

+ Meet the Board

Get to know those who work so hard to bring you the Summer Division Day at the CACTE Conference as well as the Winter CATFACS Conference.

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Message from the President

It's that time of year again, students pushing towards the end of the year, teachers staying motivated in the goal of student success. Standardized testing is over, SB191 is slowly being revealed, and the year is quickly passing us by. It has been my pleasure, in the short duration as President to represent the Family and Consumer Sciences professionals from the state of Colorado at the National Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C. The opportunity to speak with politicians and those on their staffs about the successes of our programs, and the need for funding was a wonderful opportunity. Through this experience, as well as a few other leadership experiences in education, I have developed my Program of Work: Publicity through Communication. My

goals include the following:

- Provide hands-on materials that promote FACS
- Inform and educate through media outlets and involve success stories
- Provide resources and feedback for Professional Development of FACS Education

I'm looking forward to great year with a lot of positive publicity, and great communication.

Regards,

Brenda Mullins

+ National Policy Seminar



Washington, D.C.
WWII Memorial



“Being on Capitol Hill was inspiring, and motivating! Thank you to CATFACS for the support and the opportunity to advocate for CTE!”
-Brenda Mullins

Legislative Update By Michelle Koch

On April 10, Obama Administration released its [budget proposal](#) for FY 2014.

In the budget proposal, the Administration suggests funding Perkins at 1.1 billion, equal to FY 2012 levels, before sequestration. Restoring these sequester cuts will be a key goal of advocacy efforts this year, and we are happy that the Administration recognizes the harmful impact of these cuts and restores them across education programs. In addition, the budget proposes a \$10 million increase for the National Programs line item,

which is designated for a new dual enrollment program focused on career preparation.

While some of these proposals are a step in the right direction, there remains concern about the long-term erosion of Perkins funding. Despite calls for an overall increase in education funding, the Administration's budget does not prioritize additional investments to meet the growing needs in CTE. ACTE's Executive Director LeAnn Wilson said in an April 15, 2013 update, "Failing to provide a robust federal investment in Perkins is

detrimental to the 12 million CTE students nationwide, the business community that relies on a qualified workforce, and the future economic competitiveness of our country".

Colorado Family and Consumer Science teachers, students, parents, advisory committee members, and administrators can advocate for a redirection in Perkins Funding priorities by contacting local, state and federal legislators. Let's remind them exactly who these funding priorities impact. Share the good things happening in FACS and CTE in your schools and communities. Invite legislators to see the great programs and activities students are doing in your FACS classrooms.

The Board

- President:** Brenda Mullins
- **President- Elect:** Terry Oakly
- **Past President/ Archives:** Laura Alsdorf
- **Secretary:** Autumn Francis
- **Treasurer:** Lauren Appelhans
- **Audit and Budget:** Lauren Applehans
- **Awards & Hall of Fame:** Dawn Mallette/Linda Valentine/ Cindy G
- **Banquet & Social:** Shelley Brunjak
- **Bylaws & Social-** Audra Cooper
- **Evaluations:** Martha Batch
- **Legislation:** Michelle Koch

- Membership:** Cyn Hardy/Peggy Harrison *Holmes*
- Exhibits and Fundraising-** Vickey Nolan/Gail Headley
- Middle School:** Carla Sullivan/ Linda Dagenakis
- Professional Grants:** Dalene Bricker
- Professional Partners:**
- Dawn Mallette
- Katy Blatnick Gagne
- Robert VanDyke
- Retirees-**Margie McCandless
- Public Relations:** Kristy Grubb



Autumn Francis- 4 Years
Lakewood High School
"I enjoy yoga, snowboarding, hiking, cooking, and watching the Denver Nuggets!"

Michelle Croissant- 10 Years
Greeley West High School
"I hope that every student learns to be positive, resourceful, confident, passionate and goal oriented from my teaching. Everything else they gain from my teaching is "icing on the cake."



Brenda Mullins- 10 Years
Longmont High School
"The passion I have for students and watching them grow always takes my breath away. I want them to be successful in whatever definition that means to them!"



Shelly Brunjak- 5 Years
Lakewood Sr. High School
"I love when students come back after a couple years on their own and tell me that the skills they got in my classes helped them be successful in their adult

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Audra Cooper- 5 Years
Grandview High School
" I hope they learn to be the best person they can be, they feel more prepared for their future (no matter which direction that may take them), and to pursue

Carla Sullivan- 5 Years
North Arvada Middle School
The part I love about FACS is interacting with students in ways you don't get to in traditional classroom settings. The labs and hands on activities really



Gail Headley- 11 Years
Chaparral High School
"I love to teach students a new skill. I am proud to be a part of a curriculum that teaches real world concepts. Students will use these skills their whole life."



Cyn Hardy- 30 Years
Smokey Hill High School
"I hope every student learns to have passion and be motivated to work hard doing whatever his/her passion is."

Katy Blatnik- Gagne- 3 ½ Years
Program Director
"Although I'm not in the classroom any longer, I would hope that every FACS teacher in CO knows that I am here to support them in their journey and CO CTE does a lot of work for them so that they don't have to reinvent the wheel. i.e. standards, assessments (SB 1911), professional development, etc."

Peggy Harrison- 37 Years
Personal and Family Finance and supervising student teachers
"Hobbies include being healthy, travel, theater, reading, family, and friends."



Margie McCandless- Retiree
"I enjoy travel, custom sewing, quilting, knitting, and embroidering."



Martha Batch- 28 Years
Ralston Valley High School
"I hope that students learn, above all else, to be kind to one another, to keep things in perspective, and that being an ethical person in everything they do will take them further than any amount of schooling ever will."

+ FCCLA Update

By Robert VanDyke

State Leadership
Conference and Food
Events Competition

Over 1,100 students, advisers and guests participated in the 2013 FCCLA State Leadership Conference and the Food Events Competition. The conference theme was "See What We See... *The Possibilities*." The 2012-2013 State Officer Team carried this theme through the three skits that they performed in the main conference sessions (Opening, Banquet and Awards). The state officers used the game show *FCCLA's Next Top Designer* which challenged five designer – Belle the sweet designer, Dominic the abrasive designer, Sue the quiet designer, Jessica the egotistical designer, and Jenny the out of place designer –to use their design skills through three challenges. Jenny was ultimately victorious and named as FCCLA's Next Top Designer as she used her design and leadership skills that she learned in her Family and Consumer Sciences classes.

The FCCLA State Conference was held at the Denver Tech Marriott, April 11-13 while Johnson & Wales University (JWU) hosted the Food Events Competition on Friday, April 12. Students from across Colorado competed in events, ranging from Job Interview and Career Investigation to Culinary Arts and Interior Design. Workshops were well attended and included titles such as "Symmetry Between Mind and Body", "Dreaming of Being Alive at 25", "Chapter Leadership Design", "Downloading a Safety Design", "Reimagining Communication" and Rachel's Challenge. Scott Bachovich, the conference keynote, entertained members while delivering his message of not being a bystander in life and make the change you want to see. At the Food Events, Culinary workshops were conducted by Johnson & Wales staff and guest speakers; along with the state officers. Keynote speaker, Chef Joe Concleasure, talked to students, advisers and parents about the culinary industry, his personal experiences, and the need to continue their education to get ahead.

Colorado FCCLA would like to thank Events Coordinators- Debbi Lardinois, Emily Peake, Erica Ewald, Samantha Lee, Natalie Thompson and Ellen Senesac; all the event chairs and judges and state officers and team advisers and chapter advisers and everyone who contributed to making our conference a success!

Colorado FCCLA thanks all advisers for your dedication to your students!

The following members were elected as State Officers for the 2013-2014 school year:

President— Katrina San Nicolas, Northridge High School
1st Vice President —Kayelani Kirschbaum, Merino High School

2nd Vice President— Jazmyn Trujillo Martinez, Northridge High School

Secretary and VP of Finance—Demi Gonzalez, Platte Valley High School

VP of Events— Bailee Gardunio, Salida High School

VP of Membership— Letha Plecker, Highlands Ranch High School

VP of Peer Education and Programs- Brinslie Lord, Highlands Ranch High School

VP of Public Relations— Kelly Miller, Mountain Vista High School

VP of Publications— Cristal Cordova, Nortglenn High School

VP of Recognition— Alesia Saus, Adams City High School

Congratulations to these Advisers for their Achievements:

Kelsey Mauch – Outstanding New Adviser

Mary Sue Carroll – Outstanding Adviser

Dalene Bricker – Spirit of Advising

Thank you to the following advisers for their years of service:

5 years

Laura Alsdorf

Alma Arellano

Audra Cooper

Darcy Creazzo

Georgia Hock

Holly Kuecke

Brenda Mullins

Aryann Roberts

15 years

Lena Mabbutt

Yvonne Loyd

Helen McLaughlin

10 years

Vicki Burns

Annie Clark

Kim Cox

Michelle Croissant-Koch

Terry Oakley

Scott Westerkamp

20 years

Diana Hall

25 years

Melanie Darter

Janet Niederkorn

30 years

Valerie Baylie

Debbie Nelson

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Grandview High School ProStart and FCCLA Growing Strong

By Audra Cooper

Grandview High School students have made a name for themselves in the 2012-2013 school year. Their FCCLA chapter went from 8 members to about 25 active members (40 nationally affiliated).

The ProStart class sent a management team and culinary team to state this year! The culinary team consisted of Korrah Williams (junior), Presten Wonders (junior), Jaemi Paschal (senior), and Brendon Calhoun (senior). They worked with the Executive Chef from Maggiano's Denver, David Vigil. Although they did not place in the top 3, they did a great job competing! The management team consisted of Spencer Petree (junior), Keyona Fields (senior), and Sarah Greene (senior). They worked with mentors from Chili's (Chris Kolin and Tim Lynott) and placed 2nd at the ProStart Invitational!

At the FCCLA state competition, we had 15 students attend competing in everything from culinary competitions to Job Interview. Nicole Cullop (sophomore) received a gold in Recycle and Redesign, Spencer Petree (junior) received a gold in Gourmet Sweet, and Noah Toro (junior) received a gold in Gourmet Savory. Sarah Greene (senior) took 1st place gold in the Hospitality and Tourism national star event and will be attending the National FCCLA competition in Nashville, TN this July.

We are also very excited for our developing partnership with Brinker International (Chili's, Maggiano's) as ProStart mentors. ProStart went on a field trip at the end of March to Chili's, Maggiano's, and Elways and were able to see front of house, back of house, make pizzas, learned about marketing, job-interviewing skills, tasted dishes, and saw live restaurants in action! Thank you to Chris Kolin (Chili's Area Director), Tim Lynott (Chili's Manager), David Vigil (Maggiano's Denver executive chef), and Tyler Wiard (Elways executive chef) for the great experience! We look forward to more in the future!

The students have done a fantastic job making a name for Grandview High School, so watch out for them, as they grow bigger and stronger in the upcoming years!



Congratulations to the following Chapters that have National STAR Event Qualifiers:

- Adams 12 Five Star
- Akron
- AMES- Littleton
- Briggsdale
- Brighton
- Cannon City
- Centauri
- Chaparral
- Chatfield
- Cheraw
- Cherry Creek
- Elizabeth
- Grandview
- Highlands Ranch
- Holyoke
- Meeker
- Merino
- Miami Yoder
- Montrose
- Mountain View
- Mountain Vista
- Niwot
- Northglenn
- Northridge
- Otis
- Poudre
- Prairie View
- Pueblo East
- Ralston Valley
- Roosevelt
- Salida
- Sanford
- Standley Lake
- ThunderRidge
- Wray

Palmer High School FCCLA winning the Up Membership Award for having the largest percent member increase with a 667% increase.

Wasson High School FCCLA winning the Up Membership for having the largest numerical member increases with 51 members.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE A MEMBER!

Karen Mason, ACTE president, shared the following information:

ACTE is making career and technical education (CTE) work in our communities and across the country. As a CTE professional and ACTE/CACTE/CATFACS member, we play a crucial role in the continued success of our efforts to develop an educated, adaptable and competitive workforce.

ACTE members have:

- Full access to the best practices, lesson plans, research and more that can be used in the classroom and throughout the school to make our jobs easier, more impactful and richly fulfilling.
- Member discounts on effective CTE tools that support our strategic objectives, allowing us to significantly expand our available resources.
- Annual increase of \$5,000 on our common carrier accidental death and dismemberment insurance policy (up to a maximum of \$50,000)
- Annual subscription to the award-winning *Techniques* magazine, *Career Tech Update* and white papers connecting CTE to critical education issues that affect all members
- Connection to thousands of our fellow CTE professionals who share our pride, objectives, challenges and vision.
- Member discounts at professional conferences.

ACTE lobbies for all of us and works with our legislators to keep funding for our jobs and programs. That alone is reason to join. Our students and we benefit from all that this organization does. If you are not a member, please join. The benefits far outweigh the costs. If you have questions or need assistance, you may contact ACTE at 800-826-9972 or by e-mail at memberservices@acteonline.org



National Policy Seminar

By Brenda Mullins

WASHINGTON, DC –As Colorado Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Science President/Longmont High School Family and Consumer Science Teacher I participated in the Association for Career and Technical Education’s National Policy Seminar, March 4-6, in Arlington, Virginia, an inner-suburb of Washington D.C.

While there I met with members of Congress on Capitol Hill to educate them about the value of career and technical education. In my meetings, I conveyed how CTE delivers real-world training and skills development to over 94% of America’s high schools. Further, I talked about how, now, more than ever, the nation is turning to CTE to prepare the skilled workforce needed to keep America competitive and grow our economy.

During these meeting I further honed my abilities to effectively advocate for CTE. With several of the aides, I was impressed by their knowledge of many issues affecting CTE and how each of these matters tied together. Congressional Aid Oliver herself was a member of DECA and agreed how the importance of CTE issues warranted the support of Congressman Perlmutter’s office. Overall, it was refreshing to know that we as educators have several politicians on our side!

Membership

Dates to Remember...

July 15-18

CACTE- Pueblo

January 23-25

CATFACS
Winter
Conference