

KENTUCKY FCS

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President's Message

HAPPY FALL KAFCS MEMBERS!

As summer comes to an end and fall begins, we are reminded that each season brings new opportunities and fresh beginnings. I am truly honored to serve as President of the Kentucky Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (KAFCS) and deeply appreciate the trust placed in me to lead this organization. I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to our past president, Angela Gott, for her leadership and dedication, which provided a strong foundation for us to continue building upon.

The strength of KAFCS lies in its community of members, and it is this spirit of collaboration that I hope to grow during my presidency. To begin my role, I had the privilege of representing Kentucky at the 2025 American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) Annual Conference in Kansas City, Kansas. Just prior to the conference, Kentucky accepted the honor of hosting both the 2025 AAFCS Leadership Summit in September and

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Kay Denniston
KAFCS PRESIDENT

the 2026 AAFCS Annual Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

One of the highlights of Kansas City was working at our Kentucky vendor booth to invite everyone to join us in Louisville in 2026. Thanks to the creativity of Angela Gott, Kayla Howard, Sally Mineer, and our wonderful student members, the booth beautifully represented the Bluegrass State. Visitors enjoyed creating their own racehorse names, practiced pronouncing “Louisville,” sampled Ale-8-One soda suckers, and, of course, asked plenty of questions about Derby hats! At the closing banquet, Angela and Kayla stole the show with a delightful skit—complete with hats—that officially invited attendees to Kentucky in 2026.

As state president, I am honored to serve on the planning committees for both the 2025 Leadership Summit and the 2026 Annual Conference. This experience has provided a valuable behind-the-scenes look at the many suggestions, decisions, and logistics required to plan a national meeting.

I also recently had the opportunity to bring greetings from KAFCS at the 2025 KATFCS Awards Brunch & Business Session. This was a wonderful chance to invite attendees to join our organization and to promote the upcoming national meetings we will proudly host.

The heart of KAFCS is its members, and it is your passion and involvement that make this organization truly special. I look forward to working together to strengthen membership, expand opportunities, and celebrate achievements. I encourage each of you to share your ideas, feedback, and enthusiasm as we grow and achieve remarkable things—together.



A Note from the Past President

As I reflect on my year serving as President of the Kentucky Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (KAFCS), I am filled with gratitude and pride in all that we have accomplished together. This year has been a time of growth, collaboration, and advocacy for our profession, and I could not be more honored to have led such a dedicated group of professionals.

First and foremost, I want to extend my sincere thanks to our KAFCS Board of Directors. Your commitment, energy, and vision have been instrumental in advancing our work and ensuring the continued strength of our affiliate. Each of you has contributed in meaningful ways, and I am deeply appreciative of your willingness to serve and lead.

To our members across the state—thank you for the important work you do every day to promote and sustain Family and Consumer Sciences. Whether in the classroom, community, business, or policy arena, your efforts are shaping lives and highlighting the lasting impact of our profession.

I also want to recognize our Family and Consumer Sciences Education students. You represent the future of our field, and your passion for learning and leadership gives me great confidence in what lies ahead for both KAFCS and AAFCS. Your involvement today ensures that our profession will continue to thrive for generations to come.

As I transition into the role of Past President, I look forward to supporting our incoming President, Kay Denniston, in any way needed. I know Kay will bring strong leadership and fresh ideas to KAFCS, and I am eager to watch our organization continue to grow under her guidance.

Beyond Kentucky, I am also honored to begin serving on the National Board of Directors of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS). This new opportunity will allow me to advocate for our profession at a broader level, while continuing to represent and support the incredible work being done here in Kentucky.

Looking ahead, I call on all of our members to continue stepping into leadership and advocacy. Consider applying for the AAFCS Leadership Academy, running for an office on our KAFCS Board of Directors, recruiting new FCS professionals to join us, and most importantly, continuing to champion the value of Family and Consumer Sciences in every setting.

It has been a privilege to serve as your president. Thank you for your trust, your support, and your shared passion for our profession. Together, we are ensuring that Family and Consumer Sciences remains a vibrant, impactful, and forward-looking field.

With gratitude,



Past-President, Kentucky Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

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AAFCS Leadership Summit

Louisville, Kentucky - Galt House

SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2025

2025 Award Winners



New Achiever Award – Nicole Huff

Leader Award – Kay Denniston

Outstanding Student Award – Eliza Spinks

Student Scholarship Recipient – Eliza Spinks

Teacher of the Year Award – Laura Spiegelhalter

Outstanding Professional in FCS Award – Angela Gott

Wiley-Berger Award – Martha Nall

Friend of KAFCS Award – Kentucky FFA

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1-5 DECEMBER

2025

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FCS WEEK 2025

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ELEVATE
FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

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JUNE 18 - 21, 2026

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KENTUCKY

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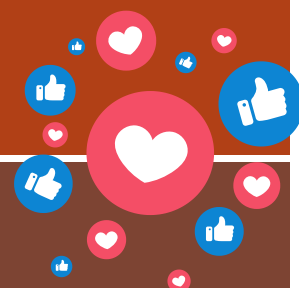
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KAFCS Annual Meeting 2025



AAFCs Annual Conference 2025

JUNE 25-28, 2025 Kansas City, Missouri



Angie Gott being installed to the National Board



Sally Mineer and Kay Denniston working at the conference booth.



Banquet Ready!



Ashley Phipps National Teacher of the Year Merit Finalist.



Jennifer Bridge NEAFCs President bringing greetings.



Student unit and other members enjoying a Kansas City Royals game.



Kayla Howard and Angie Gott inviting everyone to visit Kentucky next year.



Hello from Kansas City!



Save the date for KY!