

NATFACS Spring News 2011



President's Message – Cherie Mingus

In the fall, I stated that there is “a difference between interest and commitment”. When a person or group of people is *committed*, you see results! Your 2010-2011 NATFACS Board has demonstrated to each of you, the NATFACS members that they were **and** are *committed* to this organization!

During this past year your NATFACS Board committed themselves to having a successful meeting in Las Vegas, worked on improving the website, secured additional sponsors for scholarships, awards, and door prizes and participated in the NATFACS “Best Practices”. Several members of the board represented you and promoted Family and Consumer Sciences at the federal level by attending the ACTE National Policy Seminar in Washington, DC.

As my term as NATFACS President soon comes to an end, I want to thank everyone who assisted me in any way. I could not have been a “leader” without the *commitment* of my fellow officers, committee chairs, and members. It has indeed been a pleasure and honor to carry out the cause of our organization - “preparing individuals for life and work, strengthening families, enabling communities”.

To continue your level of commitment, please consider volunteering to run for a national office, be a committee chair, or a committee member. NATFACS needs YOU! If you wish to share your time and talents for NATFACS please contact Incoming President, Dr. Michelle Aldrich at teachwyo@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Also consider nominating a deserving colleague for one of our many NATFACS Awards. Information about these awards are on our website (www.natfacs.org) under the “Awards” tab. Deadline for these awards are August 1, 2011 and are to be mailed directly to me – Cherie Mingus, 23 Ridgeway Drive, Elizabethtown, KY 42701-9739. These awards include:

- Champion for Family and Consumer Sciences
- Award of Merit
- Distinguished Service Award
- New Professional Award
- Pride Award

It has been my honor and privilege to represent you the NATFACS membership this year! I look forward to another year of *committed* membership!!

Cherie Mingus
2010-2011 President



President-Elect, Dr Michelle Aldrich

Your new executive board and committee chairs have just completed our spring planning and policy meeting in beautiful Denver, Colorado. The weather was beautiful right up until time to fly home. We worked hard to plan for the NATFACS activities to be held at the 2011 A.C.T.E. Conference to be held in St. Louis, MO in November. Each of us left with a list of things to accomplish between now and when we meet again in November. Each of the committee chairs will be contacting their committee's to carry out their duties as we work to help NATFACS embrace technology and to streamline our operations to become as efficient as possible.

I am really excited to see where 2011 will lead us as we strive to meet the needs of our members and share the message of FACS and NATFACS! I look forward to hearing from you and hope that you will feel free to e-mail me at teachwyo@yahoo.com if you have any questions or have any ideas that you would like to share with your executive board! We'll see you in St. Louis!



NATFACS Awards Ceremony Las Vegas, NV, Dec 3, 2010

Susanna Franklin

It is indeed an honor to recognize professionals for their strong support and dedication to Family & Consumer Sciences Education. We had a total of 15 individuals apply for the various awards this year. Thank you to all the states for your selection of outstanding individuals to honor with our awards.

The first award category is **Champion for Family and Consumer Sciences**. This award is given to recognize a person, business, company, government or community-based agency or a representative there of who has exemplified extraordinary

support and concern for Family and Consumer Sciences and NATFACS.

The first recipient of this award is Cassinda Bechanan a representative of the Kentucky Poultry Federation. Cassinda has worked tirelessly with FACS professionals and others in her organization to create new and exciting lessons on egg preparation that are aligned with state and national FACS standards. During the last school year she visited almost 50 schools reaching over 4000 students across the state. She is also instrumental in the egg and poultry rebate program which enables FACS teachers to submit receipts from egg and poultry purchases and receive a reimbursement for their programs. Congratulations Cassinda and thank you to the Kentucky Poultry Federation for their support.

Our second Champion Award recipient is Cindy McKay, Executive Director of the United Services for Effective Parenting-Ohio. Through her organization Cindy provides support for FACS Programs through USEP C.A.R.E.S. Writing, teaching and serving Family and Consumer Sciences has been a focus of Cindy's work as an educator for 30 years. Advocating for programs, increasing quality funding, fighting to retain jobs in the face of changing needs, addressing issues of importance to the public and building alliances for FACS educators and programs all help create stronger families and educated students who become tomorrow's parents and teachers. We are proud to honor Cindy's contributions with this award.

The next award category is the **Award of Merit**. This award recognizes a NATFACS member who has made significant contributions to Family and Consumer Sciences, and/or ACTE,

and/or NATFACS and is considered to be an outstanding leader in the field.

I would like to recognize Sharon Gardner, Oklahoma as a recipient of the Award of Merit. Sharon has taught Family and Consumer Sciences for 35 years. During that time she has served in numerous leadership capacities at both the state and national level. She has served as president of the Oklahoma Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and, perhaps most notable, has served two terms as NATFACS president, the only individual to have done so. Personally, Sharon has been a great influence on me as I have watched her develop her meticulous leadership skill in the classroom and at the district, state and national level. Students in Sharon's classes are prepared to meet the challenge of balancing work and family. Her students are respected as individuals and challenged to reach their potential through rigorous course work and relevant project work. As one of her students wrote; "Mrs. Gardner is very involved in every task she does with her students and with her community. She shows so much dedication towards everything she does and she puts so much time and effort into being an excellent teacher and advisor."

A co-worker described Sharon as a "gem" in the field of Family and Consumer Sciences and another supporter wrote, "Mrs. Gardner exemplifies all the qualities expected of a Professional Career and Technology instructor and more. I am only one of the many who are blessed to know and work with such an outstanding person." Congratulations Sharon. You will be receiving a life-time membership to NATFACS as part of this award.

Charlotte Mohling, of South Dakota, is also a recipient of the Award of Merit. Charlotte has taught for 31 years. The South

Dakota Association Teachers of FACS nominated Charlotte because she has motivated South Dakota FACS teachers to go beyond their comfort zone by providing effective strategies that use cutting-edge technology tools in the classroom, teaching colleagues how to write authentic project-based curriculum, and collaborating state-wide to write and establish South Dakota Career Cluster Standards for CTE programs. Not only has Charlotte provided training within the state of South Dakota to CTE instructors, but she also has provided trainings at several national conferences, including ACTE. Charlotte's dedication to her teaching profession is evident in her passion to share what will enable students to excel. Charlotte believes all students should have the opportunity to access a variety of quality programs and courses that challenge their abilities and prepare them for post-secondary education and/or the world of work. Under her direction a series of independent, technology-based, elective courses have been developed to meet student interests and needs in the areas of technology and family and consumer sciences. A former student wrote: "As luck would have it, my daughter also became a Charlotte Mohling "fan" and I couldn't be happier. Charlotte helped her blossom just as she did me and the hundreds of other students throughout her teaching career. She takes the time to listen, to help, and to challenge each and every student. In her eyes the possibilities for achievement are endless and for me and the other students with whom she worked, we strive to see just how much we could achieve. It takes a truly special teacher to be able to do that for a student." Congratulations Charlotte. Charlotte will be receiving a life-time membership to NATFACS.

To receive the **Distinguished Service Award** an individual must have been a member of ACTE and NATFACS for a minimum of 10

years. The award recognizes an individual for outstanding service to NATFACS and professional contributions above and beyond the traditional expectation of duties assumed.

This year's recipient is Kris Brockhoft, of South Dakota. According to her nomination letter, Kris, a 19 year veteran, has provided leadership to the South Dakota Association Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences and South Dakota Association Career and Technical Educators as an officer, committee chairperson and state president. She was recently honored as Region 5 ACTE TOY finalist. Kris has written curriculum used nationally for Family Economics Financial Education (FEFE) and for the national FCCLA organization. Kris excels as a national trainer, advisor, and round table presenter. She is a national Lead Consultant for FCCLA STAR events. Kris has mentored three national FCCLA officers who originally began their dream in her local chapter. At the state level, Kris assisted in writing and reviewing Praxis exams for educators seeking a teaching license. She wrote curriculum for state required Personal Finance courses and for implementing career cluster standards into CTE programs used state-wide. One of Kris's supporters wrote: "Kris Brockhoft is one of South Dakota's most dedicated teachers of family and consumer sciences education that I have had the privilege of working with at the state level. She puts in endless hours and efforts to support her students in whatever project they have chosen to do at the time. Kris is an "always" teacher, who always provides the resources and the encouragement that her students need to learn living and leadership skills that help them achieve their goals." It is an honor to recognize such a deserving individual. Kris will be receiving a NATFACS life-time membership.

The **Pride Award** is given to recognize a NATFACS member who is a Family and Consumer Sciences Education classroom teacher using outstanding marketing endeavors and promotional ideas for the continued development and enhancement of Family and Consumer Sciences Education.

Tammy Elliott, Arkansas, is this year's recipient. Tammy has been teaching for 16 years. Tammy, as well as members of the Nashville Junior High School FCCLA chapter have spoken at several local civic and community organization meetings, including the Lion's Club, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club and the Nashville school board promoting their activities and highlighting their accomplishments. They have taped public service announcements at the local radio station and Tammy has been interviewed on southwestarkansasradio.com. Community service projects, FACS and FCCLA have been promoted on Civic Pride, a show on the local television station. In April of 2010, representatives from the Arkansas Department of Workforce Education held a five year TAT visit at Tammy's School. One requirement for the visit was that each department had to document publicity from the last five years. There were more than 90 Nashville FCCLA and FACS articles and pictures in a 40 page portfolio. In 2004, Tammy wrote a four page letter to Alan Raines, the National FCCLA Executive Director at the time. In the letter, Tammy pitched ideas for publicity awards to recognize media outlets that promote and publicize FCCLA. Brand FCCLA, a national public relations tool used by FCCLA chapters nationwide to enhance the image, awareness and understanding of FCCLA, was the result. Tammy has been so successful in marketing her FACS program that she has more students enrolled in her courses than can be accommodated in one year and she has one of the larger member FCCLA chapters in the state of Arkansas. One of Tammy's supporters wrote: "From contributing frequently to the

Arkansas FACS Teachers Listserv to newspaper articles and television interviews; graciously sharing PowerPoints she spends hours making for AATFACS membership bags; from presenter at state and national conferences to texting, emailing and calling her students and local FCCLA members with necessary information, Tammy Elliott is the epitome of the FACS Teacher Professional who exudes “Pride” in her profession and program.”

Congratulations to Tammy Elliott our Pride Award winner.

Tammy will receive \$300 compensation from NATFACS and a \$100 gift card from NASCO.

We have been honoring some of our finest career teachers, now is the time to recognize one of our newer members. The **New Professional Award** is given to recognize a member who has completed no more than five years of teaching Family and Consumer Sciences. Significant contributions in the classroom, through curriculum development and/or providing multiple FCCLA opportunities for students are the criteria for this award.

This year's recipient is Karin Davis, Oklahoma. In Karin's four short years of teaching she has served a two year term as district FCCLA/Teacher counselor and was elected one of OATFACS regional vice presidents. Karin is part of a two teacher program and her partner teacher brags about the extra time and effort Karin puts into every task she assumes. This dedication has resulted in an FCCLA chapter of 102 members. Karin believes in integrating FCCLA STAR events and National Programs into her classroom as assignments. Some events she has successfully incorporated include, Career Investigation, Families First, Life Event Planning, Recycle and Redesign, Food Innovations, and FACTS. She states that this makes students more aware of the different events and provides them with a sense of satisfaction

when they realize they have completed the project and can now easily complete others. This also affords her the opportunity to select the best projects to enter as a STAR Event. Karin has also participated in co-teaching activities with her Chemistry/Biology teacher. She feels these activities were educational for both her and her students and she plans to add more of these activities in the future. One of Karin's administrators shared the following: "Karin has been a consistent, dedicated classroom innovator and has always been totally dedicated to the enhancement of student learning. I have personally witnessed her interactions with students and greatly admire her ability to guide and inspire students as well as her peers. As an administrator in her building, many of the responsibilities Karin holds are assigned to her because of her commitment, professionalism and desire to represent our faculty/staff in a positive manner. Her ability to inspire students and faculty make her contributions particularly special to our district. Karin has always been driven to learn new concepts of classroom management and new teaching techniques." We encourage Karin to continue her commitment to Family and Consumer Sciences education and her professional organizations. Karin will receive a \$500 compensation with her award courtesy of Johnson and Wales University. Congratulations Karin.

I would like to once again congratulate all our award recipients. We ask that all of you take the time to honor the outstanding accomplishments of Family and Consumer Sciences professionals in your state and be part of our national awards presentation at our next meeting in St. Louis, MO, November 17-19. The 2011 Award Applications can be accessed on our website, www.natfacs.org.

HELP PRESERVE OUR HISTORY

Thanks to the hard work of Charlotte Gray, History Chair, 2010-2011, our NATFACS history is now being maintained digitally. If you have any pictures from the 2010 NATFACS convention or Policy and Planning Meeting which you would like added to the NATFACS history please forward them to Susanna Franklin at skf74301@yahoo.com. Please include a caption identifying the event and the people pictured. If you prefer, pictures may be mailed to P.O. Box 943, Vinita, OK 74301. We will be sharing these pictures during the NATFACS convention in St. Louis, November 17-19. Please help to preserve our NATFACS history and share your images.

“Who Dares to Teach Must Never Cease to Learn.” – John Dana

CALL FOR “BEST PRACTICES” PRESENTATIONS

ACTE Convention November 17-19, 2011
St. Louis Missouri

It is once again time to start thinking about and planning for the annual ACTE convention to be held in St. Louis “Show Me State” Missouri. NATFACS will again sponsor the “Best Practices” Showcase as a highlight of the FACS Division program for the ACTE Convention. The showcase is an excellent way to continue learning and improving our teaching with new ideas and the latest information on best practices.

The time is now to start planning to participate in this event, sharing your knowledge and resources with other FACS teachers from across the country. Consider sharing information about your current program such as activities promoting community service projects, techniques for special needs students, or many of the other activities that are happening in your classroom on a daily basis.

As of last year it is no longer necessary for presenters to bring handouts for all participants, just prepare and submit a copy of materials ahead of the convention and they will be placed on the NATFACS website for members to download when they return home. This will cut down on the paper that presenters and participants will have to pack to and from convention. You will then have the opportunity to visit and share with attendees in a relaxed and comfortable environment. If there are several from your school coming to convention, plan a group presentation. It is the goal to have at least one presenter from each state attending the convention. More is even better. Take a few minutes and complete the attached form with your basic information. More information and details will

be forwarded as soon as we know the exact time and location of the Showcase in the convention schedule. Thank you for your participation.

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BEST PRACTICES” PRESENTATIONS

ACTE Convention – November 17-19, 2011
St. Louis, Missouri

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Topic of Presentation _____

Brief Description _____

Career Cluster _____

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DEADLINE: September 17, 2011

Financial Growth Committee

The “NOOK”

Money, money, money...don't we all wish for more. NATFACS has wonderful members that help contribute to the financial growth committee each year. Without this help, we would not be able to offer five scholarships annually. What a wonderful way to help our profession grow and prosper for our future as we continue with these scholarships.

This year we have set a goal to increase our contribution to the scholarship fund by \$1000. I know we can do this and possibly even exceed our goal and make this a record breaking year!! So now your thoughts are...how can I help? There are several ways that both individuals and states can assist.

One highlight in the FACS Resource Room at ACTE is our famous “Nook”. In the “Nook” you will find some wonderful items for sale, state basket raffles and a place for donations to be made. All proceeds from each go straight to the scholarship fund. I encourage you to donate items for sale, assist your state with their basket and then to come shop/donate while at conference. The majority of the items that are sold in the NOOK are from fellow NATFACS members. We need donated items for the Nook that can include small things such as small crafts, jewelry, cards, and promotional products. So for all of our many talented and/or crafty members, who would like to help, please contact me as I welcome your contributions!!

While we encourage our states and members to continue with the state baskets we also want to challenge our states and members to become Annual NATFACS Sponsors. NATFACS would also love to have business and industries within each state to join us by becoming an Annual NATFACS Sponsor. Please share this with them and encourage them to participate with either a monetary donation or by donating a product(s) that we can use as a door prize or as a raffle. All who donate will be listed on the NATFACS website at: www.natfacs.org and will be displayed on our “Wall of Sponsorship” in the NATFACS Hospitality Room in St. Louis. The “Levels of Sponsorship” are listed below.

Levels of Sponsorship Amount

Gold \$1000

Silver \$500

Bronze \$250

Friends \$ 50

I am excited about this year and hope to see many of you in St. Louis at ACTE in the FACS Resource Room ready to contribute to our scholarship fund!!!!

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BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

Many of us have experienced cuts in our income or expendable income during these tough economic times. As these financial challenges arise we take action with our individual budgets in order to curtail the pain or damage that may occur to our families and our lives.

Our nation and in particular, the federal government, are experiencing serious budget issues beyond anything we have seen in many years. Cuts are being made in Washington whether we like it or not. Carl Perkins funding has just become one of many programs that has taken a huge hit with massive monetary slashes. The pain is real and will become all the more real as our budgets for the coming school year are revealed. Much weeping and wailing will begin the more the consequences are revealed.

Ladies and gentlemen, I would ask that, “We need to be part of the solution, not the problem.” It is easy to be in our own schools and homes and complain, berate and moan. However, now it is crucial to be heard. If congress doesn’t hear or understand the importance of our programs reinstating funding for Perkins will never happen.

Now is the time to build relationships with your congressional members. Members of congress need to hear from their constituents. Stay informed through the many alerts, bulletins and resources that ACTEONLINE.ORG provides. There are endless suggestions of things you can do to help raise the profile of CTE. One of the suggestions ACTE provides is to invite your congressmen to see your programs in action. Ten steps for a successful legislative tour are listed on the website to help you maximize this particular opportunity.

As the “bleeding” begins, let’s take the opportunity to minimize damage to our programs with creative thinking. Promote, promote, promote. As you hear or come up with inventive ways to make ends meet, share with others how you do it. We need to be part of that solution that will help keep us afloat during these tough times. “CTE Policy Watch” is a blog that you may turn to for sharing. ACTEONLINE.org has an action center that is a critical link for any solution. We will need to look beyond the obvious to solve these challenges. After all, isn’t that we do with our own budgets????

Rachel Gonzalez, NATFACS Legislative Chair

Proud to be...a Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher!

By Cecilia Gray, NATFACS Public Relations Chair

Unlike most college freshmen these days, I never changed my major – I always knew I was going to be a Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher (back then called Home Economics). One day while riding the shuttle bus to my next class across campus another student asked me what my major was and when I told him, his reply was “Oh, a

‘Mrs. Degree’”. After I picked my chin up off the ground I went on to educate him about my degree program, including the organic chemistry I was required to take, but most importantly its significance to family and community. It is my sincere hope, 20 years later, we have indeed moved past the “Mrs. Degree” and “cooking and sewing” stereotypes, but in order to continue to move forward, and not take two steps back, we must be proactive and publicize, publicize, publicize!

The question then is this – how do we as Family and Consumer Sciences teachers promote and publicize our programs? The answer is easy – get involved! Do something with your memberships – your students and your own professional ones. Then send media releases, with pictures, of EVERYTHING your students and you do to your local newspapers and other outlets (consider radio, flyers for local businesses, school yearbook, etc). Think about what you did this year – class fieldtrips and guest speakers; FCCLA meetings, competitive events, and service learning activities; your own professional development activities. How much of this did you publicize?

Perhaps you or other Family and Consumer Sciences educator you know does a GREAT job promoting the program. Get recognition for that effort! Each state is encouraged to submit a PRIDE Award nomination. The **PRIDE AWARD** is given to recognize a member who is a Family and Consumer Sciences Education classroom teacher for outstanding marketing endeavors and promotional ideas for the continued development and enhancement of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Don’t forget the 2011 National ACTE Convention, November 17-19, in St. Louis, Missouri! What a wonderful opportunity to renew, refresh, and relearn. Also, if you have a successful public relations/marketing strategy, please consider sharing your success by presenting in the Showcase of Best Practices at the ACTE Convention. We all love new ideas!

Free Scholarship Money

I am pleased to announce that NATFACS has five \$700 scholarships available for qualified recipients. These merit based scholarships can be used to help reduce the cost of tuition. To be considered for one of these scholarships we encourage you to apply as early as possible.

Visit online at www.natfacs.org/scholarships.html for requirements, qualifications, and application deadline.

As always, the Scholarship Committee is available to answer questions that you may have about the application procedures. We look forward to receiving your application!

Mary Mason, Scholarship Chair

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Mark your calendar today for the best professional development event of the year, Nov. 17-19 in St. Louis. [Registration](http://www.acteonline.org) is now open at www.acteonline.org!

COSTS –Conference Registration-\$285.00 before July 15, 2011

ACTE Membership -\$80.00

NATFACS membership-\$20.00

NATFACS Hospitality Room-\$10.00

Register now--Hotels will be filling up fast!!! Early Bird Registration ends July 15, 2011.

*All NATFACS teachers register in the Hospitality Room at the convention in St. Louis-Location will be sent at a later date.

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