

# IN THE KNOW

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE AAFCS STUDENT UNIT



## **Betsy Norum Stipend: Connecting Scholarships to Students**

**By Shannon Williams**

The Besty Norum Stipend is a scholarship that was created to financially aid student members attending the national conference. The scholarship totals \$500 which can be spent for lodging, transportation, and food. The AAFCS Community, Partners in Home & Community, understands that these conferences can be expensive due to the mentioned factors, but those expenses should never prevent a student from attending the national conference. The national conference is a time to network with professionals, learn about other businesses and organizations that assist in the furthering of AAFCS's mission, and gain new knowledge pertaining to the area of family and consumer sciences.

In order for student unit members to take advantage of the Betsy Norum Stipend, they must apply by downloading an application from the [www.aafcs.org](http://www.aafcs.org) website. The application identifies eligibility requirements to receive the scholarship. The three most important requirements are

being a junior in college, a Student Unit member of AAFCS, (you can also become a member by downloading a different application or joining online), and a **FIRST-TIME** attendee of the national conference.

This upcoming 102<sup>nd</sup> AAFCS Annual Conference & Expo in Phoenix, Arizona, at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort and Spa will be unforgettable for anyone and everyone who attends. A student has until March 1<sup>st</sup> to apply for the Betsy Norum Stipend, so time is running out for students to decide whether or not to apply—just do it! As a student unit member and officer, you will not regret your decision.

Other financial assistance is mentioned throughout this issue of In The Know. For more information, please consult your local affiliate president or the [www.aafcs.org](http://www.aafcs.org) website.

**Have you participated in an AAFCS Webinar yet? This one may be just what you're looking for!**

**Cracking the Millionaire Code: Financial Education for Teachers and Students**

An AAFCS Webinar opportunity that provides a fun way to teach (and learn) personal finance concepts--for anyone from age 8-80.

Presented by Joanne Seymour Kuster  
Archived Event - 90-minute program

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(\$65 nonmembers)

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for group pricing rates!  
Great for club meetings!

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## Leadership Opportunities for Student Members

By Linsey Johnson

AAFCS has multiple of leadership positions that need filled every year as officers' term are depleted and new officers are needed. The 2010-2011 AAFCS Student Unit Officer Team is looking for the next leaders of the student unit. As an officer, you can network with fellow officers, work on an AAFCS Committee with students and adults, gain leadership skills, and, most importantly, help to move the association forward! The national officer applications can be found on the AAFCS website under the "Students" section. The deadline for the application is March 1, 2011. Go ahead and mark it on your "to-do" list to fill out your national officer application!

I'm so glad we were able to help you find YOUR next leadership opportunity!

If you have any questions, contact the National Student Unit Chair, Linsey Johnson, at

[ljohns30@uga.edu](mailto:ljohns30@uga.edu).

## Connecting Researchers, Touching Students

By Catherine Sustersic

As a young researcher desiring to showcase your hard work, consider displaying your findings at the Undergraduate Poster Session at the 102 AAFCS Annual Conference and Expo in June. Undergraduate students are invited to showcase their research efforts in the form of a poster during the Higher Education Unit and Coordinating Council of Honor Societies co-sponsored session. The

## The Student Unit Service Project

By Catherine Sustersic

At the AAFCS Annual Conference in June, the Student Unit will be working to collect books for the students of Phoenix as their service project entitled "Collecting Books, Touching Phoenix."

Reading is an important part of a child's cognitive development and with the help of AAFCS, we will be able to provide students with the gift of new books for them to explore. The books we collect will be going to various libraries throughout Phoenix and will reach hundreds of students.

"Collecting Books, Touching Phoenix" is an exciting way for FCS professionals, students, and classrooms from all over the country to get involved. If you are unable to attend the conference, send a book with a colleague! "Collecting Books, Touching Phoenix" is an excellent way for AAFCS to leave our legacy in Phoenix.

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poster should be showcased by the presenter during the entire initially-designated poster session. During this designated time, you will answer questions of the attendees and expand on the material for interested visitors.

Proposals, which are due March 1, 2011, should include the following information:

- Title of Project
- Name of Student (include AAFCS member number)
- Name and Title of Student Unit Advisor
- Institution
- Preferred Mailing Address
- E-Mail addresses of all authors
- Office, home, and fax numbers
- Abstract of Project (1-2 page maximum)

**For additional information concerning the Undergraduate Poster Session, contact Duane A.**

**Whitbeck (620)235-4456**  
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## **ATTENTION! ATTENTION!**

The AAFCS Student Unit will be highlighting State and/or University Student Units at the 102 AAFCS Annual Conference in Phoenix, AZ. To do this, AAFCS needs your group photos for the Parade of States PowerPoint. Please send your photos to the First vice Chair, Shannon Williams, at [willi223@purdue.edu](mailto:willi223@purdue.edu).

## **I Want YOU for AAFCS Committees!**

**By Linsey Johnson**

What do you think about when you hear the word "committee"? Boring. Uninteresting. Hard work. That is exactly what AAFCS Committees are NOT about! The words that describe them are **EXCITING**, **INTERESTING**, and **REWARDING WORK!** AAFCS has eight different committees that YOU can join. Yes, that's right! I said YOU! I am positive that will AAFCS's variety of

committees, you will find the perfect fit for you and your interests.

The eight committees are as follows:

1. Annual Conference Planning Committee – Recommends annual conference site to Board of Directors, collaborates with Local Arrangements Committee to enhance the meeting, and determines program format
2. Awards and Recognition Committee – promotes awards, grants, and fellowships, identify awards, grants, and fellowships recipients, and review policy, procedures, and awards
3. Bylaws and Policies and Procedures Committee – receive and propose amendments to the AAFCS Bylaws and review and propose changes to

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**I WANT YOU**

- the AAFCS Policy and Procedures Manual
4. Development Committee – Work to identify strategies and achieve the fundraising goals and oversee the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) recipient selection
  5. Ethics Committee – review and propose revisions to the AAFCS Code of Ethics and promote professional practice among members
  6. Membership Committee – work to implement plans for improving new membership and member retention and promote AAFCS and the profession of family and consumer sciences to external and internal audiences
  7. Nominating Committee – seek nominations for elected officer positions, interview potential, and

prepare an annual ballot to the Board of Directors

8. Public Policy - promote and share information that affect public policy, develop public interest programs that promote public policy issues, and engage members in policy initiatives

After picking out which committee you would like to join, fill out an application and send it to Susan Shockey, CFCS, President-Elect at [shockey.3@ocs.edu](mailto:shockey.3@ocs.edu). The application can be found at [http://www.aafcs.org/contact/res/2011\\_COMMITTEE\\_SERVICE\\_Application.doc](http://www.aafcs.org/contact/res/2011_COMMITTEE_SERVICE_Application.doc).

## What Keeps Your Betty Lamp Burning?

“My favorite symbolism of the Betty Lamp is passion. Two of my greatest passions in life are Family and Consumer Sciences and Health. I want to go into education to empower students to believe in themselves and their abilities. By identifying with students, I can help them prepare for the responsibilities of adulthood. There is power in what we teach. Knowing that I can make a difference keeps my Betty Lamp burning.”

SU Chair Elect Kyley Brooks

**FREE, FREE, FREE!**  
**A FREE Membership to**  
**AAFCS**  
**By Amanda Repp**

Do you or someone you know want to get a free membership for AAFCS? Are you a junior or senior in

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college majoring in Family and Consumer Sciences Education, or are you a first or second year teacher of Family and Consumer Sciences? You can achieve this membership by applying for the Community of Elementary, Secondary and Adult Education's free memberships.

The Community of Elementary, Secondary and Adult Education's free memberships (ESAE) offers a total of ten memberships to first time members of AAFCS. They give five memberships to college students and five memberships to beginning teachers. It is simple to apply for these memberships.

Go to <http://aafcs.org/Membership/Communities.asp> and click on the second bullet link. This will download a word document that contains all of the information that you need

to apply for these memberships. Preference is given to:

- Students actively involved in AAFCS Student Unit and/or previous high school FCS, FCCLA, or related organizations
- Teachers who are previous AAFCS members, those who sponsor a FCS related student organization (FCCLA) and/or were previous Student Unit members

The deadline to apply for these memberships is March, 1<sup>st</sup>. The winners will be announced March 15<sup>th</sup> and recognized during the 2011 Annual Meeting at Teacher of the Year Luncheon.

## Student Unit Awards

By Kiley Brooks

AAFCS has five awards available to 2011 AAFCS Student Unit members, chapters/affiliates, and advisors. The awards include: Community Service, Outstanding Advisor, Progress, Standard of Excellence, and Student of the Year. The Community Service award recognizes a student unit chapter or affiliate that has coordinated and developed outstanding service project(s). The Outstanding Advisor award gives students an opportunity to nominate advisor(s) who demonstrate a commitment to mentoring their student unit members. The Progress award gives student units who are new or rebuilding a chance to be recognized. The Standard of Excellence award acknowledges a chapter or affiliate who consistently strives for excellence. Lastly, the Student of the Year award

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recognizes a student unit member who displays quality character, outstanding achievement, and a passionate interest in the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Do you know any individuals or affiliates who fit these criteria? Nominate a Student Unit chapter, affiliate, advisor, and/or student member today! These awards will be presented at the 102<sup>nd</sup> AAFCS Annual Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. The applications and more information about the awards will be posted on the AAFCS website by February 1st. The deadline to submit the application is March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [kylebrooks@hotmail.com](mailto:kylebrooks@hotmail.com).

## Chapter Spotlight:

### University of Georgia

The University of Georgia (UGA) AAFCS Student Unit Chapter is off to a great start this semester. They have already provided a local hospital with Valentine's Day cards for over 50 patients. Furthermore, they are beginning to work on their **Relay for Life** team and have begun to brainstorm for upcoming fundraisers. They are also jumping on board with the national initiative to gather books for the Gila Crossing School in Lavee, Arizona. Members are already beginning to donate gently used or new books. The College of Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) is also

providing funding to send four student members to the Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (GAFCS) state conference to represent the student unit chapter at UGA. These four ladies are looking forward to the opportunity to learn, play, and network with other FACS students and professionals. Finally, the UGA chapter is taking full advantage of opportunities available to

To highlight your student unit's chapter in the "Chapter Spotlight", please email Shannon Williams, the First Vice Chair, @ [willi223@purdue.edu](mailto:willi223@purdue.edu). Send the following information:  
Chapter Title  
Chapter Activities  
And how many members are planning to attend the annual conference in Phoenix.

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them on campus by having a group outing to a UGA men's basketball game. Several of the men's basketball players are members of the College of FACS at UGA, so the club is going to cheer them on against Auburn University. Overall, the year is off to a fantastic start. We are all looking forward to the great opportunities and experiences that 2011 will hold for our chapter.

## **Mikella Rutter**

Family and Consumer Sciences  
Education

SAFCS-UGA Recruitment Chair  
2010-2011



## **Brigham Young University**

Cougar FACS – the BYU Student Unit – has been busy this year with service projects and activities. Our service project last semester consisted of putting together activity books for children in Afghanistan. We also held a Santa's Workshop where we taught students how to cook healthy holiday meals, make affordable holiday decorations and creative Christmas gifts. Our service project this semester is to make lap blankets for individuals with Alzheimer's/Dementia. We are also planning a cooking competition between our unit, the Food Science club, and the Dietetics club.

## **Kyley Brooks**

AAFCS SU Chair Elect &  
Cougar FACS member



## **In The Know (ITK)**

The *ITK* is the newsletter for members of the Student Unit of the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS). Photos and articles from and about student members, advisors and chapters are welcome.

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