

NATFACS Policy and Planning Meeting Spring 2012

The 2010-2011 NATFACS Board members spent the weekend of April 5-7, 2012 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 2012-2013 Officers are:

- President – Sarah Raikes, KY
- President-elect - Rachel Gonzalez, UT
- Secretary – Jayla Smith, MO
- Past President – Dr. Michelle Aldrich, WY
- Administrative Assistant – Bettye Brown, KY
- State Consultant – Leslie Slaughter, KY

Your NATFACS 2012-2013 Committee Chairs are:

- Awards – Dr. Michelle Aldrich, WY
- FACS Program – Robyn Bain, KY
- Financial Growth – Cary York, KY
- History – Cherie Mingus, KY
- Legislative – Camille Williams, UT
- Local Arrangements – Megan Scott, GA
- Nominating – Charlotte Gray, MO
- Public Relations – Donna Smith, OK
- Registration – Tara Hooks, AL
- Scholarship – Janet Ridley, KA/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 was ACTE FACS Division Leslie Watkins, KY. Leslie gave us a preview of the excitement of the FACS programs for the November/December meeting in Atlanta.

As planning for the November/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 2012 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 Atlanta, 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 Atlanta! Megan Scott and her committee have some wonderful things planned. Cary

York 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 13 to get the "Early Bird" rate. See you November 29-December 1

Viva Las Vegas!!

Sarah Raikes

President Elect 2011-2012



National Association Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences
COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

COMMITTEE NAME: Nominating

COVENTION STATE: Georgia DATE: April 5, 2012

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Charlotte Gray

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: (PLEASE LIST STATE OF EACH MEMBERS)

Teresa Durbala, MO Susanna Franklin, OK

Nancy Clem, IN _____

Karen Dunn, OH _____

COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. Write notes to committee members thanking them for volunteering to be on the NATFACS nominating committee.
2. Strategic Plan- Goal 2: Professional Development
 - a. Objective: 2.1 Encourage increased member involvement and leadership development; 2.1b Expand opportunities for members to accept leadership challenges at the local, regional, state and National level.
3. Write article for Spring E-news. Due April 15
4. Contact State Supervisors and State Contacts by email and letters if necessary.
5. Using conference 'interest survey', send personal letters to individuals interested in serving as an officer.

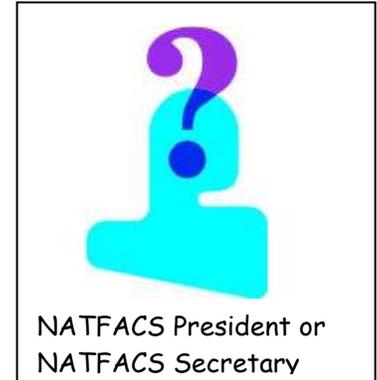
6. Contact Administrative Assistant to get membership list.
7. Send Email to State Supervisor list serve. (Use Presidents state supervisor as contact)

NATFACS Needs YOU to Fill Leadership Positions

We are searching for nominees for President Elect (3 years) and Secretary (2 years) from your great state! Are you that person? Could you recommend someone?

Qualifications:

- Currently teaching FCS
- Enthusiastic
- Conscientious
- Dedicated
- Team Player
- Creative
- Participated in at least one ACTE Convention



Visit www.natfacs.org and refer to the NATFACS handbook for more information. Applications can be found under "forms".

Do not hesitate; fill out the form for the position desired. Make your plans to attend



Atlanta, GA, Nov 29-Dec 1!

Get started now! Applications are due September 1, 2012 to:

Charlotte Gray
NATFACS Nominating Chair
66 Mar Pat Drive
Foristell, MO 63348
charlottegray@wentzville.k12.mo.us

Flying is amazing! Just the thought of being suspended in air, above the clouds is really too much to comprehend. In fact sometimes when we hit turbulence, I would really rather not think about that! But besides all of that, sitting beside a total stranger and having an intriguing conversation can be absolutely fascinating.

I was recently on a flight sitting beside a man whose business dealt with soy and corn derivatives. I never knew how many industries benefit from these two crops. Everything from the food industry to oil companies. Then the conversation switched to what I do for a living. "I teach Family and Consumer Sciences." We then discussed what that meant. I mentioned that it used to be called Home Economics but today it was so much more.

I explained that I have the privilege of teaching students how to apply their core academics to life. To use math to budget, plan investments, balance check books. He actually appeared to be far more intrigued with my job description than I was with his. I went on to explain the opportunity I have to encourage higher level, creative thinking through projects in my classes. Projects such as creating recipes, designing patterns and unique sewing projects, creating investment portfolios to track through the highs and lows of the Dow. In my classes students have the chance to explore careers and learn about job interviewing techniques and other skills that enable them to successfully market their skills and abilities.

By the end of the discussion about our jobs his comment was, "Every student should be required to take those classes." Hooray!!!! Another believer in what we do!!!

We truly have an lofty calling to teach Family and Consumer Sciences. As FACS teachers, we know this. We love our students and we have helped countless numbers through the rough times. We help many find their "wings" to fly in life and brace for the turbulence that will come. We each have a story of that special student that might not have made it without the relationships formed in our classes or in FCCLA. What an awesome legacy.

And yet we must get the word out!!! As programs have been cut around us, we grieve. We must unite as a voice for all of our programs and more importantly for our students. Please encourage FACS teachers to join us as members of NATFACS.

I look forward to serving this year as the chairman of the Public Relations Committee. Your help and input are needed. Please share your stories with others on planes, buses, elevators, and who knows - maybe even waiting in lines at the grocery store. We certainly need to speak with our state and national legislators.

Let's all fly together and take our message to the highest heights!

Legislative Chair Newsletter Article

As legislative chair it is my hope to advocate throughout the year for YOU! As Family and Consumer Science teachers our classrooms are critical learning places for tomorrow's leaders. I am passionate about people and my fellow FACS teachers are some of the most inspiring people I have met. You make a difference in so many of your student's lives. You are amazing!

I was able to attend the National Policy Seminar in Washington D.C. this past month. I learned so much about the legislative process and how things work in our Nation's capital. We were briefed on how to make visits with our senators and congressional representatives; then we were off to make our visits on Capitol Hill. Each state that sent a delegation made appointments with their respective legislators and advocated for CTE funding and the importance of renewing the Carl Perkins funding. Our visits were all positive and it was wonderful to see our government in action.

I encourage all of you to be involved in the legislative process and don't be afraid to contact your local, state and national leaders. Tell them about the great things you are doing in your classroom. They love specific examples from people who are "in the trenches" and hard at work. ACTE has a wealth of resources available to help you become informed and to take action to advocate for CTE.

One of NATFACS and ACTE's most effective advocacy tools is you! Becoming an advocate is one of the most important actions you can take to secure the future of NATFACS and CTE. Check out their resources at: <http://acteonline.org/action.aspx>. From your Members of Congress to your local mayor, these individuals all make decisions that directly or indirectly impact CTE. With your help, we can ensure the strength and future of CTE!

I look forward to advocating in your behalf this year! I'm excited to meet many of you at the Career Tech Vision 2012 in Atlanta, GA. Until then, keep influencing those around you and become involved in the legislative process. As with anything in life: "If it's important to you, you'll find a way...if not, you'll find an excuse." Find a way to make an even bigger difference this year!

Camille Williams
NATFACS Legislative Chair
Orem, Utah

Financial Growth Committee
The "NOOK"

As summer comes and schools are letting out for this school year NATFACS needs your help to gather items for the financial growth committee's NOOK. Each year NATFACS has members that contribute to the financial growth committee and without their help, we would be unable to offer five scholarships annually.

The goal for this year is to increase the Nook's contribution to the scholarship fund to be \$3000. I feel this goal is possible to reach, and even exceed it, with NATFACS members pulling together to gather items needed.

The Nook is one of the highlights in the FACS Resource Room at ACTE each year in November. In the Nook you will find items for sale, state basket raffles, and a place for donations to be made. All donations go straight to the scholarship fund. You can help by:

- crafting items to be sold
- donating items to be sold
- assisting your state with their basket
- shopping at the Nook with other CTE members while at conference

We need each of you to think of contributions you can make and send it with someone coming to ACTE or mail it to the address below.

While we encourage our states and members to contribute with donations and state baskets we also want to challenge our states and members to become Annual NATFACS Sponsors. NATFACS would also love to have businesses 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 Nook at ACTE this fall. The "Levels of Scholarship" are listed below:

Level of Scholarship Amount

Gold \$1000

Silver \$ 500

Bronze \$250

Friends \$50

I look forward to fellowship and scholarship fund raising we can do as a united membership. Hope to see you this November at ACTE in the FACS Resource Room's Nook. I wish each of you a blessed summer and new school year.

COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

COMMITTEE NAME: Registration
CONVENTION STATE: Georgia DATE: 11/29 – 12/01/12
COMMITTEE CHAIR: Tara Hooks
COMMITTEE MEMBERS: (PLEASE LIST STATE OF EACH MEMBER)
Edwynna Nolan – Indiana Ruth Budd – Ohio
Linda Dillon – Ohio Nancy Clem - Indiana



COMMITTEE REPORT:

An International Summit on Excellence in CTE

This November, career and technical education professionals from across the country and around the world will gather in Atlanta at the Georgia World Congress Center Nov. 29-Dec. 1 for the most exciting and talked-about CTE event of the year—CareerTech VISION 2012! Registration (print form) is now open. See the website, <http://www.acteonline.org/iwebredir.aspx?url=Conference/RegistrationProcessOverview.aspx?ID=27> for more information! The early-bird rate expires on July 13, so don't miss your chance to save big on this new vision of CTE! Reserve your housing now by going to https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=9198479 or https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=ep_lodgingselect_gi&groupID=9500073

Check out the NATFACS Resource and Hospitality Room for your one-stop information place: registration, session overviews geared specifically for FACS teachers, prizes, edible goodies, and terrific people. For more information, check out our Facebook page.

CareerTech VISION 2012 is your one location to achieve all of your individual and institutional objectives.

From the Scholarship Committee Chairperson

Hello – I'm Janet Ridley and I will be serving as your NATFACS Scholarship Committee Chairperson for 2012-2013. I have 30+ years of teaching in Oklahoma and am finishing my 5th year of teaching in the state of Kansas. My

husband and I still visit northeast Oklahoma often to enjoy the company of our 3 sons and 2 grandchildren who live and work around the Grand Lake area. As Scholarship Chair I will be sending out available scholarship information offered by NATFACS to the state contacts, state FCCLA advisers, etc. in the upcoming months and encouraging them to distribute this information to all interested parties. Scholarship applications can be found online at NATFACS.org so please take the time to review this information and get started on it. My committee and I are looking forward to receiving and reviewing numerous completed applications returned by the due dates. I want to take this time to encourage everyone to get involved in our great organization on any and all levels and to take advantage of the benefits and networking opportunities that comes from being a part of NATFACS. I look forward to seeing everyone in Atlanta this fall at ACTE Conference.

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NATFACS Awards Ceremony – St. Louis , MO Cherie Mingus – Past President/Awards Chairperson

It was my pleasure to present the 2011 NATFACS Awards to numerous deserving professionals who are all dedicated and committed to the field of Family and Consumer Sciences. I would like to thank all the states and individuals who nominated a person, a business, or a company that supports family and consumer sciences education. A special “thanks” goes to those teachers who served on the Awards Committee and had the difficult task of selecting the eventual winners as all nominees were deserving of an award!

The first award given was the “**Champion of Family and Consumer Sciences**”. This award goes to an individual or business that supports the ideal and beliefs of Family and Consumer Sciences. This year’s recipient was nominated by the states of Ohio, Indiana, and Oklahoma. In their letters of support they stated:

“Professional development and fun interactive curriculum has been provided by Dibble to our teachers. As we have moved to many data driven decisions in education, the Dibble data has

been invaluable. The Dibble Institute has provided easy access to quality programs for our teachers.
“

The 2011 winner of the “Champion of Family and Consumer Sciences” was The Dibble Institute.

The next award was the “**Award of Merit**”. This award recognizes a member who has made significant contributions to Family and Consumer Sciences and is considered an outstanding leader. We had two award winners.

In the first winner’s letter of support it stated:

“She teachers and models positive communication skills. Posted in her classroom is “Think before you speak! Is it necessary, helpful, kind? If not, don’t say it!” She is an advocate for CTE and is very active in her professional organization. Community service projects include The Haven (a safe house for abused women), March of Dimes, Relay for Life, and work at the local food bank. Our first “Award of Merit” winner was Pamela Pruitt from Arkansas.

Our second award winner’s letter of support stated:

“She goes the extra mile in her classroom to enhance curriculum and make learning relevant to real world situations. She is the perfect example of a teacher who has brought the 21st century into her classroom daily. Her dedication is evidenced through her professional involvement and knowledge of the career tech system.

The second “Award of Merit” winner was Lorri Carlile from Oklahoma.

Both of these deserving women will be receiving lifetime membership into NATFACS as “Award of Merit” winners.

The third category was the “**Pride Award**”. The Pride Award recognizes a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher for outstanding marketing endeavors and promotional ideas.

In her letter of support it stated:

“She actively seeks new ways to promote FCS. Her enrollment continues to increase and the number of FCCLA members has more than doubled since her first year of teaching. Her marketing efforts include a Facebook account and freshmen orientation where all incoming freshmen receive a postcard right before school starts welcoming them to both the high school and to her FCCLA organization. She has also created a FACS logo for her school.”

This year’s recipient of the “Pride Award” went to Kerrie Goggin from Kentucky. Kerrie also received a check for \$300 that she can use to further her marketing endeavors.

Our fourth category was “**The New Professional Award**”. This award recognizes a member who has taught five or less years and has made a significant contribution in the classroom.

One of our winner’s letters of support was from a current student and FCCLA officer. She stated:

“The information I learn in my family and consumer class is very valuable. I would not gain this knowledge from any other class.”

As only a third year teacher, she has already held the office of North District Vice President for the OATFACS division and will serve as Treasurer-Elect for the current school term while completing her master’s program.

The winner of the “New Professional Award” was Brooke Busch from Oklahoma. Brooke also received a check for \$500.

I encourage each state to continue to nominate and honor outstanding accomplishments of family and consumer science professionals in their state and for NATFACS Awards so that they can be recognized at the 2012 Awards Ceremony to be held at this year’s annual meeting November 29 - December 1 in Atlanta, Georgia. Application forms are on the NATFACS website and can be sent to Dr. Michelle Aldrich, the 2012-2012 NATFACS Awards Chairperson.

Welcome to Georgia, y'all! Georgia is excited to be the host for the 2012 Career Tech Vision Summit. We invite all of you to take advantage of everything that the Summit has to offer as well as what NATFACS has planned for you. Also, take a minute to enjoy our beautiful state capitol, Atlanta.

Please join us in the NATFACS Information Center at designated times listed in your program. The Information Center is the place to be. You will network with other professionals from across the country. You will also find the following: FACS registration, the First Timers Reception and information on NATFACS history. To take care of some of your shopping needs , NATFACS will have state baskets and other items for you to bid on or purchase. All proceeds go to the NATFACS Scholarship fund. Some of Georgia's goodies will be served throughout the conference. We will have sweet tea, grits, peaches, peanuts and many other items from across the state. Please come join us for some fun, shopping, good food and some good ol' southern hospitality.