



Speakers Bureau Presentation Script

Home Slide:

- Today's students have a lot on their plates academically. From state testing to common core, students are provided with curriculum that is aimed to help them succeed in their future college and career endeavors.
- But are students prepared to face the challenges of every day life?

About Slide:

- Family and Consumer Sciences provides students with research-based knowledge they can't live without.
- Regardless of the path a student takes beyond high school, whether it be college or career, Family and Consumer Sciences equips them with the knowledge they need to be financially independent, healthy and successful.

Curriculum Slide:

- Family and Consumer Sciences offers a wide selection of high school and middle school courses
- These course focus on providing students with knowledge that they can apply to their every day life.
- Curriculum offerings focus on: **[point to each bullet as you go down the list]**
 - o Personal financial management
 - o Career and college readiness
 - o Personal wellness
 - o Nutrition
 - o Food science
 - o Leadership and community engagement
 - o Child development
- Each of these areas is crucial to becoming a successful adult.
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Knowledge Students Can't Live Without Slide:

- Through each course offering provided through Family and Consumer Sciences, students are given hands-on opportunities to apply what they learn in the classroom to their lives today and in the future.

Personal Finances Slide: *All data provided by Forbes*

- The Federal Reserve reported that, as of July 2015, the average American household had \$7,400 in credit card debt.



- Are current high school students equipped with the knowledge they need to avoid the pitfalls of credit card debt?
- Family and Consumer Sciences offers courses specializing in the management of personal and family finances.
- With this information, students learn how to be proactive with their finances, manage a budget and avoid excessive debt while planning for financial independence.

Career Planning Slide:

- Two-thirds of all college graduates have some level of college debt.
- The average borrower graduates with an excess of \$25,000 in debt, with 10% of graduates exceeding \$40,000 and a growing percentage exceeding \$100,000 in debt.
- Thoughtful career exploration and planning through family and consumer sciences courses enables students to explore potential careers paths, understand the education and skills needed to succeed in that career and plan their future accordingly.
- This helps students understand the path they need to take before college.

Healthy Food and Living Slide: *All data provided by the Center for Disease Control*

- According to the Center for Disease Control, 68.5% of adults in the United States are overweight or obese.
- Family and Consumer Sciences provides students with hands-on experiences in meal planning and food preparation to better understand healthy food choices.
- When confronted with choices on whether to eat a cheeseburger or a salad, students in Family and Consumer Sciences have the knowledge they need to make decisions for a longer, healthier life.

Child Development Slide

- Babies don't come with directions, and they can't verbalize their needs to a caretaker.
- For students interested in the career field of child care and child development, or those with aspirations to one day have a family of their own, Family and Consumer Sciences offers courses to help prepare them better understand the needs of young children.



Independent Living Slide:

- At some point in their lives, today's students will be living independently. This means they will be responsible for making their own decisions and shaping their own future.
- But do young adults have the skills and knowledge they need to live independently?
- Successful independent living includes an understanding of financial management, healthy and nutritional food choices, personal wellness and a variety of other factors.
- Family and Consumer Sciences courses address these challenges of every day life, helping students develop into successful adults.

Family and Consumer Sciences:

- Regardless of the future path today's middle and high school students decide to take, Family and Consumer Sciences provides them with the knowledge they can't live without.

Testimonials Slide:

- So how has Family and Consumer Sciences impacted former students?

"Now, I don't normally read quotes, but these quotes reflect direct student experiences who have benefited from Family and Consumer Science courses."

Linda Tomajko Testimony Slide:

- For Linda, Family and Consumer Sciences' financial management and meal preparation courses helped her and her husband navigate through difficult waters when her husband lost his job.
- Equipped with the knowledge needed to understand how to budget personal family finances and prepare meals on a limited income, Linda and her husband avoided the pitfalls of debt and unhealthy eating while he recovered from injury and was able to return to work.

Carter McKay Testimony Slide:

- Carter wasn't initially comfortable with public speaking, but through career exploration courses, she knew it would be critical to succeeding in her future career.
- Through Family and Consumer Sciences, Carter learned how to be comfortable speaking in public and asking difficult questions, leading to a fulfilling career with NBC.

Luke Romick Testimony Slide:



- Luke knew he wanted to go to college, but he had no idea how he could afford it or what path he needed to take to make the most out of his college experience.
- In just one semester of Family and Consumer Sciences courses, Luke learned the knowledge he needed to succeed in college, graduate with minimal debt and be on the pathway to future success.

Family and Consumer Sciences Slide:

- As evidenced by the testimonials, Family and Consumer Sciences provided Linda, Carter and Luke with knowledge they couldn't live without.

Why It Matters Slide:

- But what about today's current students?
- Do students have the knowledge they need to be successful beyond high school?
- The only way to find out was to ask them.
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- Family and Consumer Sciences provides students with the knowledge they can't live without.
- What do you think? Do today's students need Family and Consumer Sciences?

Take questions and facilitate discussion