctions.

### **If You Are Subject to or Witness Unacceptable Behavior**

- If you are being harassed, notice someone else is being harassed, or have any other concerns, please contact a member of the WAFCS Leadership or Cindy Quilling, Executive Director, immediately, ALL reports are confidential.
- If possible, provide the following information, preferably in writing:
  - Identifying information (name, appearance, role) of the participant who has committed an offense
  - The approximate time of the behavior
  - The circumstances surrounding the incident
  - Other people involved in or witnessing the incident
- The staff are trained on how to deal with the incident and how to further proceed with the situation. If needed or requested, leadership will help participants contact venue security or local law enforcement, provide escorts, or otherwise assist those experiencing harassment to feel safe for the duration of the 2025 WAFCS Annual Conference. No one will be contacted without the permission of the person who was harassed/assaulted. If requested, WAFCS Conference Chairs will provide a full refund (minus ticketed events already attended) to anyone who has been harassed or assaulted so that they may process the event in their own space.

### **Addressing Grievances**

- If you feel you have been falsely or unfairly accused of violating this Code of Conduct, you should notify Cindy Quilling, Executive Director, with a concise description of your grievance, by email to [cindyquilling.wafcs@gmail.com](mailto:cindyquilling.wafcs@gmail.com). Policy developed based on information from Smarts Consulting.

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Watch for the FCS Industry Survey Results through AAFCS - “I Make An Impact - Count Me In!” AAFCS asked all those who had taken Family and Consumer Sciences courses in high school and/or college, who had received a Family and Consumer Sciences certificate, and those who were working in Family and Consumer Sciences occupations to participate in an important industry survey. This survey will provide valuable insights to strengthen and elevate FCS work across the country.

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# FOUNDATION UPDATES



## Recent Foundation Donations

The WAFCS Foundation gratefully acknowledges the following generous donations made since the October *WAFCS News*:

- **Generous Anonymous Donation**
- **In honor of 2025 WAFCS Conference keynote speaker, Dr. Karen Bogenschneider**  
Nyla Musser
- **In honor of Judy Knudsen's 43-year Extension Career**  
Mary Kennedy
- **In memory of Cecile Hoffman who passed away on December 22, 2024. Cecile's 45-yr career in education included FCS teaching and CTE at CESA #3 in Fennimore. Cecile was the 1984 recipient of the WAFCS Leader Award.**  
Gail Sommerfeld
- **In memory of Dick Zeithaml, husband of Jean Zeithaml**  
Mary Kennedy



## NEW! February 1 Deadline for Most Foundation Applications

Most of the Foundation offerings have had monetary increases and the new deadline for most applications is now February 1. **While the website forms may still have the old February 15 deadline date, the new deadline is February 1!**

- **Undergraduate Scholarship (\$750)—February 1 deadline!**
- **Graduate Scholarship (\$1250)—February 1 deadline!**
- **Professional Project/Research Grant (\$1500)—February 1 deadline!**
- **Professional Stipends** (five at up to \$250 each) to promote professional attendance at the State WAFCS Annual Conference—**February 1 deadline!**
- **Student Travelships/State Conference** (ten at up to \$125 each) to promote student attendance at the State WAFCS Annual Conference—**February 1 deadline!**
- **Travelships/AAFCS Annual Conference** for Professionals and Students—see website

Details for applying for all member benefits can be found on the WAFCS website at [aafcs.org/wafcs](http://aafcs.org/wafcs) under the 'Foundation' or 'For Students' heading. We are in the process of updating the application forms with the increased dollar amounts and new deadline date. **These new guidelines supersede amounts and dates on the forms.** 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.

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## WAFCS Foundation Donation Form

Updated 11/2020

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_\_\_ \$100\_\_\_\_\_ \$50\_\_\_\_\_ \$25\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/state/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Commemorating \_\_\_\_\_

(special achievements, retirement, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, etc)

\_\_\_\_\_ WAFCS Annual Conference Keynote Speaker Fund

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Make checks payable to  
**WAFCS Foundation** & send to:

Cindy Quilling  
WAFCS Executive Director  
E6006 US Highway 12  
Menomonie, WI 54751

Please send a card acknowledging this gift to:

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