



# The GAFCS NEWS

## Yes We Can, Community First!

Dear GAFCS Friends,

The countdown is here. We are less than 30 days away from the presidential elections, five months away from the GAFCS Annual meeting in Savannah, Georgia and eight months away from the 2009 AAFCS Annual Conference and Expo in Nashville, Tennessee. As time grows near for each of these important events, there is something equally important we can do to positively impact the face of our communities. Volunteer!

Sharing our everyday talents with those in our communities can greatly impact the lives of people. In these economic challenging times, now more than ever people need Family and Consumer Sciences professionals. Those struggling to manage money

may need your expertise with budgeting and or how to get out of debt. Why not offer to teach a group about finances? Some people may struggle with how to eat healthy with limited money. Offer to talk about and perhaps demonstrate "Nutrition on a Shoestring Budget" to a group.

Families may be more stressed because of financial concerns. Bringing parents together to talk about stressors and offering ideas on how to alleviate certain stressors may be an opportunity to help families and potentially reduce incidences of domestic violence.

These are just a few examples of how Family and Consumer Sciences professionals can help their local community. The October FACS

Newsletter reports that as of October 1, AAFCS members recorded 2,637 volunteer hours for the Second Century of Helping" community service project. To learn more about this project or record your hours, visit the Centennial Celebration web page at [www.afcs.org/centennial](http://www.afcs.org/centennial). Now is the time to let our profession shine and show communities in Georgia the value of the Family and Consumer Science profession.

*Jessica*

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.  
— Anne Frank, *Diary of a Young Girl*

## GAFCS Annual Conference

GAFCS Annual Conference March 26-28, 2009 Marriot Savannah, "Evolving Technology: Impact on Individuals, Families and Communities"

Our Special Guest will be AAFCS President Sharon (Shelly) Nickols Richardson, Ph.D., R.D. The Annual Conference will be held jointly with the Florida Affiliate. The Early Bird Registration Deadline must be post-marked by September 15, 2008. A limited



number of hotel rooms are available. Block of rooms will be held until filled or until February 23, 2009, whichever comes first. Make your HOTEL reservations NOW to be assured the \$179.00 conference rate for single or double occupancy!

Call the Marriot Savannah Riverfront at 912-233-7722 or 800-285-0398 and ask for "Georgia Association of Family & Consumers Conference." Make your plans early to attend.

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is the newsletter for members of the Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. Photos and articles from and about members are welcome.

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## GAFCS Public Policy Update

Public Policy Resolutions are a key component of our professional Association. An approved resolution defines the Association's position on an issue, articulates and provides support of common concerns, and helps to influence public opinion. In 2008, a resolution focusing on *Identity Theft* was passed by the Senate at the AAFCS Annual Convention. In 2007, resolutions stating the position of the Association on *Life and Career Choice Class Requirements* and *Renewable Alternative Energy Benefits* were passed. You may read these resolutions and others at <http://www.aafcs.org/policy/resolutions.html>.

The time has come for members to

draft new resolutions to be considered for adoption at the 2009 AAFCS Annual Convention. Any affiliate or official group of AAFCS may submit a resolution. Individual members may submit a resolution through any official entity of the Association. The GAFCS Executive Board wants to encourage members to consider submitting a resolution focusing on issues of concern to us all as FCS professionals. If you have an idea for a resolution, please visit <http://www.aafcs.org/policy/resolutions.html> to review the guidelines and formats for resolutions. Resolutions are due to the AAFCS Public Policy Committee by



November 1, 2008. Therefore, GAFCS would need to call for a vote on a resolution from our state affiliate by October 30, 2008. Please contact me at [dsewell@abac.edu](mailto:dsewell@abac.edu) or 229-391-4810 if you are interested in drafting a resolution. Visit the *Public Policy Tool Kit* featured on the AAFCS homepage, [www.aafcs.org](http://www.aafcs.org), to find a wealth of resources that will help you advocate for FCS-related legislation. Let's get engaged in the Public Policy Process!!!

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## Student Unit Update

Student Unit Update:

During the summer, the newly elected Student Unit officers got to work and created a set of official bylaws for the Georgia Student Unit. We plan on approving the bylaws at the Student Unit Fall Meeting. Additional goals the Student Unit has for this year involve completing a service project in cooperation with the Florida Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. The project involves collecting used stamps to benefit Habitat for Humanity. To promote friendly competition, each student unit has been challenged to make both an individual chapter scrapbook and to compile a state scrapbook focusing on the history our individual units and the history of the Georgia Student Unit.

Chapter Unit Updates: Student Unit President Carmen Tarbush, FACS Education at UGA, has started a Student Unit Newsletter, STUN1101 that will be sent quarterly via email to the individual chapters. A sum-

mary of its content is provided: ABAC sent 4 students to the GAFCS State Meeting, one student to the Leadership Honor's Boot-camp in D.C., and one student to the National Meeting in Milwaukee. Linsey Johnson, ABAC student & FACS Education major, is the National Second Vice Chair of the AAFCS Student Unit. ABAC has recently elected local officers, set goals for the year, and are busy reviving their chapter after a year-long break in which Darby Sewell earned her Ph.D.! Morgan Evans, FACS Education major, is their STUNning student for this quarter.

FVSU sent 6 students to the GAFCS State Meeting. There, they volunteered to hold the GAFCS Fall Meeting for the student unit. They are busy making plans for the meeting. They will host some chapters on site while others will attend via virtual conferences. Valerie Burnette is their STUNning student for this quarter.

UGA sent 6 undergraduate and 2

graduate students to the GAFCS State Meeting and 5 undergraduate and 2 graduate students to the AAFCS National Meeting. They received the National Student Unit Community Service Award, and Traci Jarrett became the Vice Chair of Outreach and Service. They look forward to a large membership increase and an assortment of activities this year. Molly Peterson is their STUNning student for this quarter.

If you would like to help with our statewide endeavors, please contact Carmen Tarbush at [car-men10@uga.edu](mailto:car-men10@uga.edu) for more information. If you would like to send used stamps to our service project, please send them to Kathy Kay at 2317 NW 60th Way; Gainesville, FL 32606.

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# Expanded On-Line Membership Directory

Greetings, Members:

In the recent [Your Voice Counts Membership Survey](#), "networking opportunities" was cited as one of the top five reasons for joining a professional association. Today, AAFCS is pleased to bring to our members the newly expanded AAFCS online searchable membership directory that includes all members. This benefit is exclusive to our members and is accessible upon signing in to the [AAFCS Web Portal](#).

This benefit further expands AAFCS networking options by making mem-

ber contact information easily (and quickly) accessible to other AAFCS members. Because the directory is online, members can access it anywhere -- home, work, or from a remote location. AAFCS is pleased to provide this inclusive online membership directory that is reflective of AAFCS' nationwide membership.



Coupled with the online networking supported by [AAFCS Communities](#), AAFCS

is positioned to enter our next [Centennial](#) with a strong, dynamic web presence!

If you'd rather not appear in the directory for any reason, opting out is easy with these options:

- 1) Online through maintenance of your member profile. Step-by-step instructions available [here](#).
- 2) Call AAFCS at 1-800-424-8080 or 1-703-706-4600 and ask to opt out of the membership directory.
- 3) Email your opt-out request to [membership@aafcs.org](mailto:membership@aafcs.org).
- 4) Mail your opt-out request to AAFCS headquarters.

Thank you,  
AAFCS Headquarters Staff

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS



**AAFCS 100th Annual Conference & Expo**  
CELEBRATING THE PAST, SUSTAINING THE FUTURE  
June 25-28, 2009 ~ Knoxville, Tennessee

ALL proposals for theme-based educational sessions, board or business meetings, showcases or displays, meal functions, and certain types of events of interest **must be submitted by using the online proposal submission system**. The submission system will be **open until midnight (11:59pm Eastern Time) on October 14, 2008**.

AAFCS is inviting family and consumer sciences and related professionals to submit theme-based educational session proposals on sustainability topics, such as designing more eco-friendly fabrics, reducing waste in food preparation, and increasing the use of recycling in homes, schools, and workplaces. To commemorate



AAFCS' Centennial, the conference will also address the history and future of the Association and FCS profession.

**Want to submit a theme-based session or other AAFCS proposal?**

Visit [www.aafcs.org/meetings/09/index.html](http://www.aafcs.org/meetings/09/index.html) for information about how to prepare and submit your proposal(s), as well as answers to many frequently asked questions.

**Want to submit a proposal to present at an invited session or event?**

Proposals to present at the following invited sessions and events are not submitted by using the online proposal submission system and are coordinated by the AAFCS units. Please visit

[www.aafcs.org/meetings/09/index.html](http://www.aafcs.org/meetings/09/index.html) to download and read each form for submission instructions and deadlines.

Community of Apparel, Textiles, and Design (ATD)  
Juried Showcase and Exhibition

Community of Colleges, Universities, and Research (CUR) Research Poster Session/Oral Presentations

Community of Elementary, Secondary, and Adult Education (ESAE) Curriculum Showcase

Higher Education Unit (HEU) Undergraduate Student Research Poster Session

**We look forward to your participation in the AAFCS 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference!**



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## Looking for Military Personnel With Degrees In Home Economics or Dietetics

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Do you have a degree in home economics, family & consumer sciences, or dietetics and have served in the U.S. Military?

If so, Project Identify and Recognize wants to honor you for your military service and to document your service to the country and profession by the Centennial year 2009 of the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS).

All military servicewomen, on active duty, reserves, or veteran with an undergraduate or graduate degree in home economics, family & consumer sciences, or dietetics, are eligible to receive this distinguished honor. If you meet these two criteria (degree and military service)



register with Project Identify and Recognize by completing a confidential "personal data form" which can be obtained from the Project Director, Ms Janett Gibbs. Military personnel or friend of the deceased can contact Ms Gibbs by telephone/fax (706) 546 6372 or e-mail [jangibbs@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jangibbs@ix.netcom.com). There is no fee to register.

Each honoree receives a Certificate of Appreciation and beautiful Recognition brooch, designed especially for the Project. The brooch features the Betty Lamp, the symbol of AAFCS, flanked by the furling flag of the United States. Crowning the brooch in a protective manner is the American eagle with massive outstretched wings. There is no cost to

the honoree to receive the Certificate or Recognition brooch.

Project Identify & Recognize is collecting and recording the data to document the accomplishments and contributions of these professionals to the US Armed Forces and the profession.

The sponsors are The American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences, formerly Home Economics, and the International Federation of Home Economics, USA. Membership in either association is not a requisite for this honor.

Over 190 women from all branches of service have received this honor in the past five years.

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