

GAFCS NEWSLETTER

American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

Georgia Affiliate | February 2017

March 31, 2017 GAFCS Annual Conference

Fireside Lounge
Rooker Hall
Athens, Georgia

Join us in Athens for our annual conference on March 31, 2017. Registration packets have been sent via the GAFCS listserv. Please contact Karen Jones (kjones@uga.edu) if you did not receive a packet. Packets postmarked by March 16 will qualify for Early Bird registration, so get them in early!

We are looking forward to seeing you in Athens as we focus on "Improving the Health and Well-Being of a Changing Society"!



FACS Day at the Capitol 2017

February 16, 2017 marked FACS Day at the Capitol this year. GAFCS members and many other FCS friends and colleagues met on the steps in the Dome for this photo with Governor Nathan Deal. University of Georgia College of Family and Consumer Sciences Dean Linda Kirk Fox is pictured holding the proclamation with Governor Deal, Senators Bill Cowser and Frank Ginn, Representative Chuck Williams, and Georgia FCS representatives from across the state.

New GAFCS Website: gafcs.org

Visit gafcs.org to see our new and improved website! We have been working hard to create a more user-friendly site, and it is our hope that you find our fresh new look accessible and welcoming.

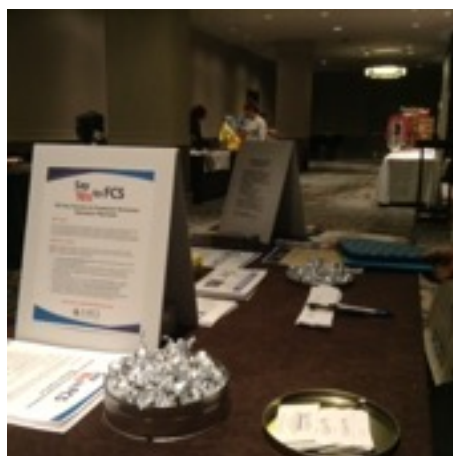


Say YES to FCS Featured at GATFACS Conference

GAFCS exhibited at the GATFACS conference held at the Grand Hyatt Buckhead on January 27, 2017. Megan Whitworth Palmer, National AAFCS Teacher of the Year, showed her winning program book and video, and joined Arlene Fitts Winfrey, Katie Gilbert, Karla Kosar, and Joanne Cavis in meeting-and-greeting the Georgia family and consumer sciences teachers.



Pictured from left: (back) Megan Palmer, Katie Gilbert and (front) Arlene Fitts Winfrey



To promote AAFCS membership, teachers completed a form for a door prize drawing. The winner, Patrice Nix of Lafayette High School, received a 50% (\$50) contribution toward her AAFCS membership. Welcome, new member, Patrice Nix. We proudly displayed our new membership banner and gave out AAFCS information sheets. GAFCS conference date savers were placed on the chairs at the Friday luncheon. It is important for GAFCS members to connect with their local FCS middle and high school teachers and FCCLA advisors to increase and maintain membership and promote Say YES to FCS with friends and colleagues.

Save the Dates!

- GAFCS Annual State Conference, **March 31, 2017**, Athens, GA
- AAFCS National Conference: Dallas, TX - **June 25-28, 2017**, Dallas Hyatt Regency
- 2018 AAFCS National Conference: Atlanta, GA - **June 24-27, 2018**

GAFCS needs your help!

The 2018 National Conference will be held in Atlanta, GA. GAFCS will be inviting AAFCS members to come to Georgia at the Dallas, Texas, conference with Georgia promotional materials, "give a ways", a decorated booth (staffed throughout the conference), educational tour survey, special Georgia name badges, and more.

If you are interested in helping promote the conference, or have any ideas for promotions, or would just like to get involved, contact Joanne Cavis JSCavis@gmail.com.

2018 Conference
Atlanta Marriott Marquis
June 24-27, 2018

Interested in getting more involved with GAFCS?

Here are some ideas:

- Say YES to FCS. . . Fill the family and consumer sciences educator pipeline. WHY??? There is an established and growing shortage of family and consumer sciences professionals to serve in educator positions in secondary education, higher education and Extension educators. Shortages of these professionals too often result in program closures. YOU CAN HELP. . . Commit to recruiting FCS educators. . . Download and use the tools. . . Involve yourself monthly. . . Visit www.aafcs.org/FCSEdPipeline.asp
- Be sure to go to the AAFCS web site to get the latest information on "Taking It To The Streets" and use the Public Policy Tools for members. Remember, YOU can make a positive difference for individuals, families and consumers.
- As part of the "SAY YES TO FCS" campaign, on May 4th, 2017, 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.



FCS is for Millennials, it's just not Home Ec anymore!

Visit www.fcs.uga.edu/college/visit-us to learn more about everything FACS at UGA has to offer!

If you would like to see your college or university represented in the next newsletter, contact Ivy Odom at ivyodom@gmail.com.