



Megan Palmer
President-Elect
Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
February 5, 2018

On behalf of the GAFCS Board of Directors I cordially invite you to an exciting event in professional development...the 2018 state annual conference. This event will take place in the student learning center on UGA Griffin Campus in Griffin, Georgia on March 23, 2018.

The theme of the conference is *Financial Fitness: Trends, Innovations and Impacts*. During this event, we will hear from a consumer expert from Clark Howard's team, Dr. Kirk Kealey, Director of the Center for Food Product Innovation and Commercialization (FoodPIC) on the Griffin Campus, and Junior Achievement of Georgia. Coveris will share how their products impact the economy and consumers and Joanne Cavis will prepare us for the AAFCS conference. We will honor some of our members, hear from a state legislative aide, install new officers, and conduct business during lunch. A poster session will showcase work that is being done throughout our state. The schedule at a glance is included. This year we would like for you to "toot your own horn" by completing the enclosed form.

So, join us in Griffin on March 23 and be a part of improving financial fitness for ourselves and the people we work with. The registration form has information to confirm your plans to attend. **Complete the form; enclose a check and mail postmarked by March 10 for early-bird registration.** Prepayment is required to be registered. *All your guests must be registered if attending.*

There is a listing of hotels in the Griffin area. Please note that there are no room blocks at any of them. Please make your own hotel reservations to fit your needs. Since most hotels provide a continental breakfast, please eat breakfast before arriving at the conference.

The AAFCS Annual Conference is in Atlanta, June 23-27. The AAFCS student unit is collecting travel size hygiene and toiletry items as their service project this year for a shelter in Atlanta. A basket will be available at the registration table for you to donate items for this worthy cause.

Refund Policy: Conference fees less \$10 service charge will be refunded if request is received in writing by March 16. There will be no refunds for cancellation after March 16.

AAFCS Professional Development Units have been applied for and such credentials will be available in your registration packet.

I look forward to seeing you in Griffin on March 23.

Sincerely,

Megan W. Palmer



GAFCS Conference Registration Form
March 23, 2018 in Griffin, Georgia
8:15 am – 4:15 pm



(Please Print or Type)

Name _____
 (as it will appear on name tag)

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Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ Email _____

AAFCS Member AAFCS Membership Number* _____

(*Visit the AAFCS Membership Website at <http://www.aafcs.org> to join)

How many years have you been a member? _____ Is this your first Annual Conference? Y N

GAFCS Conference Registration

Registration Fee:

Professional: \$65.00 until March 16 (postmarked by March 16) \$ _____

\$75.00 after March 16 (postmarked after March 16) \$ _____

Students: \$20.00 \$ _____

Donations: (to support student participants) \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to "GAFCS"

Cancellation Policy: Conference fee less \$10 Service Charge will be refunded if request is received in writing by March 20, 2018. There will be no refunds for cancellation after March 20, 2018.

Send Registration to:
 Megan Palmer
 1817 E. Washington St.
 Thomasville, GA 31792
 mpalmer@tcjackets.net

Conference Location:
 UGA Griffin Campus
 1109 Experiment Street
 Griffin, Georgia 30223

***See Below for the Schedule at a Glance and Hotel Information



Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (GAFCS)
Annual Conference
Student Learning Center – UGA Griffin Campus
1109 Experiment Street, Griffin, GA 30223

March 23, 2018

Financial Fitne\$\$: Trends, Innovations, and Impacts

Schedule at a Glance

BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

8:15 – 8:30 - REGISTRATION

8:30 – 8:40 - WELCOME

MORNING SESSIONS:

1. 8:40 – 9:45 - Junior Achievement of Georgia will demonstrate their Academy and how it brings real world connectivity into everyday academic experiences to create an engaging, relevant learning environment and challenge students to think beyond classroom walls.

9:45 – 9:55 - BREAK

2. 10:00 – 11:30 - Lori Silverman - Team Clark Howard, is prepared to share how they help consumers rethink finances, recognize the latest scams and ripoffs, as well as update us on budgeting and saving tips that will equip us as informed 2018 consumers.

11:45 – 1:00 - LUNCH:

Jake Conner, The University of Georgia Legislative Aide Program
Business Meeting, discussion and vote on By-laws
Awards & Recognition
Officer Installation

AFTERNOON SESSIONS:

1. 1:10 – 1:45 – Joanne Cavis - Chair, AAFCS 2018 Planning Committee, will provide an interactive session on how GAFCS will prepare for the 2018 National convention in Atlanta, provide expectations of the host affiliate, and determine ways each of us can assist.
2. 1:45 – 2:30 – Coveris, a leading international manufacturing company is dedicated to providing solutions that enhance the safety, quality and convenience of products we use every day. Coveris is the sponsor of our branded \$1,500 undergraduate scholarship.

2:30 – 2:45 – BREAK

3. 2:45 – 4:00 – Dr. Kirk Kealey - Director of the Center for Food PIC, will apply research on the conversion of agricultural commodities to value-added food and beverages for farmers and entrepreneurs. He will address quality attributes, food safety concerns, shelf stability and legal requirements of these products.

4:00 – 4:15 - CLOSING SESSION, DOOR PRIZES

Hotel Information For 2018 GAFCS State Conference

Country Inn & Suites by Carlson

1900 North Expressway
Griffin, GA 30223
770-228-9799
www.countryinns.com/griffin-ga
Inside entrance to rooms
Recently took over Holiday Inn – some renovations
Free breakfast, WiFi, indoor pool, whirlpool
*If UGA employed, they have a discounted rate, please ask about it.

Comfort Inn & Suites

1906 North Expressway
Griffin, GA 30223
770-233-4747
www.choice.com/griffin
Inside entrance to rooms
Remodeling in progress
Free breakfast buffet, WiFi, gym, kitchen suites

Baymont Inn & Suites Griffin

2007 North Griffin Highway
Griffin, GA 30223
770-229-9900
www.griffinhotel.com
Inside entrance to rooms
Free hot breakfast, WiFi. Exercise room, outdoor pool
Socializing in lobby area okay
*Mention GAFCS for a lower group rate

Quality Inn & Suites

2014 North Expressway
Griffin, GA 30223
770-229-6001
www.qualityinn.com/hotel/ga757
Outside entrance to room
Free breakfast, WiFi, gym, outdoor pool

Super 8 Griffin

2010 North Expressway
Griffin, GA 30223
770-228-1393
www.super8.com
Outside entrance to rooms
Very small breakfast area, WiFi, business center
*Can ask Brit Modi, manager, of possible discounted rate at time reservation is made (depends on how many rooms are vacant)

Other Hotels in Griffin – older properties all outside entrances

Days Inn Griffin, 770-229-9797
1719 North Expressway, Griffin, GA 30223

Econo Lodge Inn & Suites, 770-227-8400
1616 North Expressway, Griffin, GA 30223



***Please call early to make your reservation.
There is a car show at Atlanta Motor Speedway the weekend of our conference and this may affect rates the closer it gets to March 23.***

Please call the local number to make reservation as face to face contact has been made with all hotels listed in bold letters.

**Georgia Association of
Family & Consumer Sciences**

**2018 Annual Meeting Poster Session Form
Griffin Campus, University of Georgia**

**Complete form and send to mpalmer@tcjackets.net or mail to:
Megan Palmer
1817 E. Washington St.
Thomasville, GA 31792**

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail Address _____

Daytime Phone _____ Fax _____

Poster Title _____

Please bring an easel to display your poster, and have it set up in the Student Learning Center between 8:15 and 8:25 AM on March 23. A specific location will be identified.

Summary: In 25 to 50 words, please describe your poster topic.

GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

TOOT YOUR OWN HORN

During the year, we want to celebrate you! Share the accomplishments you have made this past MEMBERSHIP YEAR! Do not be shy! Simply complete this form anytime during the current year and send it to Arlene Fitts Winfrey, VP for Awards and Recognition at: afwinfrey@gmail.com.

NAME:

EMPLOYER,
SCHOOL
SYSTEM OR
UNIVERSITY:

POSITION:

OR RETIRED Yes

Please tell us about the award(s), promotion, honors and/or recognitions you have received during the most recent membership year: (Include professional and/or personal). Suggestions to include: Published Work(s); Promotions; Tenures; Teacher of the Week, Month, and/or Year; National Board Certifications; AAFCS Recognition/Awards; FCCLA Adviser Awards; Congressional Citations; Golden Apple Awards; Mother of the Year; Chamber of Commerce Awards; Earned Degrees; Scholarships; Births; Weddings; Retirements; New Jobs; Trainings; Certifications; Elected Offices; Volunteer Contributions to Society; etc.