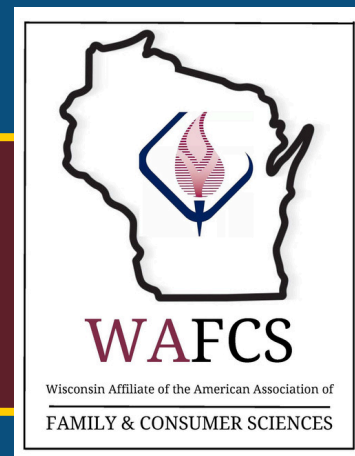


# *WAFCS News – December, 2025*

## **WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCES**



**WAFCS January's PD session on Thursday, January 15th from 4:00–5:00 pm is available for all FCS teachers and professionals.**

### **FCS Body of Knowledge: Roadmap to Success – Session One**

Why is the FCS Body of Knowledge relevant to FCS professionals?

FCS Educators need to crosswalk current curriculum with the Body of Knowledge and state/national education standards. This is how the discipline remains relevant by establishing a sound BOK foundation in:

- what we are teaching
- leadership initiatives we are advising with FCCLA members
- action we are taking on behalf of families/communities
- how we are advocating for FCS friendly policy decisions

Session One, we will identify and introduce the Core Principles–Human Needs, Individual Well-Being, Family Resilience, Community Vitality and Integrative Elements–Human Ecosystem, Lifespan Progression.

Session Two, held in person at the WAFCS Annual Conference, will include the Influencing Elements and a panel of FCS professionals sharing how they are embedding the FCS BOK within their practice.

The Zoom link to join this presentation:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3068211237>

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- Meeting ID: 306 821 1237
- Passcode: 547590

This session will be presented by Dr. Carol Anderson, CFCS and Julie Anderson, CFCS and will include a Q & A segment. Attendance results in 1 Professional Development Unit (PDU).

Questions? Send an email to [wafcsconf@gmail.com](mailto:wafcsconf@gmail.com)

## Congratulations to Amber Miller for achieving her CFCS certification!

The CFCS Certification Exam will be available to take at the conclusion of the Annual Conference.

To register contact Cindy Quilling at [cindyquilling.wafcs@gmail.com](mailto:cindyquilling.wafcs@gmail.com).

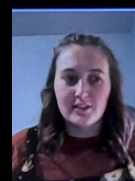
Registration Deadline: January 12, 2026

## ~ From The Student Unit ~



The **WAFCS Student Unit** hosted a **Fall Leadership Event** with emphasis on FCS campus and professional collaboration. Topics included: FCS pathways, FCS in our schools, FCCLA within classrooms and lab organization.

Presenters were well prepared and shared many tips and resources valuable to educators. A **Letters of Love** service project finished their day.



~Student Unit Advisers~  
Hannah and Sydney



~WAFCS Pres and Exec Dir~  
Cathy and Cindy



## Stay Connected!

- Professional Development 2025-2026 Series – Found [HERE](#)
- ‘Benefits of Foundation Scholarships and Travelships’ video link – Found [HERE](#)
- WAFCS Website: <https://www.aafcs.org/wafcs/home>
- WAFCS FOUNDATION – [Donate Here](#)
- Awards Information: For additional information regarding the awards, including eligibility criteria, the nomination form, and application materials, visit [HERE](#).
- Are you aware of AAFCS’s PSA Contest 2026: "FCS is the ANSWER – SHARE IT"? Six (6) cash prizes will be awarded. Check out details [HERE](#).

## WAFCS Annual Conference

Wisconsin Hotel and Convention Center – Feb 26-27, 2026



- Update: Unfortunately, the tour of Dawn Manor will no longer take place on Thursday of the conference. Instead, we will be visiting the Grateful Shed. The Grateful Shed has a unique design concept because there are food trucks located inside the space. Customers to Grateful Shed can choose from different food trucks, listen to live music, and try specialty drinks. During this visit, the owner will share the design process for this unique food venue and share his vision of a successful business.
- Do you have a connection to potential sponsorships? Please share the Sponsorship Form with them – Found [HERE](#)

## 2026 AAFCS Midwest Connections Regional Conference

The 2026 AAFCS Midwest Connections Regional Conference will take place at the Gateway Conference Center in Ames, Iowa April 9 - 11, 2026. This conference has been planned by the following AAFCS affiliates: Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, and South Dakota. This conference is a great opportunity for Family and Consumer Sciences professionals to get together for learning and networking. [Register here!](#)

# Don't Miss Annual Conference Keynote Speakers!

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Dr. Delores L. Williams**



**Executive Chef  
Elena Terry**

- **Dr. Williams** started as an FCCLA member, competing in STAR Events. Her career pathway is loaded with a variety of FCS occupations including spending three summers working in Cuba developing restaurant concepts. Delores is excited to travel to Wisconsin where she has fond childhood memories from summer visits.
- Dr. Williams has mentored thousands, developed community-based programs, launched mobile STEM labs, and consults with leaders—her mission remains the same: to turn passion into progress and vision into victory.
- Driven by faith, fueled by purpose, and rooted in community, Dr. Williams is not just planting seeds, she's cultivating a more equitable and inspired future for generations to come.
- **Elena Terry** is the Executive Chef/Founder of Wild Bearies, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing and educating about Indigenous foods and the culture around those foods.
- Chef Elena was a guest chef on the popular Bravo TV show Top Chef that aired on May 15, 2024. She described the experience as "a transformative moment". Along with a colleague from Minnesota they cooked a meal for the remaining contestants educating them on the importance of food in Native cultures. Since then, she has served as a mentor and guest judge for the 21st season of Top Chef.
- Chef Elena has developed partnerships with James Beard Foundation, the Smithsonian, Food and Agriculture Organization to the United Nations, US State Department, Intertribal Agriculture Council, American Indian Foods Program, Advocates for Urban Agriculture, and UW System to name a few.

## ~ From The Foundation ~

The WAFCS Foundation, which provides funding for scholarships, travelships, grants and other activities of WAFCS, is expanding the foundation board from four to six members. Anyone who is a member of WAFCS/AAFCS is welcome to apply. If you are interested, please email the following information to:

\*Rita Houser, WAFCS Foundation Board Chair at:  
rhouser1010@gmail.com



**Rita Houser  
Foundation Chairperson**

- 1) How many years have you been a WAFCS/AAFCS member?
- 2) How have you been involved with WAFCS/AAFCS?
- 3) Why would you like to serve on the WAFCS Foundation Board?

If you have questions call 715-225-5884 by February 1, 2026.

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### In Sympathy

WAFCS extends it's sympathy to Cathy Lader and her extended family in the loss of her brother,  
Gordon Hill, Jr of Janesville, WI.

### Welcome New WAFCS Members from October and November!

- *Madilyn Fisher*
- *Naomi Anker*
- *Kieara Kohn*
- *Stacy Jacobs*
- *Madeline Mickelson*

### 2025-2026 Executive Board

President – Cathy Lader

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