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A Message from your President:

Hello Fellow OAFCS Members!

It is hard to believe that my term is half over. I do hope that all of you had a very enjoyable holiday season with friends and family. As the New Year begins it is time to make sure our goals are met. I still want to do the weekly or monthly newspaper articles for every county in the state of Ohio. I have had replies from a few people that feel their county is already being served with messages in our area of expertise. If I might share some person insights and hopes with you, I feel that as an organization, we should be visible for which all families and individuals to make a connection. As the experts in our field, we will be able to promote Family and Consumer Sciences as a professional and body of expert knowledge much better if we put forth a united front. Also, the more we can put ourselves and our voice before the public, the more we will become the voice of knowledge to solve the practical perennial problems that everyone faces.



Therefore, I am again asking that you help us in promoting our profession by taking on the task of submitting articles to your county newspapers. We have several counties without members. This might also be a networking method of increasing our membership as well as helping with the work load. If you are a good writer and enjoy this sort of thing, please consider submitting articles to myself for sharing and publication throughout Ohio. I will be collecting the articles and distributing them to all our hearty news messengers.

Why you ask would we not just put it on a server that reaches all the newspapers? The old fashioned way of hand delivering the articles gains us recognition with the people in charge of getting our message out to the public via the newspapers. It also helps with individual networking with the media. Who knows, maybe you will be given an award from your local newspaper for being a contributor that improves the healthy and welfare of the people in your neighborhood.

So, write me and let me know that you have heard the call and are a willing media task force member. Helping your fellow man and enriching the lives of those that live in your neighborhood.

On another note, Ohio's annual conference is just around the corner. It promised to be filled with updates in the profession, good food, new experiences, and wonderful opportunities for networking with your fellow professionals. OAFCS is your professional family. Come to our yearly family reunion. Renew old friendships and make new ones. I hope to see all of you in Dublin in March. How about wearing green to keep with the Irish namesake and put a little fun into your step and time at the Embassy Suites.

I am looking forward to seeing you. Please step up and introduce yourself and say "Hi" while you are there. And above all, have fun.

Donna Anderson, OAFCS President

You only have a few days left to get your application in for the OAFCS scholarship!!

Applications and information are available on the OAFCS website. The deadline to apply is January 31st. You will need an application, letter of recommendation from a faculty member, a transcript of your grades, and a copy of your OAFCS membership card. We are awarding (3) \$1000 scholarships this year to undergrad and/or grad students.



OAFCS Awards

OAFCS will recognize outstanding members at the annual meeting in March, 2012. New Achiever Awards recognize young FCS professionals who show potential to lead the association into the future. Leader awards go to those who have served the profession and the association. Distinguished Service Awards recognize professional achievement.

OAFCS also awards the Friend of the Family each year. This honor is presented to an individual or organization involved in making decisions which affect the well-being of families. Its purpose is to recognize leaders whose work over time has made a significant contribution in policy areas affecting the family.

Applications for these awards are available on line at www.OAFCS.org. Completed forms are due by Jan. 31, 2012 and should be sent to eptacek@hotmail.com.

In addition to the award applications, three OAFCS scholarships will be presented in 2012. If you are an undergrad or masters student in need of financial assistance, check out the OAFCS website for information on the OAFCS scholarship. Forms, requirements, and instructions for filling out the application are available.

Applications are due (or at least postmarked) by Jan.31, 2012, and need to be sent to Donna Green, Scholarship Chair. Questions? Email green.308@osu.edu for more info.

OAFCS Annual Meeting

2012 Annual Meeting

Family and Consumer Sciences

Connecting Professionals: Balancing Lives

2012 OAFCS Annual Meeting

March 23 – 24, 2012

Embassy Suites, Dublin Ohio

Thank you for your interest in advancing your career through participation in this family and consumer sciences (FCS) networking and professional development event. Please visit our website at: www.oafcs.org to download and print off your registration forms for the meeting.



AAFCS Professional Assessments Offered at 2012 OAFCS State Conference.

Visit the website for all the details. [Go here.](#)

RESOLUTIONS SUPPORT FCS EDUCATION AND HEALTHY WEIGHT



Resolutions addressing two critical issues—*Sustaining Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Obesity Prevention and Healthy Weight Initiative*—were sponsored by OAFCS and adopted by the AAFCS Senate last June.

OAFCS Public Policy Co-Chair Sandy Laurenson and Janet Laster are developing integrated Action Plans to promote FCS education in Ohio spotlighting the role of FCS education in addressing the obesity epidemic in schools and in the community. The resolutions are available at <http://www.aafcs.org/Advocacy/Resolutions.asp>. Members who are interested in helping with the development and implementation of these plans should contact Sandy Laurenson (Laurenson1@gmail.com) or Janet Laster (JanetFLaster@gmail.com).



DISTRICT B WORKSHOP FOR NE OHIO FCS TEACHERS ON APRIL 28

District B is hosting a strategic workshop for Northeast Ohio FCS teachers on April 28 at Summa in Akron. The workshop will support the AAFCS Resolutions—*Sustaining Family and Consumer Sciences Education* and *Obesity Prevention and Healthy Weight Initiative*. The program will include:

- the status of FCS education in Ohio and supportive initiatives and resources from OAFCS & AAFCS
- research, trends & issues related to healthy weight; implications for curriculum; and related data supporting the need for FCS education.
- public relations strategies and resources for teachers integrating the Healthy Weight Initiative with strengthening public support for FCS education

Invitations will be sent to all FCS teachers in the counties that comprise District B. For more information, contact Sandy Laurenson (Laurenson1@gmail.com).

Insights for Successfully Completing Applications for AAFCS Awards, Grants, Fellowships, and Scholarships By Awards and Recognition Committee – as shared at the Affiliates President Meeting at Annual Conference in Phoenix, AZ, June, 2011 – submitted by Donna Anderson, President OAFCS, 2011-2012

How can you help the Awards and Recognition Committee?

- * Promote the Awards Program to all the members.
- * Nominate qualified members for the “awards”.
- * Volunteer to be a juror.

Definition of “Awards”

- * Award a merit honor based on performance and on contributions to the field of family and Consumer Sciences
- * GRANT financial support given for research studies in family and consumer sciences
- * FELLOWSHIP financial support from an endowment given for graduate study in family and consumer sciences
- * SCHOLARSHIP financial support from an endowment given to a student for undergraduate study in family and consumer sciences

How do you know which “awards” are being offered in a given year?

- * Go to the AAFCS website www.aafcs.org and select RECOGNITION
- * Scroll down to see the Awards, Grants, Fellowships and Scholarships
- * Select the “award” for which you wish to apply or to make a nomination. Read the criteria/guidelines carefully

Online Submissions

- * The online submission process gives more time to complete the forms, creates an electronic “receipt for each submission and requires less labor than processing paper, and provides jurors with instant access to their work

Strong Applications

- * Answer the questions asked
- * Provide details that are complete and comprehensible
- * Represent membership/certification accurately
- * Specify how support material relates to the criteria
- * Are written clearly and concisely (within the word limit).

Hints for Success

- *Use current guidelines and forms that can be downloaded from the AAFCS website each fall.
- *Read the guidelines/criteria for the “award”
- *Process the document in WORD
- *Proof read
- *Cut and paste into the online form
- *Check that all guidelines are met
- *Proof read again.
- *Submit application/nomination

All policies, procedures and guidelines must be followed to have the application considered

- *Be sure to use the font specified for the award
- *AAFCS Credentials are the only ones used in judging AAFCS applications
- *The inclusion of letters of support is the responsibility of the applicant. Applications are eliminated if letters of recommendation are not included.

Additional Suggestions

- *Start early—maintain an updated file of your accomplishments
- *Outline the information and answer the questions that are asked
- *Check for correct spelling and grammar and ask someone to proof read the application for you
- *Re-apply if you are not a recipient the first time you apply. Each year there are excellent applications for each award. Not “winning” is not a negative reflection on any applicant.

Registration Open

Registrations for IFHE Congress 2012 in Melbourne are now open.

Information available at the website: <http://www.ifhe2012.org/>. Also, if you have questions, please feel free to contact me, Teena Jennings, at tj9@uakron.edu



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