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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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Greetings WAFCS members!

The hustle and bustle for teachers have started in our Wisconsin school districts. As I walk through the hallways of my school, I see teachers decorating bulletin boards, creating lesson plans, and getting ready to meet their new students. I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming year and remembers to take care of themselves. My mother always told me you cannot pour from an empty cup, which could not be more accurate right now in our world. The work we do as educators is challenging, often stressful, but is incredibly rewarding in the end. Remember to take care of yourself.

Have a wonderful school year!

Your WAFCS President,
Emily Larson



Mark Your Calendar Now

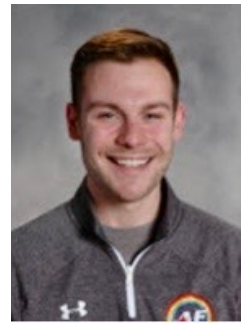
March 3, 4, 2022

Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center, Onalaska, WI



Time for your Input.. Michael Westbrook, Professional Development

The 2022 conference planning committee is working hard to provide a phenomenal conference experience for Wisconsin Family and Consumer Sciences professionals. Our conference will be taking place at the Stoney Creek Conference Center in Onalaska. We will begin with an exciting pre-conference on March 3rd, where we will explore the various industries that make Wisconsin FCS so unique. Our main conference will take place on March 4th, where we will have intriguing keynote and breakout presenters that will celebrate Wisconsin. Now is a great time to request off and allocate Perkins funding to make sure you can attend this dynamic conference on March 3rd and 4th.



Are you interested in becoming a **breakout presenter** for our conference? Please fill out [this google form](#) if you are interested.

Do you have any aspects of Wisconsin that you would like to see celebrated in our conference? Please fill out [this google form](#) to provide us with ideas on topics you'd like to learn about, vendors you would like to see, sponsors willing to support us, or any other ideas you may have.

See you at the conference!

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WAFCS Service Project Announced

How will WAFCS members lead by example to "help kids feel better to heal better"? How will WAFCS members use their unique skill sets to bring comfort and support to young patients and their families in Wisconsin hospitals?

WAFCS president, Emily Larson, in conjunction with the 2022 WAFCS Annual Conference chairpersons are announcing a philanthropic endeavor for WAFCS members to embrace throughout the year. At the 2019 WAFCS Annual Conference (our most recent in-person conference) you may recall the Thursday evening "Welcome" event that included members networking while creating fleece blankets for a local nonprofit organization. Emily plus the WAFCS conference chairpersons are challenging members to lead by example and engage their communities in service to others.

The 2021 - 2022 WAFCS Service Project will be supporting "Ryan's Case for Smiles". The goal is for pillow cases to be made throughout the year and at the annual conference. The

process for WAFCS members to use will be included in the next WAFCS newsletter.
Meanwhile check out Ryan's story online.



<https://caseforsmiles.org>

IFHE World Congress Submission Deadline Extended to October 1

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