



Message from the President

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. Life is no 'brief candle' to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.

George Bernard Shaw

NATFACS is most definitely a community—a community of professionals with a common purpose—to promote Family and Consumer Sciences education. I consider it a privilege to be serving as your 2009-2010 NATFACS President, and to be part of such a dedicated community of professionals. As my term of office nears an end, I reflect on the many NATFACS members I have personally encountered who allow their “splendid torch” to burn on a daily basis within their schools and communities. You have been my motivation to continue working to advance the cause of NATFACS—to our legislators, our sponsors, and especially our membership.

During the past year your NATFACS board has worked to improve the web site and make it a useable resource for members, they have secured additional sponsors for scholarships and convention door prizes, and they have attended legislative seminars to help promote Family and Consumer Sciences and champion for continued federal funding.

You, the membership need to continue encouraging others to become torch bearers for Family and Consumer Sciences. We need dedicated individuals who will make time in their busy schedules to support and become involved in an organization which strives to promote leadership development, program improvement, policy formation, marketing skills, and allows for networking opportunities. Please consider volunteering your time and talents. Incoming President, Cheri Mingus, KY desires the support and assistance you could provide as a NATFACS committee member for the 2010-2011 year.

Let's be sure we burn brightly for our organization, our schools, and especially for future generations.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and the “privilege to do whatever I can”,

Susanna Franklin



NATFACS Policy and Planning Meeting Spring 2010

The 2010-2011 NATFACS Board members spent the weekend of April 8-10, 2010 in Louisville, Kentucky for the annual NATFACS Policy and Planning Meeting. During this meeting officers and committee chairs made plans for the upcoming year.

Your NATFACS 2010-2011 Officers are:

- President – Cherie Mingus, KY
- President-elect - Dr. Michelle Aldrich, WY
- Secretary – Karen Dunn, OH
- Past President – Susanna Franklin, OK
- Administrative Assistant – Bettye Brown, KY
- State Consultant – RaAnn Miller, KY

Your NATFACS 2010-2011 Committee Chairs are:

- Awards – Susanna Franklin, OK
- FACS Program – Stacy Skaggs, KY
- Financial Growth – Debby Ashburn, TN
- History – Charlotte Gray, MO
- Legislative – Lark Higginbotham, OH
- Local Arrangements – Rachel Gonzalez, UT
- Nominating – Joy Behrens, MO
- Public Relations – Pam Pruett, AR
- Registration – Donna Cantrell, OK
- Scholarship – Marilyn Butler, OK

While in Kentucky, members of the board enjoyed a little “southern hospitality”. Sullivan University sponsored our luncheon on Friday. After our wonderful meal prepared by the Culinary students, we were given a tour of the facility, including Sullivan’s Bakery.

Also in attendance were ACTE FACS Division President Becky Cox, UT and President-elect Leslie Watkins, KY. Becky and Leslie gave us a preview of the excitement of the FACS programs for the December meeting in Las Vegas.

As planning for the December ACTE Convention continues, the NATFACS board will be working hard to fulfill the goals of our strategic plan. Thanks to the members who returned their “We Need Your Help” forms and volunteered to serve our organization. Those members have been assigned to various committees or will be sent information about the “Best Practices Showcase”. Everyone will be working hard to ensure that our 2010 Convention is a success!

If you did not get a chance to fill out one of the "Help" forms, you can still be involved. We need dedicated people who will make time in their busy schedules to support NATFACS - which strives to promote leadership development, program improvement, policy formation, marketing skills, and allows for great networking opportunities. Your involvement in NATFACS is our greatest resource! If you cannot attend the conference in Las Vegas, we still need you! You can contact a committee member to see about serving and/or you can contribute to the webpage by submitting pictures, lessons plans, or useful links.

We look forward to meeting you in our FACS Conference Information Center during the ACTE Convention in Las Vegas! Rachel Gonzalez and her committee have some wonderful things planned. Debby Ashburn and her committee will have many opportunities for you to support our NATFACS Scholarship fund from State Baskets to product/items you can purchase. Come do a little Christmas shopping and support our future teachers! First Time Attendees, please make time to attend our reception the board has planned to welcome you to NATFACS! Registration and hotel forms are online at www.acte.org and register before July 9 to get the "Early Bird" rate. See you December 2-4.

Viva Las Vegas!!

Cherie Mingus
President Elect 2009-2010



The History of NAVHET/NATFACS



Do you recognize this person?
Does Betty Stephenson and Carl Perkins
ring a bell?

Would you like to share past history of
NAVHET/NATFACS? Please send your
photos with a caption to Charlotte Gray,
NATFACS History Chair. The History
Committee will be developing a digital
scrapbook to be shared at National
Convention and on the webpage.

For information or to send pictures, you

may email the pictures to charlottegray@wentzville.k12.mo.us or
charlottegray@centurytel.net

Snail mail: 66 Mar Pat Drive, Foristell, MO 63348



Are You Ready?

Every year each of us volunteer (or are volunteered) to serve on a variety of committees in our local areas. We really do a great job and that is why administrators keep asking us to serve. It is also important that we volunteer to give back to our state and national organizations. We need you, your ideas and leadership abilities. We know that you can do a fantastic job as an officer in NATFACS. You will have a wonderful board that will assist you in all the areas needed to run this organization. Past officers and committee members have paved a smooth path for those of us willing to serve our national organization. Are you ready to serve NATFACS?

There are only a few requirements you need to meet. If you are currently teaching FACS in your elementary or secondary school, if you are enthusiastic, conscientious, dedicated and a team player, if you have actively participated in at least one NATFACS/ACTE convention (this means over the years of your teaching career), or you have served as a State Contact or NATFACS committee member, you are qualified to be an officer in NATFACS. A letter has been mailed to your State Supervisor and your State Contact; this person is usually the president of your state association. This letter encourages every state to provide a nominee for the position of NATFACS President-Elect and a nominee for the position of NATFACS Secretary. It is your turn to run for office. Do not assume someone else will do it. As President-Elect you will serve one year observing and assisting the current President. This will give you the knowledge, skills and confidence to serve as President the following year. The Secretary will serve for two years and will keep minutes of all the meetings as well as update the webpage. There will be some financial assistance to help you attend the required meetings. Each of these new officers will have many fantastic rewards from serving our great organization. (Just ask any of the former officers and they can tell you how much fun they have had!) Included in the letter to your State Supervisor and State Contact were application forms for these two offices. However, you can also go online to www.natfacs.org, look under forms and find the current application needed to apply for President-Elect or Secretary.

Do you meet the qualifications noted above? Are you willing to meet new people? Are you ready to serve this outstanding national organization? Then do not hesitate, fill out the form for the position you desire. Make your plans to attend the ACTE/NATFACS meeting in Las Vegas in December 2010. Do not procrastinate. Fill out your nomination form and send it in today! You will be glad you did. Follow the directions on the applications and return to:

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Nominating Chair
1510 NE 57th Terrace
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Become Active in ACTE by becoming a Member of One of the Task Forces

In order to help us best represent the interests of the CTE field with federal policymakers, ACTE is creating four new public policy task forces to help inform our work. Two task forces (Elementary and Secondary Education Act and Workforce Investment Act) have already been launched and are still open for members.

The application process for the two remaining task forces is now open to all interested ACTE members with the appropriate knowledge, passion and willingness to devote time to the focus of the groups. The two new task forces are the School Reform Task Force and the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act Task Force.

The School Reform Task Force will develop a set of school reform recommendations. The recommendations will include review of the existing position papers "Reinventing the American High School for the 21st Century" and "Expanding Opportunities: Postsecondary Career and Technical Education and Preparing Tomorrow's Workforce." The task force will deliberate policies that can improve both secondary and postsecondary education.

The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act Task Force will undertake a thorough review of the existing law and develop a formal set of recommendations in preparation for the Perkins reauthorization, which could occur as early as 2012. The recommendations will be used as a basis for ACTE's specific policy recommendations and will be disseminated widely to federal policymakers and state education leaders. Once preliminary feedback and thoughts have been gathered, additional topic-focused task forces may be created to address specific issues.

If you are interested in joining either the Perkins Task Force or the School Reform Task Force, visit the [Policy Task Forces](#) page on ACTE's Web site for more details and the task force applications. Applications are due on May 21, 2010. Please [contact](#) ACTE Assistant Director of Public Policy Alisha Hyslop with any additional questions.



“Goods for the NOOK”

The Nook sales, state baskets, and your donations support our scholarship program. Without these funds we would not be able to offer five scholarships annually. The majority of the items that are sold in the NOOK are from fellow NATFACS members. We need donated items for the Nook, small things such as small crafts, jewelry, cards, and promotional products.

We would also like to challenge our states and members to be Annual NATFACS Sponsors. Individuals and states that 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 Las Vegas.

Levels of Sponsorship	Amount
Gold	\$1000
Silver	\$500
Bronze	\$250
Friends	\$ 50

If you are coming to the ACTE Annual Conference in December and have Nook items we can sell, door prizes, or your state would like to make a donation please contact me at

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CALL FOR "BEST PRACTICES" PRESENTATIONS

ACTE Convention December 2-4
Las Vegas, Nevada

NATFACS will again sponsor the "Best Practices" Showcase as a highlight of the FACS Division program for the ACTE Convention this year in Las Vegas, Nevada. 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. Plans are currently underway to make this coming showcase "bigger, better, and easier" for all involved. It will no longer be 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.

Stacy Skaggs
FACS Program Chair
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"BEST PRACTICES" PRESENTATIONS
ACTE Convention - December 2-4, 2010
Las Vegas, Nevada

Name of Presenter(s)

Home Address:

Address: _____ ST _____ Z

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Home

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

School Address:

Address: _____ ST _____ Z

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School

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Topic of Presentation

Brief

Description

Career

Cluster

Please print this form and mail to: Stacy Skaggs
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Greensburg, KY 42743

Or email the information to: Stacy.skaggs@green.kyschools.us

DEADLINE: July 30, 2010



PROMOTING PRIDE IN OUR PROFESSION THROUGH...

BY: Pam Pruett, NATFACS Public Relations Chair

...INVOLVEMENT IN OUR PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Affiliated membership in ACTE, your State Association ACTE, NATFACS, and your state affiliate of NATFACS is the starting point. These organizations provide a network of like-minded professionals who can encourage and inspire us to strive to "be all we can be." Just as involvement in FCCLA can give the FACS students opportunities to grow and develop in and outside the classroom, the FACS teacher's involvement in NATFACS and the state affiliate can do the same.

Opportunities abound through membership and participation in ACTE and NATFACS on all levels. Members can be nominated for awards on the state and national levels, make presentations at conferences, attend valuable in-service at conferences, build an impressive resume, and develop leadership skills serving as officers, committee chairs, and committee members.

FACS Teachers work very diligently to ensure their students have every opportunity to excel in FACS courses and in FCCLA, but often fail to see the significance of their own professional and personal growth and development. And while they enthusiastically publicize the achievements of their students in FACS and FCCLA, they are reticent to apply for awards themselves or publicize their own efforts and achievements for fear of being labeled as "self-promoters" or "publicity-seekers." That is not the case, just as publicizing and promoting the achievements of one's students is to recognize and reward the student for a job well-done, the same could be said for the teacher. Involvement in the professional organizations gives the teacher the vehicle to transport his/her hard work on behalf of the FACS program and the students into awards and recognition of the teacher's contribution to the program and the students.

Whether we like it or agree with it or not, public relations/information is an important component of developing a viable FACS program and FCCLA chapter. Use your membership in ACTE and NATFACS on the state and national levels to help "advertise" your professionalism to your school and community. You are doing the work already, why not get "advertised" for it!



"WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS STAYS IN VEGAS!"

Well, this may be the slogan for Las Vegas, but as the Local Arrangements Committee, we would like all NATFACS members to spread the word, "**What happens at the conference leaves the conference.**" Hopefully, what leaves will be for your betterment.

Those who have attended the ACTE national conferences before understand how beneficial they can be. Whether you learn amazing new things in classes or meet new people that share ideas and thoughts. You take something home with you.

While at the conference we would like to extend an invitation for all to visit the FACS Conference Information Center. As a committee we are working to make your visit to the center one of fun, relaxation, renewal and utmost enjoyment. (However, we won't be rubbing feet or painting nails.) Each day we hope to have delightful refreshments for you to look forward to. Who knows, we may even share a recipe or two.

So, SAVE THE DATE, December 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 2010, Las Vegas, Nevada.

See you there.

Rachel Gonzalez

Local Arrangements Chair

Viva Las Vegas!!!!



2010 Annual Convention and Career Tech Expo



Mark your calendar today for the best professional development event of the year, December 2-4 in Las Vegas. Registration is [now open](#) ([print form](#)). See below for [hotel reservations](#). Check back often or subscribe to this page via RSS for all the latest information and updates!

COSTS –Conference Registration-\$285.00 before July 9

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 9, 2010.

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

Remember ACTE dues will increase July 1 to \$80.00. Pay your dues before July 1st and save \$20.00.

If you would like to assist with the 2010 NATFACS registration, please contact Donna Cantrell-donnac@meridian-technology.com