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AAFCS Annual Conference

June 26-29, 2013
Houston, Texas

United Associations Conference

March 6-7, 2014
Wichita, Kansas

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UAC was a Successful Passport to Excellence!

Professionals from across Kansas gained new information for programs and professional development at United Associations Conference in March. 150 attended the annual session, which was held at the Sedgwick County Extension



Education Center. Sessions included the areas of Developing Professionalism; Food, Nutrition, and Wellness; and Healthy Families and Communities. Speakers were from Kansas State University, School District administration and faculty, Kansas Farm Bureau, Kansas State Department of Education, Pittsburg State University, the Dibble Institute, and Kansas Department of Children and Families. The keynote speaker, Dr. Lindsey Shirley, FCS Education and Extension Specialist Clothing and Textiles, Utah State University, presented ideas and tools for using today's technology to reach families with relevant learning.

UAC combines the associations of: KS Family and Consumer Sciences, KS Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences, KS Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, and the Alpha Rho (Kansas) Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, as well as FCS Education programs at Kansas State University and Pittsburg State University. Professional association meetings were also held. The planning committee included members from all associations.

Next year's United Associations Conference will be held March 6 - 7 in Wichita.

United Associations Conference Opportunity

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Plans are already in the works for the 2014 United Associations Conference which will be held March 6 - 7 in Wichita. This successful professional development conference is unique to the state of Kansas and offers professionals who work with families in KAFCS, KATFACS, KEAFCS, and ESP the opportunity to network with each other and to hear keynote and breakout speakers present quality programs.

The planning committee is made up of members of each association and provide a well balanced conference. Cathy Mong, will be the 2014 conference chair. All committee members contribute to the planning of speakers and sessions.

The position of conference coordinator is open and offers an opportunity to work with many professionals to develop conference plans. The coordinator assists the chair in committee meetings and preparing the schedule and registration materials. The coordinator is also responsible for receiving and processing registrations and keeping financial records for the conference. This position is financially compensated according to the number of conference attendees, and the coordinator's expenses and conference registration fees are paid. For more information, contact Jan Stephens, Sharolyn Jackson, or Cathy Mong.



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News from the KAFCS Foundation

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Two upper level Family and Consumer Sciences students, **Sonora Drake** from Pittsburg State University, and **Jennifer Birzer**, from Kansas State University, were each awarded a \$1000 scholarship for the 2013 Fall term.



Sonora Drake- Scholarship Recipient

The Freshman/Sophomore scholarship alternates years between the two universities. A K-State student, **Kelly Livingston**, Freshman in Early Childhood Education was selected to receive the 2013 scholarship.

Students who are currently members of AAFCS and will be attending the 2013 AAFCS Annual Conference in Houston are eligible to apply for financial support. We've heard there are several students from both schools planning to attend!!! Professionals attending the annual conference for the first time are eligible to apply for a travel grant.

Several items of interest occurred during the United Associations Conference held in Wichita, March 7-8. If you were not there, you missed the "FCS Success Express!" Attendees/passengers were treated to a delightful, inspirational FCS careers journey. This fundraiser event was thanks to the

creativity of Cris Elliott and Gayle Price. Trustees along with KAFCS Board members, and the student organizations provided numerous items for the Silent Auction Fundraiser coordinated by Anna Mae Brown and Beth Ireland. The total from the Foundation event and the silent auction exceeded \$900. Carolyn Jackson, Executive Director AAFCS, brought closure to the "Passport to the Future" panel on Friday by answering "why" we have professional organizations and "why" we should be involved. Watch for her remarks to be posted on the KAFCS Website!

During the KAFCS business meeting, Foundation Trustees elected for new three-year terms (beginning in July) were: Sharon Frankenbery and Shelby Muha. Marie Blythe was re-elected for a second term.

Considerable discussion has occurred about the diminishing ability of the Foundation to fund scholarships, awards, and support toward attending national meetings and leadership conferences. The Foundation Trustees along with the KAFCS Executive Board are pursuing options. Watch for more information on this!

Right now is a perfect opportunity to show your support . . . Consider a donation to the Foundation Honor Roll to show your appreciation (e.g., a teacher, mentor, colleague, and/or someone retired or retiring who has made a difference!). Or make a donation to the KAFCS Foundation to support ongoing scholarships and awards! Send to KAFCS Foundation Treasurer, Duane Whitbeck, Pittsburg State University.

If you have ideas to share or would like additional information, please contact any of these Foundation members.

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