



Mississippi Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

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## Message from the New President, Dr. Sheri Worthy



Sheri Worthy, PhD, CFCS

Welcome! We have had a great year of celebrations and gala events commemorating the 100 Year Centennial for AAFCs. Now that the celebrating is over, it is an even more exciting time to be involved with MAFCS! We are entering our second century of working for the well-being of individuals, families, and communities. With the current status of the environment and economy, and the resulting stress on individuals, families, and communities, I cannot think of a better time for us as FCS professionals to use research and strategies to help individuals, families, and communities sustain and improve their quality of life without having a negative impact on the environment.

We are planning a great meeting for February 26, 2010. The theme for the conference is *New Century for FCS: New Challenges, New Solutions*. We will be holding the meeting at the Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond, MS. For more details about the meeting, and to register for the conference, visit [www.msafcs.org](http://www.msafcs.org).

### Mark your Calendar

February 26, 2010 for the annual conference. *New Century for FCS: New Challenges, New Solutions*.

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# Celebrating the Past, Sustaining the Future!

The 2009 annual meeting began with a Celebration Gala in honor of the Centennial Anniversary of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. The Penthouse Suite of the Hilton on County Line Road



was beautifully decorated with white roses and white lilies donated and arranged by Dr. Cynthia Easterling of the University of Southern Mississippi, MAFCS President, 1995-96. A dessert bar featuring a chocolate fountain, fresh fruit, and cookies was enjoyed as the guests

Ellen Swallow Richards visited with each other. Past presidents of MAFCS and new officers were introduced.

A special presentation was given by Ellen Swallow Richards, as portrayed by Joyce B. Miles, CFCS. Ms. Richards discussed the 100 years of Family and Consumer Sciences.

A display of garments entitled *Recapturing Memories of Our Past: A Look at History Through Fashion* was prepared by Apparel, Textiles and Merchandising students at Mississippi State University under the direction of Jessica Ajluni. The garments were from the School of Human Sciences' Historic Costume and Textiles Collection.

Amy Whitten, J.D., presented the opening general session program, *Generations at Work: Building Strong Teams Across the Ages* where she discussed four generations in the work force. Concurrent sessions were held for students and teachers. Christine Philley, CFCS, presented *Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers- playing a Vital Role in the Implementation of the Mississippi Healthy Student's Act*. Karyn Brown, M.A. spoke on *Using Social Networking: Facebook as an Effective Communication Tool*.

A lovely luncheon Celebrating Ellen Swallow Richards was sponsored by The Mississippi Pork

Association, the Mississippi Rice Council, the Mississippi Beef Council, the Mississippi Farm Bureau, and the Mississippi Sweet Potato Council. Joyce Miles entertained the group with more history of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Concurrent sessions in the afternoon included *Integrating the Positive Youth Development Approach into Middle and High School Classrooms* by Erin Sharp, PhD. And "Future Trends in FCS" by Shirley Hastings, PhD, past president of AAFCS.

Chef Roland, from Mississippi State University, completed the day with a demonstration of beef stir fry and individual apple tarts.

Student design winners were Jacqueline To, first place and Georgia Wilson, second place for Wearable Art. Robin Kelly won first place and Brittany Davis won second place for Creative design. These students were from Delta State University.



Jacqueline To, Georgia Wilson, Robin Kelly, and Brittany Davis, Delta State University.

First place winner in the student research competition was Hannah Comer from Mississippi State University. Courtney Smith and Mary Hannigan, also from Mississippi State University won second and third place.

The Silent Auction raised nearly \$300 to fund the student awards in 2010.

Submitted by E. Cameron McMillan



Hannah Comer (left), Mary Hannigan (center) and Courtney Smith, Mississippi State University.



Past MAFCS presidents (left - right). Dr. Jan Haynes (2008-09), Dr. Wanda Cheek (2007-08), Ms. Linda Gayle Smith (2005-07), Ms. Ouida Pittman (2004-05), Dr. Jan Taylor (2000-01), Dr. Ann Blackwell (1997-98), Dr. Cynthia Easterling (1995-96), Dr. Barbara McLaurin (1994-95), Dr. Beverly Howell (1991-92), Dr. Raygene Paige (1986-87), Ms. Ann Rushing (1981-82), Dr. Bettye Coward (1978-79). Not Pictured Dr. Shirley Hastings past AAFCS President.

## *AAFCS Centennial Celebration Knoxville, TN, June 26 - 28, 2009*

The AAFCS Centennial Celebration was a great success with over 1,000 in attendance. The conference adhered to the theme "Celebrating the Past, Sustaining the Future."

Several sessions focused on honoring the past including "Paying Tribute to the Forgotten Founders of FCS: Myths and Realities" and "Tracing the Higher Education FCS Curriculum Through the Century (1908 - 2008)". Sustaining the future was reiterated through conference sessions and the "green tips" printed throughout the program. Celebrating the past and looking to the future culminated during the "Centennial Celebration: Light for a New Century" on the final evening of the conference. This event featured students speaking about the need for FCS programs in the future and a laser light show and music that cannot adequately be described in words.

Senate passed a Public Policy Resolution on the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. These goals are to: 1) eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, 2) achieve universal primary education, 3) promote gender equality and empower women, 4) reduce child mortality and improve maternal health, 5) combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, 6) ensure environmental sustainability, and 7) develop a global partnership for development.

# *New Century for FCS: New Challenges, New Solutions*

## *Call for Educational Sessions*

You are invited to submit a program proposal for presentation of an educational session during the Annual Meeting to be held on Friday, February 26, 2010. Proposals will be considered for presentations in any related field, although submissions are strongly encouraged that fit into the theme of the 2010 Annual Meeting: *New Century for FCS: New Challenges, New Solutions*. Go to [www.msafcs.org](http://www.msafcs.org) for details on how to submit a proposal.

## *Teacher Showcase*

The Teacher Showcase is designed to highlight the best practices of Family and Consumer Sciences teachers throughout the state. If you are a teacher and are interested in preparing a poster presentation highlighting a best practice teaching method please fill out the application at [www.msafcs.org](http://www.msafcs.org) MAFCS will be giving **\$50, \$100, and \$150** awards for the best teacher showcases.

## *Student Research/Design Exhibits*

We will be offering **\$50, \$100 and \$150** awards for the best student research and the best student creative design again at this year's meeting. Students – be working on those projects! Student research/design exhibit applications can be found at [www.msafcs.org](http://www.msafcs.org).

## *Silent Auction - Benefiting Family and Consumer Sciences Student Awards*

Since we have had so much success with our silent auction in the past, we will continue the event at this year's meeting. The proceeds from the silent auction are used to fund the student awards. To make this happen, we need your help. Please donate an item for the auction. The item can be something that you have made, something you have purchased or even a service you can provide. If you plan to donate an item, please e-mail Cameron McMillen at [emcmilln@deltastate.edu](mailto:emcmilln@deltastate.edu) (662-846-6209) so we will be sure to have enough space.