

PAFCS Member Update

News especially for PAFCS members

Hello PAFCS Members!

I hope the beginning of your school year is off to a great start! AAFCS/PAFCS members also have many great opportunities to participate in leadership training, professional development, and local events. Watch your email and social media for local event announcements.

Always Advocating for FCS!
Michelle Tweardy, CFCS

AAFCS needs your feedback. Have you always wanted to share your ideas with AAFCS? Give your feedback on your membership experience, leadership development, and future association priorities by completing this survey by October 1 - [AAFCS Member Survey](#)

UPCOMING PAFCS MEETINGS & EVENTS

See Page 2 for details.

**PAFCS ZOOM
Meeting Link**
Meeting ID: 21 1899 1909
Passcode: 051326

LOCAL HIGHLIGHT

Messiah University's
Annual FCS
Spotlight Event
for FCS Teachers, Parents,
& High School Students to
explore teaching FCS.

October 28, 2026
Registration



**SHARE THE FCS LOVE
with Tell 'Em Tuesdays
Social Media Campaign**



**Tell'em Tuesday Social
Media Campaign** provides
ready-to-use resources to
help raise awareness of the
impact of FCS.

Find more details at
<https://www.fcscd.net/fcsed/about/about-regions/tell-em-tuesday>

CELEBRATE 'NATIONAL BE A TEACHER DAY' October 8, 2026

First, find out how to get involved at www.beateacherday.org
Then, join AAFCS Teacher of the Year on October 6th for a featured
[webinar](#) sponsored by AAFCS and G-W Publishing Company.

High Impact FCS Teaching in Action

with Shawna Wilson, National Teacher of the Year



Would you like to make an impact as a leader in AAFCS?

Consider applying for the 2027-2028 AAFCS Leadership Academy

Lead With Purpose. Lead With Impact. Lead AAFCS.

2027-28 AAFCS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

→ Apply By Oct. 1, 2026
Beginning virtually April 2027
Continuing in-person 1.5 days prior to the 2027 AAFCS Annual Conference

Learn more at <https://aafcs.org/leadership-academy>

Share your Great News with PAFCS and other members.

PAFCS would love to highlight all of the great things that our members are doing. Share your great news with us and we will include it in our announcements in various ways. You will choose which methods you would like your news to be shared. You are welcome to provide links to your school website or social media posts. **Send information to [Great News Info Form](#)**

If you are a PAFCS member and would like to become more involved with the Association by becoming a committee member, Advisory Board/Board member, or you have comments you would like to share, please contact one of the Executive Board members. We welcome your talent, creativity, experience, and ideas.

Michelle Tweardy (President)
Morgan Ferczak (President-Elect)
Sharon Baillie (Past President)

Mary Kaye Rhude-Faust (Executive Director)
Bethany Pepe (Secretary)
Elizabeth Gallagher (Treasurer)

BE A PART OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

September 14 - **Internal Relations Committee**

September 16 - **Membership Committee**

September 18-20 - AAFCS Fall Leadership Summit, Pittsburgh, PA

September 22 - **Nominations Committee**

September 24 - **External Relations/Advocacy Grant**

September 27 - **HUGS - Planning meeting**

September 28 - **Conference Planning - Area VPs & District Chairs**

October 1 - Deadline for Applications

- [Leadership Academy](#)
- [AAFCS Board of Directors](#)

October 1 - AAFCS Membership [Feedback Survey](#) Deadline

October 6, 4:30 - 6:30 pm - AAFCS Professional Development Event

- [High Impact FCS Teaching in Action: Be a Teacher Webinar](#)

October 6 - **Revisions Committee**

October 8 - National FCCLA [Be a Teacher Day](#)

October 11 - Leadership Team Meeting

October 18 - Eastern PAFCS Event - Mt. Airy Lavender Farm

October 28, 4:30 - 7:30 pm - [Messiah FCS Spotlight Event](#)

October 28, 7 pm - Northeast Network Meeting - Sustainable Fashion (NJ)

November 6-8 - IUP Alumni Weekend



December TBD - Western PAFCS Event - Sarris Chocolate Factory Tour