

PAFCS Member Update

News especially for PAFCS members

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**Board of Directors and
Advisory Committee**
August 23, 7:30 pm

**External Relations
Committee**
August 27, 7:30 pm

**Conference Planning
(Area VPs/District Chairs)**
August 31, 7:30 pm

Leadership Team
September 13, 7:30 pm

**Internal Relations
Committee**
September 14, 7:30 pm

Membership Committee
September 16, 7:30 pm

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

**PAFCS ZOOM
Meeting Link**

Meeting ID: 21 1899 1909
Passcode: 051326

Hello PAFCS Members!

Thank you for being a member of the Pennsylvania Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. We appreciate your participation in the network of FCS professionals advocating for the value and impact that Family & Consumer Sciences has on individuals, families, and community. We are excited to support you and build relationships with our FCS friends this year!

As President of PAFCS, I am looking forward to opportunities for connection and collaboration throughout our association and Pennsylvania. During the summer, our leadership team developed a [Strategic Plan for 2026-2027](#) with goals for membership growth and engagement, effective communication methods, professional development opportunities, advocacy and public awareness, and responsible financial stewardship. We were awarded an AAFCS Advocacy Grant to assist in our efforts to promote FCS in Pennsylvania. I ask that you review the [Strategic Plan](#) and find ways that you can get involved. You are welcome to contact me with questions or ideas.

We have exciting events happening in Pennsylvania this year. AAFCS is hosting their Fall Leadership Summit in September 2026 and AAFCS Annual Conference in June 2027 in Pittsburgh, PA. This is an excellent opportunity to highlight FCS in Pennsylvania. We had a great group of PAFCS members attend the AAFCS Annual Conference in June 2026 in Louisville, KY. PAFCS was recognized at the event as one of the first states to receive the Star Affiliate Award. I encourage you to reach out to the PAFCS members who attended the conference to learn more about their experiences with AAFCS professional development, networking, and fun.

We will be planning local district events throughout the school year that will lead to our Pennsylvania Recognition Night at the AAFCS Annual Conference in June 2027. We hope to see you there!



Always Advocating for FCS!

Yours truly,
Michelle Tweardy, CFCS

PAFCS Members who attended the AAFCS Annual Conference in Louisville, KY (June 2026) are included the photo above from left to right: Florence Wydra-Gat, CFCS (Eastern Area VP), Mercy Ross, CFCS (Northeast Network Representative), Michelle Tweardy, CFCS (President), Teresa Brownlee (External Relations VP), Ellen Bolton (Parliamentarian), and Nadine Standley (Western Area VP).



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)