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President's Message

Happy New School Year! By now we are all well under way with the 2013- 2014 school year. Leaving the 2012-2013 school year behind I am optimistic that this year will be a more positive one. We all have a better idea of we can expect with regard to APPR and SLO's. Hopefully this will lessen the stress that so many felt last year. This year the topic to watch is the CTE reform agenda and how the NYS Board of Regents decides to proceed. Read the eNews and visit the SED website for the latest information.

Like many of you I had a busy summer. In June I attended the AAFCS National Conference in Houston, Texas with our president-elect, Christine Bunn. As always this was a valuable experience. There were many resources provided by AAFCS for teachers that will be posted on their website soon.

At the end of July FCCLA held their summer leadership in Owego, and once again they allowed us to provide professional development for our members. FCCLA invited Leah Buller to present the benefits of being affiliated with FCCLA in the Home and Career Skills classroom. NYSAFCSE had two main presenters, Jessica Williams and Lisa Hughes. Jessica's topics included career development and exploration in FACS and a dynamic project based learning program that combined community spaces with personal environment and financial management. Look for Jessica's materials on the CTE TAC center website, www.nyctecenter.org. Lisa Hughes provided workshops that focused on mathematics in various FACS content areas. She also led a teamwork workshop in which FACS teachers and FCCLA students engaged in some fun interactive activities.

Lisa was an engaging presenter and has generously allowed her math materials to be placed on our website.

In August our elected board and professional development co-chairs attended a two day joint CTE Professional Organizational Leadership Seminar sponsored by the CTE TAC center. We were given a national perspective on CTE as well as a plethora of information regarding the movement of CTE in New York State. The presidents of the organizations had the opportunity to dine with Eric Suhr, Bureau Chief New York State Education Department, Career and Technical Education Team. We discussed the importance of revitalizing and restructuring NYSACTE and increasing our organizations memberships in ACTE. The presidents then met later in August to continue the work that was started with NYSACTE. At this meeting Barb Mikler-Crandon and I presented Quality Association Standards as the culmination of our ACTE leadership training.

As you can see much work has been done by NYSAFCSE and NYSACTE to ensure that we are able to continue what we do for students in New York State. I encourage you to continue to read your Monday Memos and monthly eNews Capsules and to check the NYSAFCSE website for further information on any changes that may occur and ways to improve your CTE FACS programs.

With this new school year comes a new opportunity as you prepare your students for life today and tomorrow. Take this new beginning and use it to be the most amazing, innovative, involved FACS teacher you can be. **May this school year be your best ever!**

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Inspiring Words from Commissioner King

In his back to school message Commissioner John King encourages students to pursue Career and Technical Education courses and praises teachers using the phrase "teaching is the core". This recognition is uplifting! You may wish to share this message with parents and use the opportunity to explain the connection between FACS and CTE. The link below will connect you to this five minute video.

[Back to School Message from Commissioner King 2013 | EngageNY](#)



Unified FCS Conference

Albany, Holiday Inn

October 17-18, 2014

Very Sad News

Marge Jock, NYS AFCSE member in the Central area passed away on Friday, September 6, 2013. Marge served as our Logo chairperson for many years. Those of you who have NYS AFCSE logo items most likely purchased them from Marge at a conference or through the mail. Marge was a dedicated FACS teacher in Baldwinsville, NY who will be greatly missed by her colleagues across the state.

Contributions may be sent to: Sarah and Abby's Education Fund c/o Empower Federal Credit Union, 15 E. Genesee Street, Baldwinsville, NY 13027.

Professional Development

The 2012-2013 NYS AFCSE PD Team's schedule was filled with engaging presenters who inspired participants to move toward the College and Career Readiness goals set in place by the need to energize and meet a 21st Century global economy workforce.

As challenges related to the changing global economy propel Career and Technical Education professionals, we understand the need to advocate for seamlessly joining the present and the future for our most precious resource—the children we teach.

The best way to maintain and grow our position as leaders in education is by continuing our cutting edge approach to Professional Development. High quality professional development provides the tools and support necessary to educators leading to high quality hands-on experiences in our schools. Family and Consumer Sciences content with an emphasis on process skills along with Common Core Learning Standards, and a College and Career Ready approach provide that foundation. The philosophy and values that drive what we do provide the cushion and passion that make our courses the place where students want to be...prepared for life!

For those professionals who need inspiration to attend area meetings and/or state meetings, here is a sampling of what you have missed.

With an emphasis on a tactile approach to learning, Cathy Miller, Liverpool Central School District, presented a fast and fun hands-on workshop titled Flip, Fold, Spin, and Slide. Cathy inspired organization and student driven activities where students can soak up information like a sponge!

Susan McQuaide (NYCOSH) & Wendy Hord, NYSUT's Health and Safety Coordinator provided invaluable information about what Teens Need to Know About Workplace Hazards. Many educators attending that day found there were new regulations needing their attention.

Connie Spohn, of the Career and Technical Education Technical Assistance Center (CTE TAC), provided up-to-date legislative information and a broader perspective of what Family and Consumer Science educators need to aim for in regards to Career and Technical Education: approved programs, integrated instruction, and collaboration among CTE professions.

A fabulous speaker, Susan H. Gubing, Industry/Educational Consultant and author of *CareerSmarts* provided the platform for

professional reflection by discussing College and Career Readiness: How can FACS professionals contribute to the big picture?

Susan also discussed a powerful approach to uncovering students “Dynamic, Natural Abilities.” through Discover Your Career DNA. Susan’s goal is to act as a “change agent for career and workforce development.”

Katherine P. Jetter, Vice President Education, WMHT joined the Professional Development Team to share information about PBS Media Resources for the 21st Century Classroom. There is a multitude of free PBS multimedia classroom resources with a focus on financial planning, media literacy, and life and career skills.

Victoria Gray, New York State Department of Labor, provided an illuminating CareerZone Update! The newly updated CareerZone contains many features and enhancements intended to assist students and teachers with a professional approach to self-assessment, planning, career exploration, and job seeking. Also, learn about in-demand careers in STEM and the Dollars & Sense program.

Until recently, NYSAFCSE had a talented yet unrecognized resource among us— Jessica Williams of Newark Valley Central School. Jessica took us into her world through a dynamic presentation which showed participants the Interest, Talent and Academic Rigor: A Model for FACS as the Cornerstone of the Curriculum.

Jessica also focused on social/emotional learning through this model making appropriate connections to the heart/mission of FACS and to the national agenda. The model is based on Renzulli’s research and won high praise from the Career and Technical Education Center along with the Board of Regents. Be sure to learn more about this approach!

As the NYSAFCSE Middle School Representative, Christine Bunn had the privilege of participating in the CTE Content Advisory Panel, in Albany, from September through December. Educational stakeholders from around the state came to share ideas and a commitment to meeting the needs of business and industry as they are challenged by an increasing

concern about trained workers to meet 21st Century needs. She learned that Family and Consumer Sciences programs need to 1) demonstrate high quality programming on a consistent basis, 2) schools need to develop CTE approved programs, and 3) think about ways to collaborate with other CTE programs to build educational structures that support building an economy that can compete globally.

Our constant advocate and shining light, Dawn Scagnelli, NYSED Associate, Career & Technical Education Team, provided members with insight and direction into the Board of Regents agenda about education in New York State. Very simply, the message is to establish Career and Technical Education graduation pathways in our schools. This means that getting program approval for our high school Family and Consumer Sciences programs is imperative. Along with program approval is opportunity for closing the FACS gap between the middle school Home and Career Skills course and the 9th and 10th grades by aiming for seamless programming right through graduation. The key to this transition is a focus on worker skills.

Finally, as Heidi Hobbs transitions into the PD Co-Chair role with Sheryl Garofano, you are encouraged to seek out your Professional Development leader or Area Coordinator to learn more about any of the topics previously discussed or those that are on the agenda for future discussion. If you do not have a representative in your area or do not know who that person is, contact Heidi at: hhobbs@nscsd.org, or Sheryl at: sgarofan@nscsd.org. Also, utilize the NYSAFCSE website to learn more about the leadership in your area.

Christine Bunn has moved into the President-elect’s position. She wishes to acknowledge the passion with which Sheryl Garofano works on behalf of NYSAFCSE. It is difficult to match the skill and finesse of this tireless professional. With that said, Heidi Hobbs is an ideal complement to the PD Team. Trust that this dynamic duo will continue to move NYSAFCSE towards its goal of serving the membership that builds students into “individuals who are competent, confident and caring in managing their personal, family, and career lives”.

Career Education

As you know career education is an integral part of our Family and Consumer Sciences curriculum. We are interested in posting your middle school and high school best practices regarding career education on our website. If you have any great lessons, projects, strategies or other ideas on different ways to infuse careers into your FACS classroom please share them with us. It would be great to have a bank of innovative resources that we could all access! No idea is too small. Please send all materials to conniebv@hotmail.com.

Ask a Pro

To all the new teachers who have joined the ranks of Family & Consumer Sciences professionals— welcome! The first year of teaching will be challenging, but you will also have rewards as you embark on teaching the most important course your students will ever have. Applying academics and process skills to real life is what we're all about and nothing could be more beneficial in our student's current and future lives.

A special challenge many of us face is being the only FACS teacher in our schools. While other faculty members can be a great resource for many things, they may not have experience with managing foods labs, making human development interesting to teens, or dealing with all the equipment we have. Don't feel as if you are alone because NYS AFCSE is here for you.

No matter how busy these first months are, make the time to go to your area professional development meetings. The FACS teachers in your local area will be an invaluable resource. We know what you are going through and I think you'll find us more than willing to be a resource and even share ideas and lessons with you. If for some reason, you don't get contacted in the first few weeks of school, check our association's web site at www.nysafcse.org to find how to contact your local Area Coordinator. You'll be glad you did.

We also include the "Ask a Pro" advice column in each monthly eNews Capsule. "Ask a Pro" is not just for new teachers but for anyone with concerns or questions. If you have something you'd like addressed, just e-mail phillip3@twcny.rr.com. If you need an answer before the next month, just mention that and I'll get back to you sooner.

Hope you all have a wonderful start to the school year!

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