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## President's Message

### Jennifer Burton KAFCS President

Greetings KAFCS Members!

As the summer ends and the seasons change, I hope this newsletter finds everyone in great health and happy spirits. During these challenging times, I encourage each of you to take time for your family and yourselves. As Family and Consumer Sciences professionals, we know that family must come first in order for us to live and work in this complex world.

Several of our Kentucky members were able to attend the virtual AAFCS Annual Conference this summer. Although this year's conference was much different than any other, it was a delight to receive valuable information and great leadership opportunities. I hope that many of you will plan to join us next year in Minneapolis for AAFCS from June 25–27, 2021.

I would like to extend my appreciation to all of our members. This organization is strong because of you and your continued devotion to Family and Consumer Sciences. Our communities, our families, our students and our friends need the knowledge and strength that Family and Consumer Sciences offers. Please continue to advocate for our field and help grow our membership by encouraging others to join. Do you remember why you joined KAFCS/AAFCS? Share your story with someone else and maybe it will encourage them to join, too! I look forward to working with you this year as your President and I am honored to be selected to serve in this role. Let's make this year awesome through FCS!

Fall 2020

## KAFCS Sponsors FCCLA Officers

KAFCS is pleased to inform the membership that it paid the registration fee for all of the Kentucky State FCCLA Officers to attend the virtual national conference in July. The KAFCS board members voted to help these officers by using travel funds that were not being used by current officers and the executive secretary.

KAFCS wants to recognize this sister organization and promote the FCS organization always. Pictured below are thank you cards received from each of the state officers.

KAFCS is proud to be a mentor/supporter of FCCLA.



## Dates to Remember

### 2020

October 22 KAFCS Fall Workshop

December 3 FCS Dining In Day

### 2021

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  
Minneapolis, MN

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**Future Annual Conferences**  
 June 25-27, 2021: Minneapolis, MN  
 June 25-27, 2022: Orlando  
 June 23-25, 2023: Baltimore

**AAFCS has moved!!**

Effective September 1, all general correspondence should be mailed to AAFCS, 107 S. West Street, #816, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. Please continue to send dues and other payments to AAFCS, PO Box 79377, Baltimore, MD 21279.

Please use the above addresses as you correspond with AAFCS. All staff are currently working remotely during the pandemic and staying safe. All archives are currently stored in a secure location and, as time permits, will be looked at in the future to decide what might need to be moved to Cornell University with other FCS archives to build the collection and a more central place for storage and others to enjoy.

This move will allow AAFCS to save some money from renting office space, as you can imagine space is rather expensive in the D.C. area. Please continue to read updates via AAFCS emails or the AAFCS website.

## 2020 KAFCS Awards

The following awards were presented June 23, 2020 at the virtual KAFCS Annual Meeting

### Outstanding Professional: Kathy Byrnes

Kathy has been an extension agent for 34 years and is currently serving in Kenton County. She has had extensive involvement in KEAFCS and NEAFCS as she held various leadership positions and has been recognized for national level awards. She has helped plan and coordinate conferences and meetings, specifically hosting our own KAFCS Fall Meeting at her office last year. It is so evident that over the course of her career, she has had a significant influence on her community and has been an integral part of Family and Consumer Sciences organizations. Her leadership is admirable and inspiring.

### Wiley-Berger: Judy Payne

Judy has a long history of serving Family and Consumer Sciences in various capacities. She began her career as a Home Economist for a power company and went on to teach Family and Consumer Sciences Education at middle, high, and post-secondary levels in four different states. We are very lucky to have her furthering our great profession in Kentucky now! Her professional accomplishments are vast; they include, but are not limited to, directing grants, writing publications and serving on state and national committees. Amidst this impressive involvement, our nominee also dedicated her spare time to volunteer work with organizations such as 4-H, local schools and the Woman's Club.

### Friend of KAFCS: Dr. Laura Stephenson

Dr. Stephenson served and worked heartily for cooperative extension in various roles and leadership positions, including Extension Agent, Area Director, Specialist and now Director. During this time, she supported and furthered the profession of Family and Consumer Sciences. Currently, she is the Associate Dean and Director of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service in the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment.

### Teacher of the Year: Heather Adams

Heather has been teaching for 14 years. She is incredibly involved in her FCS community, as an FCCLA adviser and part of FCCLA Alumni and Associates. She has also served in leadership roles on the state level through KATFACS.

### New Achiever: 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 field.

### Outstanding Leader: Sally Mineer

Before taking her position on UK's campus, Sally was a leader in her community and to her colleagues as the Family and Consumer Sciences Agent for Lewis County. She was one that would take new agents under her wing and support them in any way she could. She continues this legacy of leading others in FCS Extension in her current role as an Extension Specialist for Professional Development at UK.

While Sally has held various roles in KAFCS, in her current role as Executive Secretary, she is constantly mentoring leaders in the organization. She truly is what keeps us moving forward on the right path, staying relevant to the FCS field, and encouraging those within it to better themselves professionally and personally.

## AAFCS Membership

**AAFCS Membership** is valid for one year. Remember to renew your membership when your renewal invitation arrives.

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)

Learn more about the benefits of membership at [www.aafcs.org](http://www.aafcs.org) or call 800-424-8080.



*Please share my sincere thank you for the Friend of KAFCS Award. It meant so much to me because of the strong commitment of KAFCS members to bettering the lives of people, students and communities. The organization has stayed strong and focused on their mission and vision which shows in the caliber of the membership. Please share my appreciation for this honor.*

*Best,*

*Laura Stephenson*

*Associate Dean and Extension Director*

*University of Kentucky*

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