

IN THE KNOW

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"How To STAY INVOLVED IN AAFCS" BY LARISSA STALEY, CHAIR

Last edition's of *In The Know*, I explained how you can **GET** involved within AAFCS. Ok, so you got involved, now what? It's time to **STAY** involved with AAFCS.

Once you become involved with AAFCS, it's time to be a part of some of the "behind the scenes." I'm talking about joining a committee. There are eight different committees that you can become a part of; Annual Conference Committee, Awards and Recognition Committee, Bylaws Committee, Development Committee, Ethics Committee, Finance Committee, Membership Committee, and Public Policy Committee. These committees consist of AAFCS members from around the country. You wouldn't believe the networking opportunities of joining a committee with professionals from our field! Committees meet in person once- at Annual Conference, and then communicate the rest through email and scheduled conference calls.

I would highly encourage each and every AAFCS Student Unit member to look into these committees and seriously think about joining one. There is an application process. You can go to www.aafcs.org and scroll down on the "What's New" column (in the middle of the homepage) and click on the "[Apply by March 1st to Serve on AAFCS 2010-11 Committees!](#)" You will then have to email that form to AAFCS President-Elect Sue Byrd.

Every committee would love to see more student involvement!!!!

All AAFCS Student Unit officers are currently serving on these committees. If you have any questions you can contact us anytime. Here are the committee's we are involved with:

Larissa- Public Policy Committee
Linsey- Awards and Recognition Committee
Traci- Development Committee
Taylor- Awards and Recognition Committee
Amanda- Membership Committee
Kelly- Membership Committee

Along with meeting professionals from all fields there are awesome perks to staying involved with AAFCS. The biggest benefit of staying involved would be the various scholarships that are offered. There are undergraduate scholarships, graduate scholarships, as well as scholarships available for research.

Through active involvement within AAFCS than you can apply and have a chance to win these scholarships that are offered. What an opportunity that would be!! Staying involved can make the difference in getting a job, getting funds for your research, getting money to help with college, getting scholarships for attending annual conference, and so much more!!

~Larissa~

WE WANT YOU TO BE AN AAFCS STUDENT UNIT OFFICER!

BY: TRACI JARRETT, AAFCS SU 1ST VICE CHAIR

Larissa has done a fantastic job informing all of you Student Unit members about how to GET and STAY involved with AAFCS!

One way to really get involved on the national level is to become a national officer! I have been an AAFCS Student Unit officer for two years now, serving as your 2008-2009 Vice Chair of Outreach and Service and your

2009-2010 1st Vice Chair. During these past two years, I have learned so much about our organization through participating at the national conferences and serving on the Development Committee.

There are five positions available: Chair-Elect, 1st Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Secretary and Vice Chair of Outreach and Service.

Applying for an AAFCS Student Unit officer position is easy! All you have to do is fill out the application! You can find the application at www.aafcs.org/students. Applications are due to Sophy Mott, AAFCS SU Liaison, by **March 11, 2010**.

Being an AAFCS Student Unit officer is a great way to get and stay involved with AAFCS! So apply today!

"GET INVOLVED AND STAY CONNECTED!" BY AMANDA REPP,
AAFC SU SECRETARY

We are interested in collecting information about each student unit affiliate. What we as student unit officers would like to do is collect information about each affiliate so that the different state affiliates can contact each other. We would like to have a main contact person for each school that has an affiliate and a little bit of information about their program and club.

I am asking that each affiliate send an e-mail with their affiliates' contact person, e-mail, school, and a brief little bit of information about your club.

Please let me know if you have any questions. E-mail your information to Amanda Repp at alrepp@iastate.edu.

Please put STUDENT UNIT AFFILIATE in the subject line of the e-mail. Also, please contact Amanda with any questions you have.

We would like to have this information collected by **May 28, 2010**. We would like to be able to have this information available at national conference this coming summer in Cleveland, Ohio.

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!

BY: TAYLOR BARCZYK, AAFCS SU SECOND VICE CHAIR

In order to really make it in a career, one must go above and beyond the status quo. I believe that AAFCS professionals strive to succeed in everything they do. However, since this comes so naturally, it is easy to forget to recognize the strides you make in your community. NOW is your time to stop and fill out a form and recognize the most talented AAFCS individuals you know.

We are now accepting applications for outstanding achievements throughout 2009-2010. The awards we provide include: **Community Service, Standard of Excellence, Progress, Outstanding Advisor, Student of the Year, and Program of the Year**. If you know of someone who works hard all year long to support AAFCS in your life, then do not hesitate to fill out our applications on the website by **MARCH 11th, 2010**.

They will be presented at our 101st national conference in Cleveland, Ohio in a ceremony amongst AAFCS professionals from around the nation. NOW is your time to make a difference and go above and beyond to recognize the commitment YOU have to AAFCS!

Any questions? Feel free to email me at TaylorBarczyk@gmail.com

\$500 Scholarship from the Community of Business & Entrepreneurship! All student members may apply!

The purpose of the \$500 scholarship is to encourage and assist pre-professional students who wish to enter a business-related career. Submit a letter of application including what field you are entering and why along with two letters of recommendation and any other supporting information by **March 10th** to:

Jill Hanson Roe (herodir@bevecomm.net)
320 East 11th Street
Blue Earth, MN 56013

OPEN A CAN FOR CLEVELAND'S KIDS

**BY: KELLY KINGSLEY, AAFCS SU VICE
CHAIR OF OUTREACH AND SERVICE**

Kids in Cleveland go hungry every day.
Please help.

This year the AAFCS Student Unit is partnering with Feeding America and the Cleveland Food Bank to provide quality, hand-held can openers for Cleveland's kids. The food bank facilitates an outreach program for children who utilize government funded feeding programs through the week and have difficulty meeting their nutritional needs over the weekend. Each Friday the students are invited to visit the food bank and collect a variety of nutritious food to use. Along with this food, the food bank loves to send a can opener home with the children who carry home cans. Light-weight and easy to pack, this can opener project is an exciting opportunity for FACS professionals and classrooms from all over the country to get involved.

Quality, hand-held can openers will be accepted at the Student Unit table in Cleveland at the national conference this June.

Please direct your questions to, Kelly Kingsley, SU AAFCS Outreach and Service Officer. krkingsley@liberty.edu.



DO YOU WANT TO ATTEND THE 101ST AAFCS ANNUAL MEETING FOR FREE?

BY: LINSEY JOHNSON, AAFCS SU CHAIR-ELECT

TO ALL AAFCS MEMBERS THAT ARE JUNIORS
IN COLLEGE!!!!!!!!!!

If you have never attended an AAFCS Annual Meeting and would like to make the 101st Annual Meeting in Cleveland, Ohio your FIRST one...but do not have the sufficient funds....I HAVE FOUND A WAY TO HELP YOU ATTEND THIS MEETING!!!!

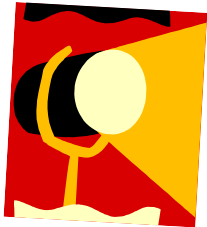
The Betsy Norum subsidy was put into place by the AAFCS Partners in Home and Community. They realized that students may have wanted to attend the meeting but may not have the sufficient funds to attend. It is in memory of Betsy Norum, a former Home and Community Chair.

If awarded the stipend you will be awarded \$500 to help with the costs of registration, hotel, or travel. You will also become a guest at the Partners in Home and Community meeting and at the gala Pacesetter Dinner. At the Pacesetter Dinner you will see several AAFCS professionals receiving national awards.

It is worth so much to attend this meeting! You will be able to network with other students and professionals, attend workshops, and explore the city of Cleveland! The application process is super easy! It requires general information, a brief essay, a letter of recommendation, and your transcript.

More information can be found within the application. You can receive an application from the student page on the AAFCS website <http://www.aafcs.org/students/index.html> under the What's New section or it should also be available from your Family and Consumer Sciences or similar programs by other names Department Chairpersons at your college and university.

I hope no one misses out on all the fun in Cleveland this summer! I hope to see you there!!



SPOTLIGHT ON CHAPTERS

Iowa State University Ames, Iowa

Iowa State University's Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Studies Club is growing and working to be involved in the community. Our most recent community service project involved making flannel pajama pants for the local women's shelter. We spent an evening cutting out, sewing, and finishing all of the pants. We worked with a local project called Helen's Pajama Party to coordinate the donation that we had. We later did a fundraiser to raise money to pay for the project and to help members of our club go to state and national conferences. We haven't planned a spring service project, but will begin that process at the next meeting. We meet two times a month for about an hour. Anyone is welcome at our meetings.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA ATHENS, GEORGIA

The UGA chapter has been very busy! We are gearing up for the University's Relay for Life event at the end of April. We have been setting up Percentage Nights around Athens and organizing a bake sale to raise money! Our onsite theme is going to be "SAFCS is Rockin' and Rollin' to Find a Cure for Cancer!" We will be holding officer elections for the next school year soon as well as coordinating the spring video-conference call for the GAFCS Student Unit!

DO YOU WANT TO BE "IN THE KNOW?" BY: TRACI JARRETT, AAFCS SU 1ST VICE CHAIR

Thank you for reading this issue of *In the Know*! Now it's your turn -- we want to know what your chapter is doing! Specifically, we want your chapter to be included in the "Chapter Spotlight" section of the next issue!

What type of activities can you include? ANYTHING! Chapter meetings, special events, state meetings, outreach activities and many more!

Please send a short description of your chapter's activity along with a picture to me at traci11@uga.edu. We look forward to learning about your chapter!



Cleveland

Rocks! Be there June 24-26, 2010 for the 101st Annual Conference & Expo!

- Conference website:
<http://www.aafcs.org/meetings/10/index.html>

Featured conference info:

- Read and comment on the Annual Conference blog at <http://aafcsconference.wordpress.com/>.
- Calls for AAFCS 101st Annual Conference Proposals
- [ESAE Curriculum Showcase](#)
- [HEU Undergraduate Student Research Poster Session](#): Help us identify undergraduate students who will be ready to present their research efforts in the form of a poster during the Higher Education Unit and Coordinating Council of Honor Societies co-sponsored session in Cleveland, Ohio. The session is titled *Undergraduate Student Research Poster Session*. HEU Executive Committee members and representatives from the Coordinating Council of Honor Societies will review abstracts. **The HEU has dedicated funding to present stipends to selected participants who are able to attend the conference.**