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## The President's Message

Greeting to all of you this snowy day. The snow reminds me of Christmas time, but the bitter cold keeps me from getting my shopping finished.

I hope the beautiful fall has helped you to think about our membership and how we can retain and increase this very important part of our organization.

I have set up a meeting with the students on January 21 to see if they can give us some ideas for retaining student memberships. If you have a passion about membership please let me know so I can invite you to the meeting as well. I do think we need some of the membership to serve on this committee.

We are at a critical crossroad with our membership and we need to get very serious about this if we want our organization to grow.

Happy New Years to all of you.

By Ann Domsch,  
KAFCS President



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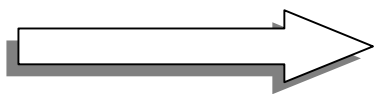
## LEADERSHIP BOOTCAMP BUILDS STUDENTS' SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE

In May of 2005, two Human Ecology students had life-changing leadership experiences. Pam Mealiff, fifth-year student in dietetics from Beloit, and Shandi Brabb, senior in family and consumer sciences education from Alta Vista, were selected from a pool of applicants to attend the Leadership Honors Bootcamp for Students of Human Services in Washington D.C. To learn more, go to:

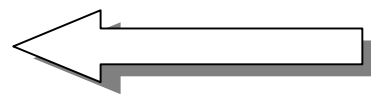
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## KAFCS Bulletin Board



*Save these Dates:*



### **March 2-3, 2006 for the United Associations Conference.**

It will be held at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center. The planning committee has been working hard to select a wide variety of workshop sessions that will educate and motivate FCS professionals, students and others in related fields.

Details are being finalized so that attendees can obtain college credit hours along with Professional Development Units (PDU's).

Registration will be sent electronically this year to association members.

If you would like to receive a paper copy, please send your name and address to: DeAnn Hauser, UAC Coordinator, 352 2000th St, Humboldt, KS 66748.

### **KAFCS Foundation Plans Reception**

The Foundation Board will host a reception at the United Conference to recognize and honor 50-year members of the KAFCS. The reception is planned for Thursday evening, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Sedgwick County Extension Center from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Please plan to join in this special time. This reception also serves as our primary fundraiser for the year. Please be sure to register for the reception at the same time that you do so for the Conference. The cost is \$15.

If you are unable to attend the Conference and/or reception, we hope you will consider a donation to the Foundation this year. The Foundation exists to further the development and growth of the profession of Family & Consumer Sciences by supporting the work of KAFCS. We are doing this by supporting student/new professionals as well as professionals. This past year, 5 students were supported to attend the AAFCS Annual Meeting held in Minneapolis, MN. At the United Conference in March, we will support a special breakfast session for students to meet with our keynote speaker.

The Foundation belongs to all of us! Many people have contributed over the years in order to provide resources to accomplish our mission. Thanks to all of you.

Please send your contributions to: DeAnn Hauser, Executive Director, 352 2000 Street, Humboldt, KS 66748.

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### Seeking Candidates for KAFCS

The nominating committee is on the hunt for candidates for the following positions in KAFCS: President-Elect, VP for Program Development, and Secretary. If you are willing to have your name put on the ballot please contact one of the following nominating committee members: Sharon Frankenbery, [sfrankenbery@fredoniaks.com](mailto:sfrankenbery@fredoniaks.com); Jean Rowland, [jrowland@ksu.edu](mailto:jrowland@ksu.edu), or Martha Flanagan at [mflanaga@ksu.edu](mailto:mflanaga@ksu.edu). The bylaws have been changed and we are only required to attain one candidate per office and nominations can be made from the floor.



### Award Deadline Drawing Near - January 15th!

by Anna Mae Brown

KAFCS Vice-President of Operations

The deadline for submitting award nominations is just a month away. Please submit a nomination for one of your deserving colleagues in our profession.

The General Application Form for KAFCS Awards is to be used for all awards. This form can be found on the KAFCS website: [www.kafcs.org](http://www.kafcs.org). Click on "About Us"; then on "Awards". By selecting each award, you will find the eligibility guidelines, selection criteria, and nomination format for the individual award.

Awards will be presented at United Conference in Wichita on March 2, 2006. If you have questions about the KAFCS awards contact DeAnn Hauser, at 620-473-3829 ([dmhauser@hotmail.com](mailto:dmhauser@hotmail.com)) or Anna Mae Brown, at 620-724-8233 ([ambrown@oznet.ksu.edu](mailto:ambrown@oznet.ksu.edu)).

Send all nominations by January 15th to: DeAnn Hauser, KAFCS Executive Director, 352 2000 Street, Humboldt, KS 66748.

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*AWARD NOMINEES*

Nominations now being accepted  
for the  
following awards:

**Dist inguished Ser vice**

**Martha Streeter New Achiever**

**Leaders Award**

**Friend of the Family**

**Ext ension Award**

**50 - Year Member Recognition**

**Teacher of the Year**

**Outstanding High School Student**

Post mark dead line:

**January 15, 2006!**

## Take Charge of Your Finances Curriculum

By Sharon Frankenberg

If you are looking for a low-cost, ready-to-teach personal finance curriculum, take a look at the Family Economics and Financial Education (FEFE) material available at [www.familyfinance.montana.edu](http://www.familyfinance.montana.edu). This curriculum was developed through a grant from Take Charge America, Inc. a non-profit debt counseling and consolidation service. Strengths of the curriculum include: the curriculum was designed, tested, and edited by educators; professional development opportunities are offered to educators to expand their knowledge of family economics and finance through training, newsletters and individual assistance; lessons are straightforward in a ready-to-teach format requiring minimal teacher preparation.

A weeklong national training seminar is conducted annually. The training sessions are lead by FEFE staff members and master teachers, Montana State University faculty, and professionals in the field. The training equips participants with the materials, skills, and knowledge required to teach the curriculum. You also have the opportunity to network with professionals.

Scholarships may be available for the training sessions that will be held next summer. If you are interested in applying for the scholarship, you should log on to the aforementioned website.

If you have questions about the curriculum or training, you can contact Carol Nichols, via email at [carol\\_nichols@hotmail.com](mailto:carol_nichols@hotmail.com), Osborne High School, Ellen Haslouser, [ehaslouser@solomon393.k12.ks.us](mailto:ehaslouser@solomon393.k12.ks.us), Solomon High, or Sharon Frankenberg, [sfrankenberg@fredoniaks.com](mailto:sfrankenberg@fredoniaks.com), Fredonia High. All three of us participated in the FEFE training last June as a result of scholarships we were awarded. Ellen and I also plan to have a workshop about the curriculum during the United Conference.

**See you March 2-3, 2006 at the  
United Associations Conference!!**