



Fast FACS from Virginia

APPLY NOW for VAFCS & AAFCS AWARDS:

VAFCS AWARDS- Please consider nominating yourself or someone else for a VAFCS award. Applications are due February 15, 2017. For more information visit <https://www.vafcs-aafcs.org/awards--scholarships.html> If you have any questions or need help with completing an application, please contact Cristin Sprenger at 540-564-3080 or cristin@vt.edu.

AAFCS AWARDS-Apply for an AAFCS award or scholarship. AAFCS award and scholarship application forms are available on the AAFCS website. Applications are due January 9, 2017. For more information visit <http://www.aafcs.org/Awards/index.asp>

Apply for VAFCS Grants NOW:

VAFCS members can now apply for grants. Due February 15, 2017. Grant applications are now available on the VAFCS website at <https://www.vafcs-aafcs.org/grants.html>

REGISTER NOW for the Day at the General Assembly:

Family and Consumer Sciences Day at the General Assembly will be held on February 15, 2017 8:30-3:00 pm in Richmond, Virginia. This annual event is designed to educate FCS professionals about the current policy issues affecting Virginia families and raise public awareness among legislators and decision makers of how the field of Family and Consumer Sciences helps families and communities meet today's challenges. For more information visit:

<https://www.vafcs-aafcs.org/fcs-day-at-the-general-assembly.html>

REGISTER NOW for the 2017 VAFCS/VEAFCS Annual Conference:



IMPROVING THE
Health and Well-Being
of a Changing Society

Earn PDUs | Great Networking Opportunities | Latest Trends in Research & Practice

The annual conference will be held at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conference Center. The event will be held on March 31, 2017 with preconference events on March 30th.

Hotel booking link: <https://bookings.ihotelier.com/Fredericksburg-Hospitality-House/bookings.jsp?groupID=1626261&hotelID=15003>

- **Preconference Events:**
 - On March 30, 2017 explore Fredericksburg, Virginia. Visit an agri-tourism venue and attend a preconference dinner that will feature a private chef tasting at *Foode*, a farm-to-table restaurant.
- **Keynote & Other Presentations:**
 - **Dr. Deborah Tippett**, Family and Consumer Sciences Professor at Meredith College. Learn about “Appreciate Inquiry: A Winning Technique for Business Professionals.”
 - **Dr. Michelle Hesse**, Nutrition Professor at James Madison University. Learn about Lifecycle Nutrition and Wellness and the latest information on Food Labeling and Fad Diets.
 - **Dr. Peggy Quesenberry**, Fashion Merchandising and Design, Virginia Tech. Learn about “Product Development in the World of Fashion”.
 - **Caroline Crocoll**, Director-Division of Family & Consumer Sciences USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture. Learn about “Family & Consumer Sciences: Federal and National Perspectives.”
 - **Dr. Jude Cassidy**, Professor of Psychology at the University of Maryland at College Park. Learn more about “Secure Attachment: A Foundation for Children’s Health and Well-Being.”
 - **Dr. Patricia Reynolds**, Professor at Mary Washington University. Learn about the “Latest Trends in Education in the United States.”
- **LIVE food demos** by both the Virginia Egg Council and the Virginia Beef Council to launch the NEW FCSfit Initiative.

Submit Proposals NOW for Student Research Presentations:

Research and innovative projects will be on display during the conference. College students are encouraged to submit a proposal by March 1, 2017. An application form will be sent to all Virginia colleges and universities. Please contact Debbie Dunn-Frederick at ddunn@bridgewater.edu if you have additional questions.

SIGN UP NOW: Professional Credentialing Exam for only \$95. Held March 30th 2017 at Annual Conference

- Take a credentialing exam for \$95 at the preconference event on March 30th, 2017 in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Whether you are a new professional or seasoned veteran, validate your professional expertise through the AAFCS competency examination system. These

national competency exams also meet a major requirement for obtaining corresponding professional certifications. Credentials offered by AAFCS include:

- CFCS: Certified in Family and Consumer Sciences
 - CFCS-HDFS: Certified in Human Development and Family Studies
 - CFCS-HNFS: Certified in Hospitality, Nutrition, and Food Science
 - CPFPE: Certified Personal and Family Finance Educator
 - CNWE: Certified Nutrition and Wellness Educator
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- The cost for paper-based testing (PBT) at the Affiliate conference is \$95.00. Assessment administration will be on March 30, 2017 from 10-1 pm. These exams are not listed on the conference registration form. Register online for paper-based testing (PBT) at <http://www.rsvpbook.com/aafcsptregistration> Exam registration for this paper-based administration must be completed by March 1, 2017.

FREE AAFCS Webinars:

AAFCS members now have *complimentary* access to archived webinars. To take advantage of this benefit, members need to activate the AAFCS Training Pass. The AAFCS Member Training Pass gives members unlimited access to all archived webinars for the academic year. For more information visit the AAFCS website at <http://www.aafcs.org/developmentcenter/webinars.asp>

AAFCS-BE A MENTOR:

AAFCS needs people to serve as mentors for the leadership academy participants at the annual conference in Dallas, TX. Applications are due February 15, 2017. For more information and an application go to www.aafcs.org/developmentcenter/leadershipacademy.asp

