

CATFACS Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring in Colorado tends to give most people a sense of renewal and excitement, as we emerge from our winter activities, and indoor comfort, in order to enjoy the freshness of a new season. As CATFACS president, I am honored to be working with FACS professionals from across our state to propel our campaign for renewal and resurgence of advocacy, appreciation and promotion of the critical skills we teach in Family and Consumer Sciences education.

The new season brings the need for FACS educators to band together more than ever to shake things up. We need to create our own storm of ideas that will improve and create innovations in curriculum, student engagement, and connections with industry. Continuing the efforts to destroy the stereotypes, and get students, parents, teachers, administrators, business leaders, and legislators to support, and take part in FACS education is a focus of CATFACS. The CATFACS Executive Board is creating a new FACS Advocacy and Promotion committee that will need the contributions and expertise of many. The work ahead is critical, as we know that more and more school districts are choosing not to refill FACS teaching positions when teachers retire, or move on to different locations. Those job openings that are available, are sometimes not filled as we, like most of the nation, struggle to fill FACS openings because of the decreased number of young FACS educators. This all equates to students not receiving the life skills that FACS uniquely provides in the Hospitality, Human Services and Education Pathways. One of the many reasons I love being a FACS educator is because I believe we possess a special resilience, fortitude and determination to positively change the lives of families, individuals and communities. It will be these qualities that will be capitalized on in order to execute the 2015-2016 FACS Program of Work.

As always, increasing our organizations membership continues to be a goal. We want to celebrate those who have served our state in FACS for years, while nurturing and mentoring new educators who will shape the future of Family and Consumer Sciences education. As many teachers will tell you, we are stronger when we work together. There is power in numbers, and our voice will be more prominent, noticed and respected if we join forces. So, are you going to help Family and Consumer Sciences take our state by storm?

Join me and the rest of the CATFACS organization to create our own rebirth, direction and new season of FACS in Colorado. Don't forget to register for the Colorado Association of Career and Technical Education Summer Summit in Loveland, CO July 13-17, 2015. Cheers to a new season of FACS education!

Warmest Regards,

Michelle Koch

ACTE EDUCATION MEMBERSHIP

Are you a current member of ACTE/
CACTE/CATFACS?

When do your dues expire?

Have you been retired one year?

Has your retirement status changed?

Are you retired but working part-time
or full-time?

As a university student, are you and
ACTE member?

Visit Online Membership for more
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Membership information can also be
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ACTE membership benefits far outweigh membership costs. To find out more go to
www.acteonline.org/uploadedFiles/Assets_and_Documents/Global/files/ACTE/Membership/Membership_Brochure.pdf

Professional Membership: \$150.00

Includes:

ACTE Membership: \$80.00
CACTE Membership: \$50.00
CATFACS Membership: \$20.00

Retiree Membership: \$76.00

Includes:

ACTE Membership: \$31.00
CACTE Membership: \$25.00
CATFACS Membership: \$20.00

Student Membership: \$20.00

Includes:

ACTE Membership: Free
CACTE Membership: \$10.00
CATFACS Membership: \$10.00

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FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Jessica Teal is a junior at Colorado State University studying Family and Consumer Sciences Education. In addition to her FCS degree she is earning a minor in business administration. Jess graduated from Rocky Mountain High School in Fort Collins CO. She was an enthusiastic FCCLA member earning a gold medal in Interior Design, which took her to National FCCLA.

At an early age, Jess showed her passion to become a teacher when she played school with her stuffed animals. For her birthday and Christmas, her favorite gifts to receive are teaching supplies. She is passionate about teach-

ing because she believes that an education is the most powerful tool anyone can have, and she wants to help empower future high school students to become self-sufficient and successful leaders in communities. Jess is currently involved in several organizations on campus including Kappa Delta sorority, the College of Health and Human Sciences Dean's Leadership Council (President-Elect), Gamma Beta Phi (President), and a Senator for ASCSU. Jess is a model of organization, positivity, leadership and service. She will student teach in the spring of 2016 in Northern Colorado. Jess is an outstanding representative for the FCS major here at Colorado State University. She is proud to be a CSU Ram!

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COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY/ UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

Dawn Mallette, CSU Family and Consumer Sciences Program Director and Ginny Vincenti, Family and Consumer Sciences faculty at the University of Wyoming are collaborating on a project to form an MOU between CSU and UW for FCS Teacher Education. Several years ago UW dropped the FCS Education concentration. This proposed project would allow UW students to transfer most of their FCS content courses from UW to CSU to complete the FCS licensure. Once at CSU the UW students would complete a couple of FCS content courses and the licensure sequence of courses so they could return to Wyoming for their student teaching. The benefits for UW are trained teacher candidates who want to return to Wyoming to teach. The benefits for CSU are increased numbers of FCS teacher candidates as well as the collaboration that the partnership brings.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RECRUIT FUTURE FACS TEACHERS

With the number of Family and Consumer Sciences teaching position openings the past several spring/summers it is becoming more and more apparent that it is important to consider what you are doing to recruit others into the FCS teaching profession. In a recent blog on

<http://facsllove.blogspot.com/> blogger Jane Hall writes:

"As a profession, if we do not want to see the field die, several things need to happen to keep it alive.

1. We must continue to be a positive voice nationally and promote the wonderful work that we do to educate children.
2. We need to promote our field as a career choice for our FCS students through the courses we teach and extra-curricular activities sponsored by FCS (FCCLA).
3. We need to encourage those that have walked away from the field because jobs were hard to find at one time and "get them back into education".
4. Some of us that have left the field might need to go back until replacement can be found.
5. As professionals we need to stay current with trends and teach what is vital to sustain today, rather than what we have always taught. "

COOPERATING TEACHER RECOGNITION

Thank you to the following FACS teachers who sponsored a FCS teacher candidate in their classroom during the Spring Semester 2015

FACS Teacher

Dianna Hall & Joanna Kelley, Northridge HS
Melissa Schaefer, Fort Collins HS
Denise Lawrence & Kelsey Underwood, Rocky Mountain HS
Shannon Dreesen, Webber Middle School
Brenda Thiel, Centaurus HS
Mandy Anderson, Poudre HS

Teacher Candidate

Sahvanna Mease
Alisha Naranjo
Jenny Skillman
Kassi Stroh
Nick Sawyers
Ty Hvambasal



Colorado ACTE Members are lobbying for support of legislation that would benefit CTE education.

LOCAL EDUCATORS ADVOCATE FOR CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION ON CAPITOL HILL

WASHINGTON, DC – several Coloradans, including Darrell Green, Mimi Leonard, Marta Osuna, Brenda Rhodes, Katy Blatnick-Gagne, Scott Springer, Shelley Goerd, and ACTE President Sarah Heath joined nearly 400 career and technical education (CTE) professionals at the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) National Policy Seminar from March 2-4 in Arlington, VA. During this critical advocacy event, these advocates attended briefing sessions on the latest news in education policy and met with policymakers on Capitol Hill to educate them about the value CTE.

While attending ACTE's three-day event, the Colorado group consulted directly with Representative Mike Coffman, Senator Mike Bennett, and Senator Corey Gardner and also had the opportunity to meet with the staff of Representative Jared Polis, Representative Scott Tipton, Representative Diana DeGette, Representative Doug Lamborn, Representative Ken Buck, and Representative Ed Perlmutter. to encourage more support for CTE and other education and workforce development programs.

In one of the event's highlights, ACTE presented Senators Tim Kaine (D-VA) and Rob Portman (R-OH) with its Policymaker of the Year Award for 2014. Kaine, co-chair of the Senate CTE Caucus and a consistent leader on education policy, addressed the audience of education professionals to accept the award and thank them for their service to America's students. Attendees also heard remarks from a panel of congressional staff who provided their insiders' perspective on what to expect in the coming weeks as Congress considers several landmark education policy issues, including reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

In another session, attendees heard from Carl Hulse, Chief Washington Correspondent for the New York Times, and the so-called "Mayor of Capitol Hill." He shared his insights into the complex political landscape of the House and Senate and his forecast for Congress' next big moves. ACTE members used this information to inform their meetings with lawmakers as they advocated for support for CTE policy priorities on both sides of the aisle.

Please contact your Representatives and advocate for them to vote in favor of reauthorization of ESEA and Perkins and encourage them to join the CTE Caucus. It is imperative that we are a united front and that we continue to let our voices be heard so that the future of CTE is secure.

Written & Submitted By: Shelley Goerd, Lakewood High School

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIP SELECTIONS FROM CSU

The Family and Consumer Sciences faculty are in the process of selecting the recipients for the 2015-16 College of Health and Human Sciences/Family and Consumer Sciences scholarships. We have the exiting opportunity to award approximately 15 scholarships totaling around \$25,000. We would like to thank the Colorado Association Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences professional organization for their financial support for the Family and Consumer Sciences Professional Promise scholarship. Watch the next CATFACS newsletter for a story about the recipient.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH-LIGHTS

Rocky Mountain High School FCCLA is growing fast! Last year, we were unable to motivate any students to complete a STAR event, but this year, we brought 12! We had only silver and gold medalists - which speaks to the hard work and dedication of this new group of kids! They rock. The first picture is a group shot of them with their medals, including our two National qualifiers in the front row with their plaques!

Submitted By: Kelsey Underwood,
Rocky Mountain High School



FASHION OR INTERI- OR DESIGN?

Ralston Valley HS Interior Design students learn about Fashion and Interior Design at the CSU Spotlight on Design and Merchandising day earlier this month. Students had the opportunity to sample the various classes that students take in both programs and attend the annual fashion show. The day was a success and the overall response from Ralston Valley students was "I am going to CSU, but now I can't decide between Fashion and Interior Design. Can you major in both?"

Submitted By: Terry Oakley, Ralston Valley High School



CATFACS TEACHER AWARDS 2015

Dawn West-Broeder was selected as the 2015 CATFACS **Teacher of the Year**. She has revitalized a FACS program that was close to being non-existent to being one of the most popular departments at her school. She has grown the program from 1 teacher to 3 since she arrived. She also is one of the FCCLA advisors, having had several students compete at both Culinary State Events and at the State FCCLA Leadership Conference.

Dawn has successfully developed an articulation agreement with Front Range Community College for students enrolled in Catering courses at her school. The enrollment in her Catering courses is consistently high because of her hard work, innovation and dedication in ensuring the coursework is engaging and relevant to students.

She has lead her school district in starting district-wide FACS collaboration meetings, which was new, innovative, and embraced by the school district FACS teachers. She implemented a Cinderella Dress Project for the past 7 years and took that on without hesitation. From what I understand, it involves many hours of coordination time and yet benefits many students at her school. She has involved the students in her Fashion Design course in the "Dresses for Africa" community service program as well.

According to one of her colleagues, and I quote, "obviously thinking of her personality she is amazing with students, always positive and was a great mentor for me during my first year. She brings great leadership to our department and fights for what we need. She is a true professional and gets along well with all staff members."

Not only is this Teacher of the Year an awesome FACS instructor, she was a single mom for a few years to 3 amazing boys while excelling in her career. Dawn is an inspiration, and a positive and uplifting person. Congratulations Dawn West-Broeder!

Distinguished Service

Peggy Harrison is a tireless CATFACS professional and was an outstanding FCS teacher and FCCLA advisor for 32 years and a member of CATFACS/CACTE/ACTE for the past 26 years. She contributed greatly to the FCS profession during her years of teaching and advising and continues to significantly contribute to the FCS profession even after her retirement.

She is the 2015 CATFACS Distinguished Service Award recipient. Her retirement in 2009 didn't end her service to the profession. She continues to contribute to the profession by teaching a Personal and Family Finance class at Colorado State University, supervising CSU FCS teacher candidates, and speaking each fall semester in the FCS methods course.

In addition, she continues to serve on CCCS, CDE, and Douglas County committees. Most recently she volunteered to be the membership chair for CATFACS. Like everything this person does, she puts in incredible effort and as a result, her ideas and efforts have increased the CATFACS membership by 13%. She is a leader in all she does providing excellent input, materials, and expertise.

This year's award recipient is a giver and "no" isn't often in her vocabulary. She will share anything with anyone, she will spend hours counseling, assisting and planning with a seasoned, new, or student teacher, and she gives of her time to civic and charitable organizations like March of Dimes and Habitat for Humanity.

Her nominator stated, "over her 32 years of teaching, this award recipient could be recognized as one of the most effective, committed, and recognized FCS teachers/professionals in Colorado. She has been a very involved FCS Education professional. I could go on and on."

Congratulations to Peggy Harrison on receiving the 2015 CATFACS Distinguished Service Award!

FCCLA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Over 1,250 students, advisers and guests participated in the 2015 FCCLA State Leadership Conference. The conference theme was “Life Thru the Lens: Most Iconic Awards.” The 2014-2015 State Officer Team gave awards to the most iconic movies, people, and events from the past 70 years in the main conference sessions (Opening, Banquet and Awards). The state officers chose the award winners based on how they inspired changes in the world and how they relate to FCCLA and Family and Consumer Sciences.

The FCCLA State Conference was held at Renaissance Denver Hotel April 9 -11. 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 presented by AmeriCorps, Western Dairy Association, FCCLA Alumni & Associates, Colorado Culinary Academy, Random Acts of Kindness Foundation, Junior Achievement, FIDM, and Jamie Utt. Kyle Scheele, the conference keynote, entertained members while delivering his message of not being a bystander in life and make the change you want to see. Colorado Lieutenant Governor Joe Garcia welcomed members to the conference and received the 2015 Outstanding Legislative Support Award at the Opening Sessions

Colorado FCCLA would like to thank Michelle Koch, Debbi Lardinois, Colorado Culinary Academy, Johnson & Wales University, Caitlain Bricker, Alex Kirschbaum, Zack Kirschbaum, Bailee Gardunio, Savannah Mease, Cassandra Rodriguez, all the event consultants and judges, state officers and team advisers, and everyone who contributed to making our conference a success!

The following members were elected as State Officers for the 2015-2016 school year:

President - Brooklyn Buhre, Roosevelt High School

1st Vice President - Paige Beckman, Wray High School

2nd Vice President - Benjamin Lapp, Briggsdale High School

Secretary - Victoria Connor, Cherry Creek High School

VP of Events - Sydney Mayer, Northglenn High School

VP of Finance - Coalton Hostetler, Miami Yoder High School

VP of Membership - Brooklynn Bracelin, Wray High School

VP of Occupational Programs - Ian McCullough, Bollman Technical Center

VP of Peer Education - Kate Wall, Roosevelt High School

VP of Programs - Casey Barretero, Jefferson Senior High School

VP of Public Relations - Carissa Kirschbaum, Merino High School

VP of Publications - Tatianna Medina, Centaurus High School

VP of Recognition - Miguel Gomez, Northglenn High School

State Representative - Kaylee Michael, Haxtun High School

National Officer Candidate - Kayelani Kirschbaum, Merino High School

Congratulations to:

These Chapters that have National STAR Event Qualifiers: Ames Facility, Briggsdale, Bollman Tech, Canon City, Centauri, Centaurus, Chaparral, Cheraw, Cherry Creek, Columbine, Coronado, Elizabeth, Grandview, Highlands Ranch, Holmes Middle, Holyoke, Legacy, Meeker, Merino, Miami Yoder, Mountain Vista, Nivot, North Arvada Middle, Northglenn, Northridge, Pickens Tech, Platte Valley, Ponderosa, Rocky Mountain, Roosevelt, Sanford, Standley Lake, Summit, Vista Academy, and Wray.

STATE AWARD WINNERS

North Arvada Middle School and Sterling High School won the Up Membership Award for having the largest percent member increase.

Holmes Middle School and Cheraw High School FCCLA winning the Up Membership for having the largest numerical member increase with 51 members.

Outstanding Member: Kate Wall, Roosevelt High School

Leadership Scholarship: Paulyna Alcorn, Wray High School

Promise Award: Emily Mohlis, Elizabeth High School

Outstanding New Adviser: Alyssa Horlick, Miami Yoder High School

Outstanding Adviser: Angela DePue, Wray High School

Spirit of Advising: Kimberly Baldwin, Ponderosa High School

Master Adviser: Samantha Archer, Roosevelt High School; Kimberly Baldwin, Ponderosa High School; Sasha Gartin, Cherry Creek High School

Honorary Membership: Miriam Chavez

Outstanding Administrative Support: Sharon Webb, Miami Yoder High School

Alumni Achievement: Cyndi Koptzky-Hoffmeister

CATFACS NEEDS YOU!

If you are interested in becoming a more involved member in the CATFACS organization, your help is needed!! There are positions open specifically for Public Relations, By-laws, Social, and Evaluations committees. For more information please visit the CATFACS website, or contact our CATFACS president, Michelle Koch at:
Michelle.Koch@cccs.edu

2015-2016 CATFACS Board Members

President: Michelle Koch
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Past President: Terry Oakley
Secretary: Shelley Goert
Treasurer: Lauren Appelhans

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Awards and Hall of Fame: Cindy Gleason and Dawn West-Broeder
Banquets and Social: Shelley Goert
Bylaws and Social: Audra Cooper
Evaluations: Martha Batch
Exhibits and Fundraising: Arrielle Bergmann, Helen McLaughlin & Vicky Nolan
Membership: Peggy Harrison
Professional Grants: Dalene Bricker
Legislation: Laura Alsdorf & Martha Batch
Public Relations: Brenda Mullins & Kristy Grubb
Middle School: Linda Dageenakis
Professional Partners: Dawn Mallette, Michelle Koch, Robert Van Dyke
Retirees: Margie McCandless

FCCLA YEARS OF SERVICE

Advisers with 5 years experience:

Diana Coulter, Montezuma Cortez
Erica Ewald, Summit
Joanna Kelley, Northridge
Jeanine Pope, Fort Morgan
Gerard Torres, Sterling
Nicole Tycksen, Mead
Christina Wharton, Estes Park
Trish Wilson, Career Education Center

Advisers with 10 years experience:

Pam Cummings, Dakota Ridge
Sarah Davis, Englewood
Katy Gagne, Bayfield
Mandy Johnson, Poudre
Shawna Karl, Prairie View
Judy Owens, Weld Central

Advisers with 15 years experience:

Samantha Archer, Roosevelt
Nancy Cornell, Pueblo Central
Beth Francis, Windsor
Peggy Hall, Akron
Cynthia Hardy, Smoky Hill
Angela Smith, Fort Morgan
Shannon Tufts, Highlands Ranch
Darlene Wertin, Arvada West

Advisers with 20 years experience:

Martha Batch, Ralston Valley
Linda Dageenakis, Altona Middle
Linda Motz, Palisade
Patti O'Keefe, Wheat Ridge
Joachim Schaaf, Warren Technical Center
Shari Wolfrum, Platte Valley

Advisers with 25 years experience:

Mary Sue Carroll, Cheraw
Marjorie Reed, Centauri

Advisers with 30 years experience:

Lynn Hillard, Briggsdale
Janet Niederkorn, Platte Valley
Marilyn Wagner, Pueblo East

Advisers with 35 years experience:

Jean Lange, Boulder
Susan Ortner, Holyoke

Colorado FCCLA thanks all advisers for your hard work making the 2015 State Conference an iconic success!