Hello to all! As I write this, I first want to say 'good job' to all of you who have submitted a CPPSA application (or multiple applications) for your school FACS departments. I know you have put in a lot of time and energy to bring the best experience to your students through Family and Consumer Sciences and it is appreciated (even if they don't tell you).

I have a number of things to share with you in this issue of the FACS E-NEWS, some are informational, some regard opportunities and some are FYI. Please keep as a reference, however note that all FACS E-NEWSletters are archived on the KSDE website under "Kansas Family & Consumer Sciences" (read more to learn what I'm talking about).

1. **CPPSA Review and Re-approval Timeline**
   Please allow 6-8 weeks for notification about the CPPSA(s) you have completed and submitted. Realize that the process will include a letter to you indicating if it was approved or needs modification. Refer to the notes included under the comment section to guide you in the changes needed. Please try to re-submit within the 2 weeks allotted, however if you find this difficult, contact me via e-mail to explain your situation and request an extension.

2. **Spring Professional Development Opportunities**—Deadline: APRIL 1, 2011 and MAY 1, 2011
   Two opportunities have been developed for the FACS educator. Both can be registered for on the registration links located on the home page of the KSDE website. Scroll down the right-hand side bar until you locate the KSDE sponsored events. (www.ksde.org)

   1—*Restaurant and Event Management Pathway Professional Development Workshop*—April 13—Topeka; April 20—Wichita (repeat); **April lst deadline (for both locations)** Registration: $15.00 This workshop will explore the Restaurant and Event Management pathway design and include an in-depth study of the Event Planning and Management course. The workshop will look at the challenges of teaching culinary courses in a traditional FACS kitchen lab as well as demonstrations/tours involving industry. A laptop should be brought with you to be able to explore the electronic resources that will be shared. (Enrollment is limited to 25 each site.)

   2—*Early Childhood* Industry—*Classroom to Center Connections Workshop*—June 3—Topeka (encore presentation); **May lst deadline**. Registration: $30.00 This workshop is a repeat of those offered in October, 2010 and is presented one last time to those who are teaching, or plan to teach the Early Child Development and Services pathway. Industry representatives will co-present and will share resources and sample documents that can be used in the classroom to start the CDA credentialing process within the secondary FACS classroom. (Enrollment minimum is 10 and maximum is 25.)

3. **Spring FACS Webinar**—April 26, 2011—3:30-4:45 p.m.
   The Spring FACS webinar is scheduled for April 26, 2011 from 3:30-4:45 p.m. and will cover a variety of topics including the role of assurances and competency profile sheets now that FACS has transitioned to pathways, Human Services course credit values, credentials, certifications and assessments for Human Services/FACS, K-ACTE FACS related sessions, the Career and Community Connections role in multiple pathways and core courses in the Family and Community Services and Early Childhood Development and Services pathways. Mark your calendar, but realize it will be archived for future viewing. The accompanying power point will be posted the Friday before (April 22nd). There is no registration needed. I will send out connection information with the power point release list serv message.

4. **FACS Education Hot Topic (and NEW Kansas FACS webpage!)**

Family and Consumer Sciences has been a hot topic this Spring both within our State and Nationally. I have developed a webpage for Kansas FACS which you can locate on the KSDE website under "Academic Standards" (click on that menu item on the right hand side of the opening KSDE page). Under 'Kansas Family & Consumer Sciences', you will find the final (and new) logo, and the data, explanation and statistics I sent you earlier in March. ALL FACS related "Resources" will be moved from "Human Services" webpage to the "Kansas FACS "webpage in the near future so that all career cluster resources (for all 9 of our cluster connections) are in the same location. You can go directly to the webpage through the link below: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4692

Please share the web link, and/or message as you wish so we can spread the word about how Kansas FACS is meeting the needs of individuals, families, society and the community in the world today.

The Kansas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (KAFCS) has recently hired a media consultant and created a task force to create a media campaign for Kansas. The task force will be identifying and creating a message about the need for FACS in today's world. Look for additional information regarding this project.

In May I will attend a FACS state administrators meeting and one of our agenda items is a national campaign to spread the same message. Again, I will share more information as it develops.

5. **Early Childhood Occupations Resource**

"Careers in Early Childhood" is a resource I have located that you might find useful as you work with students within the Early Childhood area. This is a document created by North Carolina, however please note I am working with a task force to develop one for Kansas. The group I am working with is very excited about how a Family and Consumer Sciences licensed teacher can fit into the career lattice in Kansas. I will share the Kansas version of this document when available.

Here is the link to the North Carolina document:
http://www.childcareservices.org/_downloads/CareersInEarlyChildhoodGuide_NC.pdf

6. **Culinary Free Resource (Sent on behalf of Neely Carlson, KRHA)**

Honey Culinary Instruction Kit now available as a free download

The National Honey Board's Honey Culinary Instruction Kit (introduced in 2009 as a CD-ROM) is now available as a free download at www.honey.com. Culinary educators and other interested foodservice professionals can access the comprehensive information tool on the Foodservice page at www.honey.com , under "Free Culinary CDs." After providing basic contact information, visitors simply indicate if they wish to download the kit or receive it as a CD via mail.

The National Honey Board developed the culinary curriculum to share the benefits of honey – as a food, an ingredient and a marketing tool – with student and professional culinarians. An advanced classroom teaching guide is divided into four learning blocks: Life of the Hive; Ingredient Functionality; Varietal Honeys; and Tasting Workshop with Culinary Applications. A PowerPoint

presentation emphasizes key learning points, and an appendix offers additional honey information, references and resources.

7. **Learn and Service Grants—up to $10,000—Deadline: April 30, 2011** (Sent on behalf of Janice Craft.)

Kansas FACS and FCCLA are involved in MANY service learning projects in the classroom. Look into this opportunity as a way to fund your projects. Janice has presented to a number of you through FCCLA's Take AIM Conference and K-ACTE 2010 conference. Review the information below and if you have additional questions, contact Janice at Kansas Volunteer Commission (www.kanserve.org) or jcraft@ksde.org (785-296-0855)

Learn and Serve Kansas School-Based program grants are intended to help schools develop high quality sustainable service-learning programs. The long-range goal of the grant is to integrate service-learning into the instructional methodology of school districts to expand the breadth and depth of service-learning and provide greater learning opportunities for all students. The KVC/KSDE has established the following goals for the Learn and Serve Kansas School-Based program.

Learn and Serve America Grants At-a-Glance

- Grants awarded for a three-year cycle
- $10,000 maximum
- 50% match (cash or in-kind) required
- Two types: Implementation & Expansion
- Local partnerships only
    - Must include one or more LEA
    - May include a private for-profit business or private elementary or secondary school
    - See grant instructions for more details if you think you may qualify
- High priority given to programs that engage disadvantaged youth as participants or recipients of service; that directly address community needs including prevention of drug and alcohol abuse
- Deadline: April 30, 2011. Award notification June 30, 2011

8. **Bakery Science Lesson or Activity Could Bring you $1000** (Sent on behalf of Charlene Patton/Sharon Davis)

I am sending this even though the deadline is very soon. If you cannot enter, consider signing up for the newsletter which has many great teaching ideas for your classroom as well as will keep you updated with this contest in the future. The e-mail address is ***newsletter@homebaking.org***

Who: Classroom, community youth program, after-school, home school or other educators that teach baking to youth of all ages.
What: Submit a baking lesson, activity or baking community service program
How: Submit entry form, lesson, baking activity and supporting materials to:
Home Baking Association, 2931 SW Gainesboro Road, Topeka, KS 66614
When: Entry deadline March 31, 2011
Award: A $1,000 cash prize and trip for two to the October 2011 Home Baking Association Annual Meeting in Stowe, Vermont will be announced by June 1, 2011. All entrants will receive a baking resource.
Questions: For additional information visit www.homebaking.org.
Sponsor: The Home Baking Association (HBA) annually recognizes baking educators. HBA is a non-profit association providing tools and knowledge to perpetuate generations of home bakers.

9. **National Technical Honor Society and Scholarships (**Sent on behalf of Carol Kaczmarek and NTHS)

Awarding over $90,000 in scholarships to America's top CTE students in 2011, the National Technical Honor Society sends a clear message, "Excellence in Career and Technical Education pays!"

Established in 1984 and serving over 3,100 schools and colleges throughout the US, NTHS is recognized by education, business, and industry as the nation's highest award for outstanding CTE students.

There is no cost to charter a chapter and now is a great time to get started so that your top students will be eligible to apply for scholarships this year.

You'll find many more important member benefits available to your school and student-members at www.nths.org.

10. **KATFACS website (www.katfacs.org)**
Don't forget to look at the KATFACS website frequently to see what is new. Check out the blog where suggestions for teaching resources and textbooks can be shared across the State. If you have a good resource to share, share it over the blog…if you are looking for a good resource, ask it over the blog.

11. **Midwest Leadership Summit V** (Sent on behalf of Child Care Aware)
Please note this opportunity which centers on being a manager/administrator of an early childhood center or program which you may be interested in attending. KAEYC is hosting the Midwest Leadership Summit in Lawrence April 29th and 30th. For more information, refer to www.kaeyc.net to read about it and get the registration information.

12. **ServSafe Training—May 26, 2011 (Deadline: May 5)** (Sent on behalf of Neeley Carlson, HRHA)

If you are a teacher of the Culinary Arts and Management strand of the Restaurant and Event Management pathway, you may want to explore this opportunity to become a certified ServSafe instructor. The one day event includes the ServSafe training, the most current ServSafe Essentials book with updated 2009 food codes, and the opportunity to sit for the exam. Registrations allow you to select the best fit for your needs. The location is in Wichita from 8:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information contact Neeley Carlson at ncarlson@krha.org

13. AAFCS Pre-PAC Assessment Update (sent on behalf of Lori Myers, Director)

AAFCS and the FCS Credentialing Center are pleased to announce the official launch of two new assessment products associated with the Pre-Professional Assessment and Certification (Pre-PAC) Program. With the addition of these assessments, the Pre-PAC Portfolio of Products available for testing includes a total of **11** assessments (* indicates new product available February 1, 2011):

(1) Broad Field Family and Consumer Sciences
(2) Culinary Arts
(3) Early Childhood Education
(4) Education Fundamentals
(5) Family and Community Services
(6) Fashion, Textiles, and Apparel
(7) Food Science Fundamentals*
(8) Housing and Furnishings*
(9) Interior Design Fundamentals
(10) Nutrition, Food, and Wellness
(11) Personal and Family Finance

Before assessments can be purchased, sites will need to submit a Test Site Approval Agreement. Visit the Pre-PAC Management System website (http://www.aafcs.org/CredentialingCenter/test.asp) and click on “”Introduction to the Pre-PAC.” Further instructions for assessment purchase, registration, and administration can be obtained by contacting Lori Myers at lmyers@aafcs.org

14. Professional Learning Experience Toolkit Soon to Be Released

KSDE has developed the Professional Learning Experience Toolkit to create quality and safe learning experiences for the 21st century student learner. The purpose of **Professional Learning Experiences** is to connect technical skill development at the application-level to authentic industry-related experiences for the individual student learner across all career clusters fields and pathways. **The mission of the professional learning experience** is to enhance the opportunity for authentic skill development, attainment of a certificate, license or degree, and student success in the 21st century workforce.

The title “toolkit” reflects the design of this document to provide direction and guidance, as well as, provide documents and tools that can be used in implementation. The document has been divided into two sections to allow for easy access. One is the actual guidance document, the other is the appendix with supporting reference sheets, evaluations and rubrics.

Further guidance on how this document can be used in the Career and Community Connections class will be provided through a webinar in May. (See E-NEWSletter topic #17 for more information.)

15. New Dietary Guidelines Released

The 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans were released this Spring. Here is a direct quote that will add additional support to Family and Consumer Sciences in today’s schools.

"The following strategies can be used to help create and promote healthy lifestyles for children: ...
Provide comprehensive health, nutrition, and physical education programs in educational settings, and
place special emphasis on food preparation skills, food safety, and lifelong physical activity.
"
(2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, p. 56)

Here is the link to the entire policy http://www.cnpp.usda.gov/dietaryguidelines.htm

16. **The Missing Link—Helping Young People Get Smart About Their Love Lives" Webinar link** (Sent on behalf of Kay Reed, Executive Director, The Dibble Institute.)

    "The Missing Link - helping young people get smart about their love lives", was aired on January The following will provide resources in conjunction with the webinar.

    1. Click here for to for a link to the archived webinar.
    2. Click here for the PowerPoint slides.
    3. Sign up to receive the Healthy Relationship News monthly e-newsletter from The Dibble Institute.
    4. Register to hear Ted Futris and fellow FCS and 4H County Educators from Georgia detail their successes in teaching relationship skills to youth at the CYFAR conference in Chicago this April.

17. **Career and Community Connections Webinar**—May 26, 2011 1:00-3:00 p.m.
    Mark your calendar for a webinar that will discuss the course Career and Community Connections and how it can be taught in your school. Lynette Yevak, Emporia High School Family and Consumer Sciences teacher will co-present to share her experience with teaching it during the 2010-2011 school year. Her insights, along with an in-depth discussion of the working portfolio and Professional Learning Experience Toolkit will prove to be time well spent. The webinar will be archived for viewing after the date. A review of this presentation will be share at the summer K-ACTE conference in Overland Park.

18. **2011 National Career Clusters Institute**—June 19-21, 2011—Atlanta, GA
    This institute promises to give you more of what you are looking for—sessions and workshops organized into strands designed for specific groups and with more hands-on breakouts. Refer to https://www.careerclusters.org/registration/?type=start for more information and registration. Look for 2011 Career Cluster Institute.

19. **2011 K-ACTE Conference**—July 31 -August 3. 2011--Overland Park, KS
    Be sure to watch your list serv messages for the release of the registration form and final agenda for the 2011 K-CTE Summer Conference, however you may want to note the date. Information that has been released to this date can be obtained from the following link: http://www.k-acte.org/events.html On a side note, I have been asked if Perkins funds can pay for K-ACTE Conference and the answer is yes.

20. **SAVE the DATE! KSDE Career and Technical Education Drive-In Workshop 2011**—August 8

This drive-in workshop will be held *Monday, August 8, 2011 at the Highland Hotel and Convention Center, 3017 West 10th Street, Great Bend KS 67530, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.* The purpose of this one-day workshop is to assist administrators, counselors and CTE/Academic teachers to implement quality career clusters/pathways that prepare students to meet graduation and career ready requirements. This workshop will give participants the tools they need to build and maintain successful career clusters/pathways!

Topics may include but are not limited to: Rigorous Program of Study, Professional Learning Toolkit, Best Practices, Articulation Agreements, Assessment, Pathway Updates, and Proficiency-based Credit.

To register for the workshop, go to the following link: http://events.ksde.org/default.aspx?tabid=544. A block of 100 rooms has been reserved at the Highland Hotel and Convention Center. The following information has been provided by the hotel. Rooms will be held until **July 15, 2011.** Call the Hotel Reservations department at 620-792-2431 or toll free at 866-212-7122. To receive the contracted rate, participants will need to identify the group name as **KSDE Drive-In Workshop**.

IN CLOSING:

The underlying theme of this E-NEWSletter seems to be the Family and Consumer Sciences connection to the needs of today. I was given this quote by a colleague and I wanted to share it with you.

> "Great muscles and healthy weight gain doesn't begin in the gym. It starts in your kitchen." Joshua Duvauchelle
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> (Read more: http://www.livestrong.com/article/377542-what-to-eat-to-gain-weight-muscle/#ixzz1HvFQobVv)

Good things to you as your year is coming to a close. Until May…..

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