

# KENTUCKY FCS

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Fall 2021



## President's Message RaAnn Miller KAFCS President

Greetings KAFCS Members!

It's hard to believe that summer is quickly coming to a close and a new school year is here. I hope you have had the opportunity to slow down and enjoy all that summer has to offer. I think we can all agree that it has been a different year filled with uncertainty and challenges. Even through all of this, I hope you were able to spend some time focusing on yourself, family and friends, finding some blessings and appreciating the little things in life that make you happy.

This year AAFCS decided to hold the annual conference virtually. Even though we all wanted to be in person, having a virtual conference allowed several Kentucky members to attend. One highlight was having our very own Dr. Joanne Bankston as one of the Distinguished Service Award recipients. KAFCS is proud of her work and all of her accomplishments during her amazing FCS career! Next year's AAFCS conference will be held June 25-27 in Orlando, Florida. I hope many of you will plan now to attend.

What an honor for me to serve as our affiliate's President as we celebrate our 100th year! I am very appreciative of all of our members who make our affiliate so strong. Together we can make a positive difference as we use our knowledge and skills to help others and our communities. I encourage each of you to keep your Betty Lamp light burning bright for all to see and recruit other FCS professionals to join our organization. As we embark on this anniversary year, I am so excited to share stories of our past, embrace our traditions and help pave the way for our organization's sustainability. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as the KAFCS President!

## HUGS: Helping Undergraduate & Graduate Students

We are starting another school year and FCS Students are returning or starting their college classes. As we recruit FCS students to join the student units of KAFCS/AAFCS at the different universities, it is important to be able to help them with financial support.

As professionals, we all remember back to our days as a college student trying to decide what to be a member of. You can help make that decision a little easier with a contribution of \$25 for student annual dues or \$50 to help a new professional join our association. As members of AAFCS we can proudly say that student unit members can continue this professional group long after graduating and use it to help jumpstart their career in Family and Consumer Sciences.

As a KAFCS member, please encourage your college students and new professionals to take advantage of the opportunity that these programs offer. If you have questions, please contact Sally Mineer at [smineer@uky.edu](mailto:smineer@uky.edu). Forms can be found on our website: [www.kafcs.com](http://www.kafcs.com).

If you are willing to help sponsor a student please send a check and mark HUGS donation to:

Sally Mineer  
117 Erikson Hall  
University of Kentucky  
Lexington, KY 40506



Thank you for your support!

## Dates to Remember

### 2021

October 15 KAFCS Fall Workshop  
Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill  
Register by September 29

October 1-3 AAFCS Fall Workshop  
<https://aafcs.org/events/calendar>

December 3 FCS Dining In Day  
<https://aafcs.org/aafcs-events/all-events/dineinday>

### 2022

February 1 Award Nominations due to Alivia Faris

March 3 Scholarship Applications due to Sally Mineer

TBD KAFCS Annual Meeting

June 25-27 AAFCS Annual Conference & Expo  
Orlando, Florida

September 4-10 IFHE World Congress  
Atlanta, Georgia



**2021-22 KAFCS Officers**



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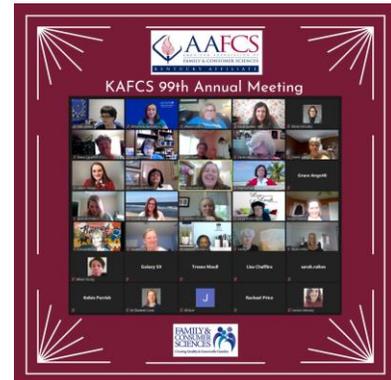
Jennifer Burton

**Annual Meeting**

Jill Hurt

**KAFCS 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting:  
 Travel Tips & Tricks!  
 May 20, 2021 (virtual)**

Tom Carr, from Preferred Vacations, addressed traveling with COVID requirements and Dr. Nichole Huff addressed how to Hit the Road Without Breaking the Bank.



**IN MEMORY**

**Dr. Jackie Jensen  
 1962-2021**



Our membership mourns the

loss of Dr. Jackie Jensen who passed away on July 23, 2021. Jackie served our association in various leadership roles over the years and proudly served as our State Association President in 2011-2012. Her full obituary may be read at:

<https://www.woodfuneralhome.com/obituary/Jackie->

## 2021 KAFCS Awards

The following awards were presented May 20, 2021 at the virtual KAFCS Annual Meeting:



**AAFCS Distinguished Service Award:  
Dr. Joanne Bankston**

Dr. Bankston has conducted her life's work with distinction in the field of family and consumer sciences. She has served in several roles including: home economics teacher, extension specialist, Director of the Cooperative Extension System National Center for Diversity, college professor, coordinator of family and consumer sciences, and interim co-extension administrator for over 50 years. As a tireless advocate for family and consumer sciences, she is passionate about the field of study, its grounding in science and social science, its importance, continued development and expansion. She was vice president of the Council of Administrators in Family and Consumer Sciences (CAFCS) in 2017-18 and served several terms on the Kentucky Attorney General's Consumer Advisory Council. Read more about and celebrate Dr. Bankston's DSA Award at <https://www.aafcs.org/donate>.

Share your letters and notes via email to [contributions@aafcs.org](mailto:contributions@aafcs.org) for a special keepsake "Book of Letters" AAFCS will assemble for DSA honorees. Please call AAFCS at 800-424-8080 ext. 4606 with any questions.



**Outstanding Professional: Elizabeth Coots**

Elizabeth Coots is an outstanding leader who has dedicated numerous hours to not only the Kentucky Affiliate but also AAFCS on the national level. She was a part of the inaugural class of the AAFCS Leadership Academy and now serves on the board for the Academy. Elizabeth always goes above and beyond what is asked of her and is always volunteering when others need her.



**Karen Davis-Parker Outstanding  
FCS Extension Agent: Alivia Faris**

This Lawrence County Extension Agent has showed immense dedication to KAFCS and AAFCS by attending leadership conferences and professional development, notably the AAFCS Leadership Academy. Currently, she is working on a national scale project with other FCS professionals to coordinate plans for future membership recruitment to this fabulous organization. Alivia has taken her role and maximized her sphere of influence by networking and collaborating with others to achieve impactful results to further the Family and Consumer Sciences field.



**Outstanding Leader: Jennifer Burton**

Jennifer Burton, past president of KAFCS, is currently teaching at Lafayette High School in Lexington and just completed her 9th year of teaching. Jennifer serves her school as the FCCLA Adviser and has previously served as the President of Region 15 KATFACS, where she was awarded the 2018 KAFCS Teacher of the Year Award.

**Future AAFCS  
Annual Conferences**  
June 25-27, 2022: Orlando  
June 23-25, 2023: Baltimore  
June 7-9, 2024: Minneapolis

## AAFCS Membership

Come join the fun, keep updated in your field and network with other Family and Consumer Sciences career-related individuals!

AAFCS membership is inclusive of all areas and careers within Family and Consumer Sciences. It is exciting and informative to look about the common goals and commitments from all areas.

AAFCS Membership is valid for one year. To make joining more convenient there are three ways of joining:

- Online: <https://aafcs.org/home>
- by phone: 800-424-8080
- by Fax or Mail: download a Membership Form at <https://www.aafcs.org/about/membership-homepage/join>

Association members:

- Believe in the family as a fundamental unit of society.
- Embrace diversity and value all people.
- Support life-long learning and diverse scholarship.
- Exemplify integrity and ethical behavior.
- Seek new ideas and initiatives and embrace change.
- Promote an integrative and holistic approach, aligned with the FCS body of knowledge, to support professionals who work with individuals, families, and communities.

Privileges of all members include affiliate membership, engaging in groups of the Association, discounted registration to the Annual Conference & Expo, access to online learning webinars, and receipt of AAFCS' official publication, the *Journal of Family & Consumer Sciences*.

Professional Member\*: \$150 per year

Emeritus: \$100 per year

Student (collegiate/postsecondary): \$50 per year

\*special introductory rate of \$100 is offered for the first year of Professional membership (one year only)

There is a new monthly payment option available! To enroll, choose "Professional Monthly" in the online join process.

If you are an individual with a degree or professional-level credential in any field of study that supports the field of family and consumer sciences, please consider joining AAFCS! If you have any questions, please contact AAFCS at [membership@aafcs.org](mailto:membership@aafcs.org) or 800-424-8080.

~Kay Denniston  
KAFCS Treasurer

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## A Special Thank You from Dr. Joanne Bankston



*I was honored to receive the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) Distinguished Service Award during the annual meeting of AAFCS held in June. I am proud and humbled to receive this prestigious award for my work and contributions to the field of Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS). Indeed I am thankful to the members of the Kentucky Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (KAFCS) for your support recently and throughout the years. A special round of applause is given to Sally Mineer and Elizabeth Coots for providing wonderful testimonials for my award presentation. Their support on behalf of Extension and KAFCS meant so much to me.*

*You might ask how I began my journey in our chosen profession. I began the foundation for my involvement as a student member, officer, and state officer in the Home Economics Club at Morehead State University during the 1960's. I was also a charter member of Kappa Omicron Phi (a home economics honor society) in 1968.*

*As a result of my background, training and passion for our field of study, I guess you might say I "bleed" home economics, now called family and consumer sciences. My passion was heightened by continued involvement in KAFCS and AAFCS. I encourage each of you to continue your work in KAFCS and AAFCS while bringing others into the field of family and consumer sciences. Our FCS professionals in every career path make our world a better place to live and work, and I am extremely proud to have been a part of FCS, KAFCS, and AAFCS. Thank you for your contributions to my life and work.*

*With Sincere Appreciation,  
Joanne Bankston, Ph.D.  
Member - AAFCS & KAFCS  
Retired Professor, Coordinator - FCS, and  
State Extension Specialist  
Kentucky State University*