

WAFCS News – October, 2022

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GEN ALPHA: THE NEW GENERATION

NOVEMBER 15TH, 2022 FROM 4-5 PM

Move over Gen Z... the Alphas are coming. There is an abundance of information on Gen Z but how do FCS professionals and families navigate this new generation of kids? This session will focus on the demographics of Gen Alpha and how to effectively reach and teach these screen-addicted youth.



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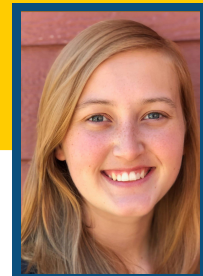
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President Char's Message

We are finally in the throws of a new school year. The finish on my classroom floor is finally dull and dirty and students have gotten comfortable again testing my patience with cellphones and makeup work. I am writing this in week 6 of the school year and I reminisce about how a coworker and I used to joke about if we were to get sick in a school year, it's usually in week 6. And even though that all sounds negative, I actually feel quite invigorated this week. Because dirty floors and challenging students feels like it did before the hybrid days and online school. Students came back this year and remembered "how to do school."

I am getting the hang of a new semester schedule and I am really enjoying the students in my classes. It almost feels, well, like the new normal is here. I realize that my experience is just that...my experience. I hope you are experiencing similar relief in your homes, schools, and communities. I hope that those small moments when working with people make your heart sing and remind you why you got into your profession. And I hope you take time in your life to spend with your family, friends, and people you care about the most.

AAFCS has carved out some amazing opportunities for all of us in the next few months. Please see the article I wrote about the AAFCS Leadership Workshop to learn more about #ELEVATEFCS. Our own WAFCS executive board has been working on developing this year's annual conference coming to you March 2nd and 3rd of 2023. Last year was phenomenal, this year will be even better. We hope you can join us.

*Did you know? AAFCS is now terminating memberships 30 days after their expiration date.
Don't delay! Renew your memberships promptly!!*



By Char Kelley

Over the weekend of September 30 through October 2, Michael Westbrook, Kelley Yeakey, and myself attended the 2022 AAFCS Fall Leadership Workshop. The weekend was jam packed with great information and direction for the future of AAFCS.

Our newest national initiative is Elevate FCS. The campaign encourages all FCS professionals, students, affiliates, communities, programs, related organizations, and supporters to elevate Family and Consumer Sciences in December as we celebrate the value and impact of the FCS profession and commemorate the birthday of our founder Ellen Swallow Richards.

For social media purposes, we will be using the hashtags #ELEVATEFCS, #FCSDAY, and #FCSsuccess. AAFCS has also put together a toolkit with many resources including logos, proclamations, templates and printables. December 3rd remains FCS day. December will also be chalked full of more exciting activities to share in our workspace and in the community.

After December, AAFCS will continue to roll out opportunities to advocate for the professions umbrellaed by Family and Consumer Sciences. This is our chance to highlight what we do professionally on social media, in classrooms, on job sites, and when we work with people. Please consider becoming a part of this movement.

I truly believe that I work in the best profession. This gives us an opportunity to highlight what we do and be proud of all we give back to our communities. Look for more information with the updated logo.

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ATTENTION EVERYONE!



This year's WAFCS service project is "Works of the Heart!" It will involve making port pillows and cancer caps for those undergoing cancer treatment. More details to follow in next month's bulletin.

IN SYMPATHY

WAFCS extends their sympathy to the family of **Barbara Froemming** who peacefully passed away in May after a short illness. Her son, Jim, shared he knew her passion for Family and Consumer Sciences was still important to her throughout her entire life.

Recent Donations to the WAFCS Foundation

- **Susan Turgeson** made a donation in honor of award recipients **Sue Strutz**, 2022 WAFCS Teacher of the Year, and **Miranda Stroik**, 2022 WAFCS New Achiever.
- **Mary Kennedy** donated in honor of **Donna Dinco** upon receiving the 2022 AAFCS Leader Award.
- **Ruth Ann Potts**, **Nyla Musser**, and **Mary Kennedy** all made donations in honor of **Janet Powell** upon her retirement as WAFCS Executive Director for the past eight years, 2014-2022. Thank you, **Janet**, for your leadership and guidance of the Association!
- An additional donation was also received from **Marilyn Swiontek**.
- **Loraine L. Larson** donated in memory of her husband of 48 years, **Ernest Larson**, who died of COVID on March 28, 2022. Our sincere condolences to **Loraine**.
- Thank you to all for investing in the future of our association while also honoring, supporting, extending gratitude, and memorializing. If you would like to make a donation to the **WAFCS Foundation** in honor, celebration, or memory of someone special, use the donation form or donate online, both found at the WAFCS website www.wafcs.org. All names of donors will be published in a future newsletter.



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SEPTEMBER 22ND 2022
Benefits of AAFCS/WAFCS

Toni Wiese, AAFCS
Emily Larson, WAFCS



OCTOBER 13TH 2022
FCS Leadership Panel

Dr. Kimberly Sartain, University of Central Arkansas Professor,
Laura Bushendorf, CTE Coordinator, Kari Mueller, CESA 6,
Brigitta Altman Austin, Assistant Principal SPASH



NOVEMBER 15TH 2022
Family Engagement

Melanie D. Schmitt, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Texas Tech University

DECEMBER 8TH 2022
Teaching in Heel Social Media
Angela, FCS Educator
Social Media Blogger



JANUARY 12TH 2023
FCCLA Information & Networking
2022-2023 National Executive Council

FEBRUARY 8TH 2023
Resiliency Skills

Samantha Kennedy, IFAS Extension
University of Florida



MARCH 2ND-3RD 2023
WAFCS Annual Conference
Onalaska, Wisconsin

APRIL 19TH 2023
Culinary Skills

Speaker, Will Be Announced
Closer to the Date



MAY 10TH 2023
Interior Design... Its More Than HGTV
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