

WAFCS News – June, 2025

WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCES

Mark Your Calendars - Participate in the
WAFCS Annual Business Meeting

Monday, July 14, 2025 at 4:00 pm
Zoom Link will be sent July 9, 2025

Professional Development Opportunities

UW-Stevens Point, July 29-31, 2025
UW-Stout, September 26, 2025

AAFCS Annual Conference



Calling all current and future FCS teachers!

FCS Professional Development Workshops

Attend one, two or all three of our summer workshops at UW-Stevens Point. PDUs available!

Emerging FCS Teacher Summer Institute

July 29 - 30

FREE workshop covering:

- Active Learning Strategies
- Culinary Arts
- Early Childhood Education
- FCCLA
- Lab management in textiles & culinary arts
- Personal Financial Literacy
- RealityWorks Simulators and Curriculum Kits
- Standards and Career Pathways



Register by July 11

Counseling and Mental Health Services and Opportunities in the Human Services Industry

July 30 | 1 - 5 p.m.

Build a pathway in human services that includes a focus on counseling and mental health services pathways, transferable skills in human services, and entrepreneurial and career opportunities.
*25 includes all supplies and box lunch



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Build FCS Baking STEAM: Home to Careers

July 31 | 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Join UWSP and Home Baking Association for a hands-on workshop to elevate your baking education!

- STEAM Integration: Dive into sensory science, ingredient functions, farm-to-own technology, and baking arts.
- Food Safety Resources: Access SERVSAFE supplements for safe baking practices.
- Culinary & Baking Techniques: Gain online and physical resources to enrich classroom learning.
- Industry Connections: Link students to real-world baking careers across the supply chain.

All resources and labs align with FCS national standards.
*50 includes lunch, supplies and resources

For more information, email UWSP Continuing Education at uwspcew@uwsp.edu or call 715-846-3838



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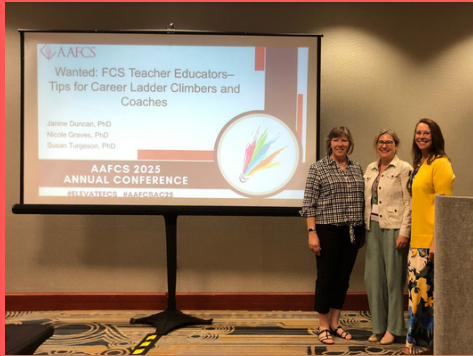
AAFCS Annual Conference
WAFCS Attendees



Cathy Lader
AAFCS Leader Award

AAFCS Breakout Reflections

Recap of "Wanted: FCS Teacher Educators, Tips for Career Ladder Climbers and Coaches" Written by Caiping Su



At the AAFCS 2025 conference, a panel discussion titled "Wanted: FCS Teacher Educators -Tips for Career Ladder Climbers and Coaches" featured insights from Susan Turgeson, Janine Duncan, and Nicole Graves.

- **Janine Duncan** - College of Health and Human Sciences, Purdue University
- **Nicole Graves** - Department of Teaching, Learning, and Leadership, South Dakota State University
- **Susan Turgeson** - Family and Consumer Sciences, University of Wisconsin Stevens Point

Turgeson and her fellow panelists focused on providing valuable insights and strategies for those aspiring to advance in the field of Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) education. Susan Turgeson, an esteemed educator and panelist, shared her expertise on navigating the career ladder in this rewarding but challenging field. She emphasized the importance of mentorship, continuous professional development, and fitting individual professional interests with the institution's situations regarding teaching, research, and service, suggesting that both emerging educators and seasoned professionals remain adaptable and influential in shaping the future of FCS education.

The panel also discussed the evolving landscape of FCS education and the increasing demand for innovative teaching methods that address contemporary issues. Attendees left with actionable tips on how to enhance their teaching practices, foster professional growth, and effectively navigate career advancement as classroom teachers, extension educators, and teacher educators.

Family and Consumer Sciences is the Future of Career Clusters Submitted by Jenny Wehmeier

A panel of experts led us through how to support FCS & career clusters through:

- Modernized Career Clusters (original career clusters started in 2002)
 - The new framework is meant to serve as a bridge between education and the workforce, ensuring students are prepared for real-world success.
- Explore FCS Connections
 - Within the new Cluster Groupings, Creating & Experiencing; Investing in the Future; and Caring for Communities connect the most closely to FCS.
- Strategies and Resources
 - FCCLA has updated its resources to align with the modernized Career Clusters Framework.
 - There is a New Modernized FCCLA Career Clusters Logo that can be utilized to educate members and advisors.

Information was also shared on the Pre-Professional Credentials of Value and their alignment with The National Career Clusters Framework. More information can be found at www.aafcs.org/pre-pac.