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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.

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Wisconsin Makes its Mark on St. Louis



Twenty five WI affiliate members attended the AAFCS national conference in St. Louis. We honored WI award winners with a WI party, an awards banquet and Teacher of the Year luncheon and learned from sessions presented by several members. The Student Unit also made its mark with Sadie Hooker, UW Stevens Point, being elected chair elect of the national student unit. These were busy days filled with preparations for the IFHE conference for 2020, Leadership Council, Leadership Academy, meetings of various communities, Art and Design show and Expo, not to mention finding time to reconnect with friends from across the US and beyond. It was a great time of celebration, education and networking!

A Message from your President..

It is both an exciting and challenging time to be a Family and Consumer Sciences professional. I hope that you will all join me in the year ahead as we continue to carry out our very special missions for the advancement of the family and the consumer in our society. We need the leadership skills of each and every one of us to move FCS forward.



Twenty-five of our members have just returned from the AAAFCS Annual Conference and Expo held in St. Louis, MO a few weeks ago. The Keynote speaker, Dr Nancy K. Franz, Emeritus Professor from Iowa State University challenged all of us to Tell the FCS Story and share the value of FCS. Dr. Franz has a Wisconsin connection, as early in her career she was an Extension 4-H Agent in Wisconsin.

For the first time, the Annual Conference did not have a central theme (or one size fits all design), but rather was designed to provide workshops and learning opportunities focusing directly on the different FCS professions and subject matter areas. This allowed participants to tailor make their conference experience, based on their individual professional needs. This concept may well have value for our future state conferences.

We are all very proud of our Wisconsin colleagues who were recognized for their leadership at the conference. Cindy Quilling was of two national leader award winners honored. Julie Martin who unfortunately was not able to attend, was recognized as one of four national New Achiever Award winners. Judy Rommel was one of seven new 50 year AAFCS members recognized. Additionally, Sadie Hooker was elected to the AAFCS Student Unit as chair elect. A very special congratulations to each of these outstanding members.

As I look ahead to the challenges specific to WAFCS, our work at restructuring and reinventing WAFCS is one of our primary challenges. You will recall that we spent time at our state conference brainstorming on this and the May Newsletter provided a summary of our findings. The importance of our annual state conference was strongly reinforced in this work and consequently we are starting at that point. Our summer board meeting will consider several recommendations, policies, and procedures relating to future conferences, so stay tuned.

The future of WAFCS and our profession is in each of our hands. Please join me in committing to collectively do our part to share the FCS story and expand the impact of our profession.

Sincerely,

Mary Kay Merwin
President

A Grade By Any Other Name...

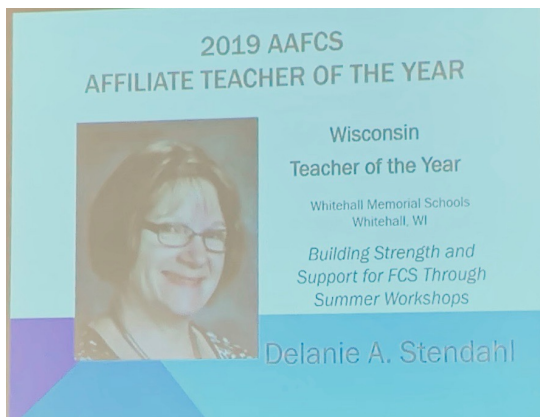
By Char Kelley

Grades are a struggle. As a teacher, I have to give them. There is so much riding on a grade for a student and yet grades are not a predictor of future success. Grades are supposed to be an effective measurement of student learning. However, we often use grades as a “commodity.” Instead of grades reflecting learning, they also reflect how hard a student worked and how well they have followed the rules. Examples of this come from participation grades, extra credit, and behavior points. We have all had that one student that has straight A's because they know how to work the system and that other student who is bright and bored so their lackluster grades are no indicator of what they know. I once even had a colleague give 100 extra credit points if parents came to conferences. He always had students and parents lined outside the door desperate to see him not to discuss the students learning growth or achievement but to chase points for the grade. I want to shift this. Instead of students chasing a grade, I want them to chase learning.



This year during the AAFCS Conference And Expo Anne Etten and I presented on Standards Based Grading. My school district is halfway through this k-12 transition while Anne's district is 100% transitioned. This process albeit a challenging one, addresses many of the concerns of the traditional grading system. The traditional A, B, C, D, F grades turn into a scale of Basic, Progressing, Meeting, and Exceeding in reference to a learning target. So students leave class with a report card and a series of learning targets marked B, P, M, E instead of one singular grade for each class. Not only is this a shift in grading, this is a shift in teaching and assessment. And it seems to be the future of our current educational system. As a CTE teacher, at times this was a hard sell to me. Soft skills are a big deal to me. Showing up and on time, without your cell phone are major concerns for employers. Deadlines can cost companies millions. And yet if a Standards Based Grading only reflects learning, how will these skills be taught? I assure you they are not forgotten about but separate from the learning targets.

Diving into Standards Based Grading itself is challenging. It takes a lot of time and work. It is also a healthy one. If you are interested in learning more about Standards Based Grading check out this site: <https://www.smores.com/n4pgh-15-fixes-for-broken-grades> Or check out this book: Rethinking Grading by Cathy Vatterott and come to the UW-Stout Conference this fall where Anne and I will present on our challenges and successes with Standards Based Grading.



Thank You!!

Cindy Quilling: *What an honor (and very humbling) it was for me to be chosen as one of AAFCS Leader Award recipients for 2019. I can't thank enough the Wisconsin Association for the role it has played in my life both professionally and personally. To have opportunities of leadership in our association in many capacities certainly allowed me to learn from others, develop confidence, enrich what I value and continue to be a mentor for our younger professionals. Your friendships are my family away from home!*

Having 20+ loyal WAFCS members be at the national conference that offered excellent speakers and sessions, plus supporting my award speaks to our strength as an affiliate. To toast with my colleagues in the shadows of The Arch in St Louis was simply awesome. To have Dale, Brooke and Ashlee with my 'special' grandchildren at the awards banquet was the icing on the cake!

Thank you, WAFCS, for influencing my life's path and enhancing the leadership within me!



Cindy and AAFCS President



Cindy with some of her family





To the WAFCS Board and AAFCS Attendees,

Thanks so much for kind words, get-together and the Madison Chocolates. It is hard to believe I've been involved with AAFCS/WAFCS for 50 years.

*Sincerely,
Judy Rommel*

Student Unit Experiences at AAFCS and Thanks

To the WAFCS Foundation,

I'd like to extend my sincerest of thank you's for providing me with one of three travelships to assist in my attendance to the AAFCS Annual Conference in St. Louis this past June. I have explored and learned a variety of new amazing ideas for not only my future classroom, but also our Stevens Point student organization and our state student unit! My fellow student attendees and I were even able to sightsee around the city and take a tour of the Gateway Arch.

On top of all this, I was given the opportunity to run for a national student unit officer position, and have now been elected as the AAFCS Student Unit Chair-Elect for the upcoming year, as well as becoming the national Chair the year after. I look forward to this amazing opportunity and all the wonderful things I can accomplish with my fellow student unit council!

Without you and your generosity, I wouldn't have been able to have these experiences, so, again, thank you for all you do for the students and professionals in our great state of Wisconsin.

I'm looking forward to a successful year in such an extraordinary profession!

Thank you, Sadie

Hello, Janet

I wanted to reach out to say thank you to you and all the other WAFCS attendees for being such a delightful part of our first AAFCS annual conference experience! I can speak on behalf of Kelsey, Amber, and myself when I say it was without a doubt one of the best adventures any of us have had. I knew coming in to this experience, I'd have a great time, but I was pleasantly surprised that it outlived all my expectations! Amber won the FCS trivia Kahoot at the new attendee meeting, Kelsey won the scavenger hunt grand prize of registration and one hotel night paid for at next year's annual conference in Baltimore, and I was elected as AAFCS Student Unit Chair-Elect! There were so many great memories made, I look forward to all that will come in the near future as well! You have three lifelong AAFCS/WAFCS members and conference attendees on your hands! Sadie Hooker



Kelsey, Sadie, Amber with Susan Turgeson

WAFCS Foundation,
 Thank you for making it possible for me
 to attend the AAFCS national conference
 this year. Your travelship helped me further
 my professional development and my network
 with other professionals in FCS. This has
 been a very valuable experience for me and
 I appreciated your support to make it happen.
 Thank you from the bottom of my heart
 Amber Miller
 UWSL Student



"Gateway to World" Welcome Reception



Enjoying Exhibits



Fancy!



Sadie and AAFCS Student Unit Officers

Other WAFCS News..

From Kayla Correll: Chloe Rose Correll was born June 22, 2019 at Aurora West Allis in Milwaukee, WI. 8lb., 8oz. and 21 inches long. The family is doing great and adjusting well to life with two little ones.



Judy Brun

LEGACY CORNER by Carol Subera

Joining AHEA in 1961, Judy has been a member for 58 years and received her 50 year recognition in 2011.

Judy earned her B.S from Michigan State, and her M.S. and PH.D. from Iowa State University.

Judy's professional career included high school home economics educator in Michigan and Wisconsin, Assistant Professor at Chicago State University and the University of Illinois.

She served as Director of Program Evaluation and Research and later as VP of the National Dairy Council in Illinois and as Chair of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Iowa State University until her retirement as Professor Emeritus in 2000.

Judy recently moved to Wisconsin and her involvement has included meetings with the Walworth County Home Economics group. She has been more involved at the national level during her professional career including AAFCS Journal editor, consultant to the certification program, committee and division chairs. Judy also served as president and board member of the Society for Nutrition Education.

Judy's family includes her husband, three children and 14 grandchildren.

When asked what changes she has seen in the profession Judy cited the changing role of women in the work place especially during the 1960s. The struggle to define family and our mission and goals along with the renaming of our profession has also brought many changes. From Judy "My field of study and practice has provided me with a very satisfying professional life in a variety of different directions. It has also helped me to have a smooth and supportive home and raise three very accomplished children. In every position I held, I was chosen to provide leadership to others and those experiences have been of great usefulness to me in both my personal and professional life. I now try to only give advice to my grandkids."

We thank Judy for her devotion to our profession and her long membership in AAFCS.

Time to start making plans for FCS Day on December 3!


In preparation, I'd like to suggest reading "*The Turquoise Table: Finding Community and Connection in Your Own Front Yard*" by Kristin Schell [https://www.amazon.com/Turquoise-Table-Finding-Community-Connection/dp/0718095588/ref=sr_1_1?](https://www.amazon.com/Turquoise-Table-Finding-Community-Connection/dp/0718095588/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=Turquoise+Table&qid=1561648781&s=gateway&sr=8-1)

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The book's themes of food, family, communication, and hospitality seem to be aligned well with Dining In Day. Additionally, some recipes are interspersed that you could utilize in your Dining In celebrations. While there are some religious references, I hope that would not prevent you from using in connection with our Dining In initiative. There are lots of possibilities for you to build community at work or at home. I look forward to you sharing your Turquoise Table stories with WAFCS!

Susan Turgeson

UWSP Ranked #1 for Education Majors

#UWSP was ranked #1 in the #UWSystem and #2 overall in the "50 Best Colleges for Education Majors" rankings. Let's hear it for the UWSP School of Education! UW Stout was also ranked in this report. Learn more here  <http://ow.ly/apem30oXPmc!>

Congratulations!

IFHE World Congress 2020 Update:

The work of the IFHE World Congress was in full swing at the 2019 AAFCS Annual Conference in St. Louis! Committees are moving forward on plans for a very memorable experience. We are grateful for the generosity of colleagues, who to date, have donated and funded 30/45 Travel Grants, which will support the participation of international colleagues from developing countries. We are \$15,000 short of our goal to fund 45 travel grants. We are counting on 100% participation from the IFHE-US membership. Make checks out to IFHE-US, for any amount. Donations of \$100 or more will be recognized on the Congress website. **We need money in hand by September 30th!** Mail check to:

Luann Boyer, IFHE-US Director of Finance
22500 Road 21
Fort Morgan, CO 80701

IFHE-US members should make their checks out to IFHE-US.


Important Deadline: Abstract Submission Deadline: August 31, 2019, 11:59 pm EDT. The substance of the World Congress is the presentation of current research and best practices. Be sure to submit your abstracts and encourage colleagues and friends to do the same!

Calling on all IFHE-US members to VOLUNTEER! Be sure to contact Bev and Janine with your interest to volunteer for the IFHE World Congress--the more hands, the easier the work!


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All information about the IFHE World Congress 2020 Can be found on the website:
IFHE World Congress 2020 Website

The energy surrounding the IFHE World Congress 2020 at AAFCS-St. Louis is a sure indication of the future success of the Congress--be sure to get involved in this historic event!



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