

GAFCS NEWSLETTER

American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

VERY IMPORTANT NEWS

May 4: National FCS Educator Day

Save the date! As part of the "SAY YES TO FCS" campaign, on May 4th, people all over the United States will celebrate the value and achievements of family and consumer science educators and programs. FCS educators work in secondary education, higher education, and Extension education positions and, it is they who will be the focus of the recognition which pays tribute to the positive impact they have on individuals, families and communities every day.

AAFCS National Conference

GAFCS members who are attending AACCS conference in Dallas June 24 to 28, 2017, we need your help! If you are willing to help man the booth for AAFCS 2018 in Atlanta, PLEASE let Joanne Cavis know at jscavis@gmail.com ASAP.



Dr. Cynthia Johnson awarded GAFCS Leader Award

During our GAFCS annual conference, Dr. Cynthia Johnson was presented with the GAFCS Leader Award. Professor of Child and Family Development and Chair, School of Human Ecology (SHE), in the College of Health and Human Sciences, at Georgia Southern University since July, 2012, Cynthia Johnson joined AAFCS in July, 1979. Currently, she serves as VP Professional Development, Executive Board of Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, and on the 2018 Local Arrangements Committee.

She has said about her current role at Georgia Southern University: "What I enjoy most is finding out the aspirations of faculty members and helping them to accomplish their goals".

In June, 2016, Dr. Johnson was recognized by AAFCS with the Legacy Award for establishing the first national doctoral program in Medical Family Therapy, and her body of work in child development and family relations. The doctoral program began in the fall of 2005, at East Carolina University, College of Health and Human Performance, and the first graduates followed in May 2008. The program was accredited in

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Congratulations, Cara Winston Simmons!

Ten individuals have been named the first participants in The University of Georgia's Women's Staff Leadership Institute (WSLI). Launched in January by Human Resources, the WSLI is an annual program aligned with the Women's Leadership Initiative launched in 2015. The 2017 cohort includes employees from four units and four schools and colleges. Beginning April 24, they will meet monthly through October to attend half-day leadership workshops and take part in discussions on campus with UGA senior administrators.

Cara Winston Simmons, director of the Student Success and Advising Center in the College of FACS, has worked at UGA since 2003. She is responsible for directing the center's activities around recruitment, orientation, advising, career development, student involvement and leadership, experiential learning and student programming. She also provides oversight and secures funding for The Bridge, a four-part transition series for new FACS students, and the UGA Hygiene Closet.

Women selected for the inaugural class of the Women's Staff Leadership Institute already have achieved success in their careers at UGA, and the program allows them to develop leadership skills that will enhance that success and make them even more valuable to the university.

qualify them to pursue employment as researchers, educators, administrators, and/or clinicians in the field of MedFT. The doctoral students conduct research, teach and supervise from a relational and systemic perspective through the incorporation of a biopsychosocial-spiritual approach. The aim is to widen the knowledge base in health care to include biomedical, psychosocial, and family data in the collaborative education, treatment, research, and theoretical understanding of medical and mental health issues.

Cynthia E. Johnson, PhD, is an outstanding administrator, role model, and accomplished professional in Family and Consumer Sciences, a true AAFCS Leader.

Toot Your Own Horn!

We love to spotlight the accomplishments of our GAFCS members. If you'd like to "toot your own horn" fill out the form on our website, gafcs.org to be featured in an upcoming newsletter!

June Winn Thomas

Named District Director of the Oleander District of the Garden Club of Georgia.

Selected as Odum Garden Club President for 9th consecutive year.

Presented with the Wayne County Retired Teachers Association award for the most community volunteer hours.

Jackie Ogden

GFAFCS 1st Place Newsletter Award for the UGA Extension-Chatham County quarterly newsletter entitled, "FACS News You Can Use" at the 2016 GFAFCS conference.

Nominated as a candidate for the AAFCS Board of Directors.

Awarded designation as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Savannah South in recognition of FACS UGA Extension outreach in the areas of health and wellness to the citizens of Chatham County.

Arlene Fitts Winfrey



Dr. Linda Johnson, Ft. Valley State University professor, talks to high school senior, Ashlee Winfrey, during open house (Ashlee decided to attend the university. She is the granddaughter of board member Arlene Fitts Winfrey)

Sarah Catherine Black named UGA Amazing Student

In March 2017, AAFCS Student Unit Chair Sarah Catherine Black was named a UGA Amazing Student. FACS has always been a part of Sarah's life, and GAFCS is excited to have her serve on our executive board this upcoming year. To read more about Sarah's achievements, visit: <http://www.uga.edu/amazing/profile/black-sarah-catherine/>

Passing of Bettye P. Smith

Former GAFCS board member, Bettye P. Smith, of Athens, Georgia, took her final journey on Tuesday, December 6, 2016. She was born in Shreveport, LA, and received her bachelor's degree from Grambling State University, her masters' degree from Northwestern State University and her Doctorate from The [Ohio State University](#). She was a professor at the [University of Georgia](#).

Highlights from the 2017 GAFCS Annual Conference



Jake Conner winner of GAFCS \$500 Undergraduate Scholarship



Arlene Fitts Winfrey, received two awards from the National Coalition for Black Development in Family and Consumer Sciences and was honored as a "legend" @ the 2016 AAFCS Annual Conference in Seattle, Washington.



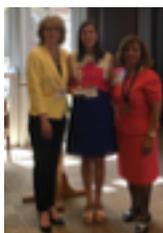
Fort Valley State University student delegation



Dr. Elizabeth L. Andress conducting a workshop on how to give successful food demos.



2017-2018 GAFCS Executive Board Installation



Ivy Odom presented with the "Oscar Award" for the creation of the new GAFCS website



Workshop with UGA Sports Medicine Doctoral Students and Staff