

November 17, 2014
MONDAY MEMOS FROM NYSAFCSE

The chart below gives you a summary of the topics and attachments for a quick glimpse of this week's information.

Many of you are asking about the "45 day public comments" period for the Multiple Pathways. See the first box in the chart for a note from NYSAFCSE President Chris Bunn regarding this.

Monday Memos did not happen last week as I was in South Carolina loving on my second granddaughter who was born on Friday, November 7. Bryleigh Mae was born to my USMC son, Richard, and his lovely wife, Heather. All are well and Bryleigh is beautiful!!

I tried sending out the **November 2014 Enews Capsule** last Thursday and again on Saturday. However, MANY of the emails kicked back because it was too big for many of your servers even after I cut back on one of the attachments on the second try. If you did not receive it, you can check for the e-news on the members only section of our nysafcse.org website. PLEASE BE SURE TO READ IT ~THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Continue to check out the national and state activities to focus on in November and December! I hope you are planning now!!

I would encourage you to consider submitting your name for consideration for the paid textbook review opportunity below. I did this a few years ago; it was a great experience and gives you some positive bragging rights in your district!

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STATE – A note from NYSAFCSE President, Christine Bunn

I am in the process of constructing a response from NYS AFCSE using a talking points approach for the public comment opportunity with the Regents re: Multiple Pathways. Past-President Connie Costley and I will be flying into Nashville for ACTE Visions 2014 Conference and will have the opportunity to collaborate to determine our own spin on the proposed changes.

A formal response regarding the Multiple Pathways to Graduation proposed policy is forthcoming. The official comment period for this policy ends on December 19, 2014. Be on the lookout for a unified response from NYS ACTE and NYS AFCSE. Your comments are more important than ever in responding to the proposed Regents action. Please wait for our talking points to guide your public comment; it is better to have good thoughtful responses at the last minute than a bunch of non-focused ones now.

NATIONAL

The *Dine In With Us!* campaign sponsored by AAFCS is well on its way. Click on the [Up Coming Events](#) icon on the NYS AFCSE home page (www.nysafcse.org) to learn all about it.

Want a more historical perspective, or some interesting conversation starters? Check the related articles at the bottom of the webpage. Add your name to the “dining in” dinner table. The [interactive map](#) is filling in fast with New York participants!

STATE – NYS AFCSE Website

Have Your Heard? Gratitude’s the Word!

What good is gratitude? Just click on the Monthly Theme tab in the Members section of the [NYS AFCSE website](#) and learn about the health benefits of living gratefully. Also check out the *Teenage Affluenza* video and accompanying lesson plans and see how you can incorporate the gratitude theme into your curriculum plans for this month. And to whet your palate, investigate the science of Thanksgiving flavors while watching *Can I Eat That?* a NOVA presentation aired on PBS.

We’re still looking for your student’s thoughts on gratitude. Have a few of your students in a 5 – 10 second video clip state the things for which they are grateful. Start and stop the taping between each student so each file is separate. Send your video to Peggy Zurn pegpeg100@yahoo.com by November 19 - and be sure to include your name, school district and region. Thanks to those who have already sent in their entries for our Thanksgiving Gratitude Video!

NATIONAL

I am Stephanie Hill, an editorial assistant at **Goodheart-Willcox Publisher**, a premier publisher of Career and Technical Education textbooks for both the secondary and post-secondary markets. Feel free to review our website at www.g-w.com. We are developing a new textbook ***Principles of Human Services***, and are **seeking instructors who might be interested in reviewing portions of our manuscript and providing feedback.**

Do you know of any bright New York high-school instructors who teach the introductory course Careers in Human Services? If so, I'd be interested in contacting them about their interest in this paid opportunity.

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**We are also** currently working on a major revision of our flagship foods textbook ***Guide to Good Food***, and are **seeking instructors who might be interested in reviewing portions of our manuscript and providing feedback.**

Do you know of any bright New York high-school instructors who teach the course Food and Nutrition? If so, I'd be interested in contacting them about their interest in this paid opportunity.

Thank you for your time; you can give my contact information to any instructors whom you think may be interested.

Sincerely,

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