



VAFCS

Virginia Affiliate of the American Association of
FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

STRENGTHENING INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES



*Fast FACS
from Virginia*

NEW this Year: Apply for up to \$1500 in VAFCS Grants

- Members of VAFCS have the opportunity to apply for several NEW grants this year.
- Up to \$500 in grants are available to fund "Dining in Day" projects or activities. Applications due October 1st, 2016.
- Up to \$1000 in grants are available to fund other projects or activities. Applications due January 15th, 2017.
- More information and grant applications will be available on the VAFCS website in September.

NEW Board Members:

Please welcome our new board members for 2016-2017. A list of officers can be found on our new website.

Save the Date: 2017 Annual Conference

- When: **March 31, 2017**
Preconference will be held March 30, 2017.
- Where: Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conference Center in Fredericksburg, Virginia.
- Join us for networking opportunities and great speakers. Keynote by Dr. Deborah Tippet from Meredith College
- Earn PDUs for attending.
- More information will be available on the website soon.

NEW this Year: Mentorship Initiative

- "Building the Field through Mentorship" is a new VAFCS initiative this year.
- Are you interested in serving as a mentor to a student or new professional? Are you a student or new professional that would like to be mentored by one of our VAFCS professionals?
- Contact Dr. Donna Hoskins for more information.
dhoskins@bridgewater.edu or
540-241-7961.

FALL WEBINAR: "Design Thinking Camp"

- **Join us on October 20th, 2017 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.** to learn about using design to enhance critical thinking and creative problem solving skills with your Family and Consumer Sciences students. Dr. Farrell Doss from Radford University will serve as our VAFCS webinar speaker. Registration details will be emailed to VAFCS members this fall.

Check out our new website!
<http://www.vafcs-aafcs.org>

VAFCS Member Updates:

Congratulations to VAFCS members Kathleen Mellenberg (Stafford County) and Sylvia Mullen (Richmond City) for achieving National Board Certification. As of January 10, 2016, Kathleen and Sylvia were part of only 132 Career & Technical Education teachers in Virginia to achieve this status. Candidates for National Board Certification must complete an assessment program that recognizes effective teachers who meet high standards in their curriculum areas as well as in teaching practice. Kathleen and Sylvia represent the “best of the best”. VAFCS member Helen Fuqua will receive the prestigious National FCCLA Distinguished Service Award during the July 2017 national conference of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. The Virginia FCCLA Association nominated Helen for this honor for her support of the organization as specialist for Family & Consumer Sciences Education.

2016 Annual Conference:

- Over 70 FCS professionals attended the 2016 annual conference in Charlottesville, Virginia. Nine speakers presented their research on topics related to “Advancing the Field with New Technology.”
- 20 students from Bridgewater College and Radford University presented their research at the conference.



2016 Award Winners:

Congratulations to the following award winners:

- **Debbie Will** - Outstanding Family and Consumer Sciences Professional in Business, Government and Human Services
- **Jane Henderson** - Outstanding Family and Consumer Sciences Professional in Extension
- **Nicholas Zimmerman** - Mary Margaret Barry Award
- **Haley Copeland** - Outstanding Graduating High School Senior Award in Occupational Studies
- **Micah McMullen** - Outstanding Graduating High School Senior Award in Comprehensive Studies

More information about each winner can be found on the VAFCS website

Day at the General Assembly:

- February 14 through February 20, 2016 was the Family and Consumer Sciences Week in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- During our legislative visits, our message was “**Take a Closer Look: Family and Consumer Sciences Touching Lives in Virginia.**”
- FCS Day at the General Assembly is an opportunity for FCS professionals to learn about the Virginia Legislature and to educate our legislators about Family and Consumer Sciences.
- Speakers included the following individuals: Honorable Peter F. Farrell, Delegate 56th District, Honorable Roslyn Tyler, Delegate of the 75th District, Mr. Brian Cannon, Executive Director, OneVirginia2021, Mr. John Salay Vice President of Programs, ChildSavers of Virginia and Ms. Cheryl Morman of the Virginia Alliance of Family Daycare Associations. Additionally, our fellow FCS professionals, Jessica McClean and Kathleen Mellenberg shared information about “Say YES to FCS” Campaign and upcoming AAFCS Leadership Academy respectively.

Student Unit:

- The students organized several service projects and collected over \$150 and about 100 canned foods for Hope Distributed located in Harrisonburg, VA. The food bank services people below the poverty line of all ages living within a 150 mile radius. Students also participated in the AAFCS Student Service Project, Cardz for Kidz.



Upcoming Events:

- Fall Webinar-October 20th 3:30-4:30. Learn more and register online 3-4 weeks before the event.
- “Dining In Day”- December 3, 2016
- Day at the General Assembly –TBD
- Annual Conference-March 31, 2017 with preconference March 30, 2017