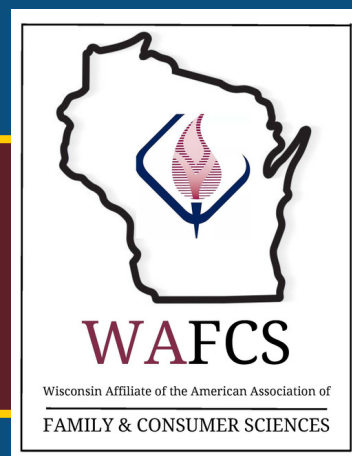


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November Professional Development Opportunities



November 6, 2025

4:00–5:00 pm CT

Hazard Proofing Finances: Tools for Teaching Weather Resilient Financial Education

Jenny Abel, UW Madison, Division of Extension
AAFCS 2025 Annual Conference Presenter



November 18, 2025

4:00–5:00 pm CT

Benefits of Foundation Scholarships & Travelships – Tips for Completing Foundation Applications

Susan Turgeson, Ed.D. CFCS
WAFCS Student Unit Recipients

Karen Dickrell, Retired
Professor Emeritus UW Madison Extension

PLUS



WAFCS Executive Board Updates - 2026 Annual Conference

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.



President Cathy's Corner

How many hours are in your day? Check out AAFCS resources that are at member's finger tips. Set aside 20 minutes a week to explore the AAFCS website. Why?

FIRST EVER FCS industry study. Need data for advisory board presentations, FCS proposals to school board, or community infomercials? Check out the Executive Summary <https://www.aafcs.org/resources/fcs-wow>



VIRTUAL LEARNING SERIES are free for members.
Refresh student culinary experiences by connecting labs to standards, timing, and student roles.



NEW LEARNING PLATFORM - Explore Think FCS which contains a wealth of resources.



Do you have 20 minutes to make the most of your WAFCS/AAFCS member benefits this week?
WAFCS "Connecting FCS Professionals, Enriching Lives"

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~ From Our Members ~

Google, Applied Digital Skills, Google for Education,
2017. (Updated regularly)

Overview of Resource:

Google's Applied Digital Skills is a free, project-based digital curriculum designed to teach practical technology skills using real-world scenarios. Lessons cover topics such as communication, goal setting, spreadsheets, presentations, and problem-solving, all taught through short instructional videos and hands-on activities. The program is tailored for a wide range of learners—from middle school students to adults—and aligns well with 21st-century workplace and college readiness skills.

Each lesson includes step-by-step instructions, downloadable lesson plans, and opportunities for self-paced learning, which makes it flexible for diverse classroom settings. Because the program is web-based and free, students can access it anywhere, promoting collaboration and independent work both inside and outside of class.

Reflection:

I use Applied Digital Skills in my College & Career Readiness class to build both digital literacy and professional communication skills. One favorite activity is the "Goal-Setting Emails" lesson, which teaches students to write clear, professional messages while planning their academic and career goals. The fact that the program is free makes it especially appealing for educators, and its real-world context keeps students engaged. The self-guided videos allow me to provide individualized support while they work, making it a valuable tool for preparing students for college and workplace expectations.

From Our Members will feature members sharing reflections, resources, lesson plans, or current FCS issues. Consider contributing to a future E-News by contacting Cindy at:
cindyquilling.wafcs@gmail.com



Ryan Lehman

~ From The Foundation ~

WAFCS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Looking for financial assistance for college? Your WAFCS Foundation offers a \$750 Undergraduate Scholarship and a \$1,250 Graduate Scholarship to students currently registered in a Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) or related undergraduate/graduate degree programs at an accredited Wisconsin college or university. Visit the WAFCS website at aafcs.org/wafcs/home under Forms to find the Scholarship Recommendation and Application forms. All applications are due February 1.



Rita Houser
Foundation Chairperson

SketchUp

<https://sketchup.trimble.com/>

Resource Share - Sadie Hooker

VP of Communication and Technology

"SketchUp is a powerful yet accessible 3D modeling tool that fits seamlessly into high school Housing and Interior Design courses. It allows students to design interior and architectural spaces in a digital environment, helping them visualize room layouts, furniture placement, and structural features with precision. For teachers, SketchUp offers a practical way to bring design concepts to life without needing advanced software experience. Its intuitive interface makes it easy for students to start building right away, using drag-and-drop features, measurement tools, and a large library of pre-made models.

SketchUp for Schools is free, web-based, and integrates well with Google Workspace, making it a convenient option for classrooms using Chromebooks or other cloud-based systems. Beyond its classroom applications, SketchUp introduces students to industry-standard tools that are used in interior design, architecture, and construction fields. Integrating it into lessons not only enhances creativity and critical thinking but also builds technical skills that support early career exploration. From creating dream bedrooms to planning functional living spaces, SketchUp encourages students to apply what they've learned in a way that feels both relevant and real-world.

A former student who attends Western Technical College and is majoring in Architectural Technology introduced this resource to me, and I now use it in my Housing & Interior Design course. We have found it works best with a physical mouse, but works fine with a track pad or touchscreen. Happy creating!!"

Stay Connected!

- WAFCS Annual Conference held at the Wisconsin Hotel and Convention Center – February 26-27, 2026
- WAFCS Website: <https://www.aafcs.org/wafcs/home>
- WAFCS FOUNDATION - [Donate Here](#)
- Professional Development 2025-2026 Series Found [HERE](#)
- Awards Information: For additional information regarding the awards, including eligibility criteria, the nomination form, and application materials, please visit [HERE](#).



Christine Kniep, Congratulations on your Induction into the NEAFCS Hall of Fame! What a well-deserved and prestigious honor.

~ Campus Updates ~

UW-Stevens Point

- UWSP hosted the Fall Leadership Conference for WI FCCLA on Oct. 15 and will be hosting the Fall Leadership Conference for HOSA on Nov. 5. FCS Education students assist with these events by sharing program information and serving as guides.
- The FCCLA post-secondary chapter is celebrating SOCK-tober and conducting a fundraiser/service project in conjunction with We HelpTwo.
- All student organizations (SPAFCS, FCCLA, UCFR, CLASP, and Phi U) are actively engaged in programming and service projects – follow them on social media to see what's new!



Susan Turgeson Amanda Drews
UW-Stevens Point UW-Stout

UW-Stout

- UW-Stout's Family and Consumer Sciences Education (FCSE) program has been busy throughout late September and October! The campus hosted FCSE Educator Workshops, bringing together teachers and alumni from across Wisconsin to collaborate and share innovative teaching ideas.
- In October, 170 high school students visited campus for Teach Day, representing all areas of education. FCSE students helped guide future educators in teaching sample lessons and demonstrating hands-on instructional strategies.
- UW-Stout also welcomed 245 FCCLA student leaders for the annual FCCLA Leadership Day, where FCSE students helped promote FCS Education and related careers, and attended leadership and adviser sessions.
- Meanwhile, the FCSE students are thriving in their new temporary home in Jarvis Hall, where students are enjoying using the CTE Innovation Lab's new sewing machines and manipulatives to design creative, hands-on curriculum projects.

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Welcome New WAFCS Members from September!

- Owen Batte
- Addasyn Blosser
- Jonathon Braun
- Simone Brown
- Cormick Buti
- Ella Heidmann
- Clare Heuss
- Emmalee Johnson
- Emily Knutson
- Emily Lange
- Madelynn Poppy
- Jo Stonelake
- Makenzie Tesmer
- Emma Toney
- Chloe Wipperfurth

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