

GAFCS NEWSLETTER

American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

THANK YOU to our donors!

A BIG Thank you to these friends of GAFCS for contributing to the marketing project at the 108th AAFCS Conference and Expo in Dallas, Texas from June 24-28, 2017. The 600+ FCS professionals enjoyed and appreciated the information and treats they received at our GAFCS Booth. Marketing Atlanta and Georgia was a big success!

- Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau
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- Georgia Department of Economic Development – Tourism Division
- Georgia Farm Bureau – Muscogee County
- Georgia Peanut Commission
- Jittery Joe's Coffee Roasting Company



Ivy Odom (left) and Joanne Cavis (right)

Getting Connected, Staying Connected

Having members who join when they graduate from college and stay involved throughout their careers is invaluable to the AAFCS profession and state affiliates. Take for example, Joanne Cavis and Ivy Odom. Joanne joined AAFCS in 1966 and has never slowed down. In 2016, she was honored as a 50 year Gold Circle member. She was active in Philadelphia as a student member and in Delaware and Virginia as a professional member before moving to Georgia. Joanne has served in every GAFCS leadership capacity including President. She is currently Vice President for Public Policy and Chair of the 2018 Planning Committee for the national AAFCS Conference in Atlanta.

Ivy graduated summer 2015 from The University of Georgia, attended L'Academic de Cuisine in Gaithersburg, MD, and then accepted a position in the *Southern Living* test kitchens. Ivy was active in UGA's Student Unit and joined the GAFCS board immediately after graduation. As the Vice President for Communications, Ivy has completely revamped the GAFCS website, posted newsletters every quarter, and created a FaceBook page for GAFCS. We are fortunate to have members who join early and keep on giving! -**Altineka Golphin**

SAVE THE DATE!
2018 GAFCS Annual Conference
Friday, March 23, 2018
Location TBD

New FCS Curriculum Launches Toolkits @ i3: Inspiration, Innovation, Impact

Seed Life Skills is non-profit based in Athens, Georgia that has been on a mission for the past two years to collaboratively create a contemporary Family and Consumer Sciences curriculum. Working with a diverse community of parents, professors, extension agents, and professionals in Family and Consumer Sciences, they recently received a grant to launch the "Teachers Are Fueling The Future" campaign at the 2017 AAFCS Conference in Dallas. The back-to-school campaign is leading up to the launch of Seed Life's free, 2017 National FCS standards-aligned curriculum during August and September. Teachers can enter to win by August 10th to receive a kit of Food and Science education supplies to jump start their culinary education for the year. The kits include items from generous donors including All-Clad, T-Fal, and more. Register to win on their website www.seedlifekills.org/get-involved/fueling-the-future/

-Almeta Tulloss

Student Unit Update: UGA SAFCS

The Student Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (SAFCS) is excited to delve into service, leadership, and professional development in the coming academic year. The new executive board consists of diligent individuals who are ready to take the organization to higher heights. This year, the executive team hopes to work toward bridging the gap between the student organization and other FCS professionals.

Outgoing Executive Director, Sarah Catherine Black (pictured below) attended the recent AAFCS National Conference in Dallas, Texas. At the conference, she participated in the Student Service Project "Clean for a Cause" purposed to assist families in need. Students and FCS professionals partnered with the American Cleaning Institute by collecting donations and providing vital safety information on cleaning products. In summary, more than 2000 liquid detergent packets were donated. Service projects like these are necessary and work toward fulfilling the mission and theme of our wonderful organization – *Improving the Health and Wellbeing of a Changing Society*. Stay tuned for updates and happenings with SAFCS in the upcoming year! **-Morgan Easley, UGA SAFCS**



Don't Forget!
All GAFCS members can submit articles for the quarterly newsletter! If you have information you'd like to share with the membership, email Ivy Odom at ivyodom@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2018 AAFCS CONFERENCE IN ATLANTA

Megan Palmer and Karen Jones

During our all-day meeting of the Leadership Council some important topics were discussed. A brief review follows.

- AAFCS' current membership is approximately 4,000. The Leadership Challenge is for each Affiliate (that's us!) to recruit new members
- The FCS Day commitment form is posted on AAFCS website. Please promote the Commitment Map and claim a space on it.
- AAFCS is drafting a letter to Tom Selleck about support for Dining in Day due to many scenes revolving around the dinner table on the show Blue Bloods.
- FCS Education Day is February 13, 2018; use social media to post suggestions and use #SayYestoFCS.
- FCSGIVE is a way to donate to the association. Text to 41444, receive a message and donate. Goal is \$5,000.
- Fall Leadership is September 22 - 24, 2017 at Hyatt Centric in Arlington, VA.
- Helen Keller said, "It is a terrible thing to see, but have no vision." *We were challenged to ask our members to brainstorm a vision statement for the Georgia Affiliate to take to Fall Leadership.
- Find Your People Membership Campaign. There was much discussion about how to recruit new members with a clear rationale for joining, so they will see value in belonging to the organization
- AAFCS is working on a website that affiliates will have a connection to. This would revamp our website. More on this later!

GAFCS Members: Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 23 through Wednesday, June 27, 2018. That's when the AAFCS Conference will be at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis hotel (265 Peachtree Center Avenue, 30303).

The Peachtree Center MARTA station is 1/10th mile away and in walking distance of Centennial Olympic Park, as well as CNN, World of Coke, Georgia Aquarium, Center for Civil and Human Rights, and more.

The conference theme is: "Cultivating Social and Emotional Competence for Healthy Relationships".

The AAFCS website will be open for submissions for concurrent session presentations, curriculum showcase, research poster, etc. in mid-September and close in mid-October. Don't miss your opportunity to share your work.

We need YOUR help to show our Southern Hospitality. There are many volunteer activities that need your help on-site. Contact Joanne Cavis (JSCavis@gmail.com) for specific jobs - staffing the booth, chaperoning a tour, collecting tickets, monitoring a session, etc. Many hands make light work.

Do you know a business that could donate bottled water to give out in Atlanta? Dallas did that every day to keep people safe in the heat. We do not want to buy water for 650 people. . . And it will be HOT LANTA.

There is a 2018 Committee which has been hard at work for 13 months - just 11 more months to go. --- Want to join? Contact Joanne Cavis.

Stay tuned to the GAFCS and AAFCS websites for the latest information.

GAFCS Board Member Introduced AAFCS/ GAFCS to Dekalb County New Extension Agents



Left to Right: Arlene Fitts Winfrey, Breanna Williams and Zohregul (Zoe) Soltanmammedova

GAFCS Awards and Recognition

Below is a list of Awards/Scholarships that GAFCS will be offering in 2018. The Awards recognize and honor family and consumer sciences professionals and other individuals who have made significant contributions toward improving the lives of individuals, families, and communities.

Awards and Recognition

- Silver Circle Award
- Outstanding Family And Consumer Sciences Professional
- Leaders Award
- National Teacher of the Year Award
- Golden Circle Award
- Julius Benton Professional Improvement Award
- New Achiever Award
- Leader Award
- Wiley-Berger Award for Volunteer Service

Scholarships

- First Timer Attendee
- Graduate Scholarship
- Undergraduate Scholarship
- Outstanding FACS Professional

**All award or scholarship applications are due December 1, 2017.

Applications/Nomination forms may be downloaded, completed and mailed to Arlene Fitts Winfrey, VP for Awards and Recognition. However, it is preferred that they be completed in electronic format and emailed. Award winners will be recognized at the Annual 2018 GAFCS conference. For more information about our awards and recognition, please contact Arlene Fitts Winfrey at afwinfrey@gmail.com.

Are you interested in serving GAFCS as a juror for the 2018 Awards program? Please contact Arlene Fitts Winfrey at afwinfrey@gmail.com. It's a great volunteer opportunity.



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We have **VARIOUS EVENTS** for you to **LEARN MORE:**

- ▶ **FACSFridays** (Fall)
- ▶ **Tabling at Tate** (Summer/Fall)
- ▶ **FACS Info Sessions** (Fall/Spring)
- ▶ **Group Tours** (Fall/Spring)

<http://www.fcs.uga.edu/college/visit-us>

The American Cleaning Institute, under the leadership of VP Education, Nancy Brock, is hosting a series of 30-minute lunch-and-learn webinars that focus on public education campaigns from 12:30 – 1:00 pm EDT on August 9 and 23, October 25, November 8, 2017. There are wonderful educational materials available. Go to their website for more information.

-Joanne Cavis