Happy May!

As I compile the May FACS E-NEWSletter, I wonder where the last 10 months have gone. Looking back, I want to first say GREAT JOB! I do not know how many pathway transitions are in place for Family and Consumer Sciences, but I do know that all of you have put in a lot of work to get the CPPSA's submitted. This is very exciting as we make the final transition to the career cluster model of career and technical education in Kansas. I will be able to report our pathway totals in my K-ACTE Summer Conference update as well as other items of interest.

I also want to say "farewell" to those of you who are retiring, or making the transition to other avenues…I wish you the best. And "welcome" to those new to the world of Family and Consumer Sciences…welcome to the family!

I'm sharing information for a number of cluster areas in this last E-NEWSletter of the school year. Please keep it for future reference. Also realize it will be archived on the new FACS webpage under "resources".

1. **Family and Consumer Sciences Web Page**
   http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4692

   The newly developed web page for Kansas FACS is up and ready for reference. It is located under "Academic Standards" on the opening KSDE webpage. It's titled "Kansas Family and Consumer Sciences" and includes general information about the field and specific information related to FACS Education in Kansas. You will find the same statistics I sent out earlier for your use.

   Review the items listed under "Resources". NOTE that any resource that addresses multiple pathways or the FACS area as a whole will be posted here. Other items specific to a cluster/pathway will be posted on those web pages.

2. **IT'S NEW--Family and Consumer Sciences Fact Sheet**
   A FACS related fact sheet has been developed which may be helpful when working with local entities and sharing the FACS connection to the career cluster pathways and issues of concern today. It is located under "Resources" on the FACS web page (see #1). If additional information is needed, please refer to the FACS web page for additional statistics and related information. I do encourage you to share these with local decision makers so they are aware of the focus of your programs.

3. **Teaching Food Safety through Food Science--**June 13-16, 2011 ***(DEADLINE: May 13, 2011)***
   This in-service program will be taught at K-STATE Olathe for middle and high school teachers to prepare 20 Kansas teachers to educate middle and high school students about food safety through existing food science units and/or courses in the family and consumer sciences, agriculture or science curriculum**. It involves 2 hours of graduate credit and $1000 scholarships are available**. **To apply**, send a brief resume, statement of interest & relevance to professional development, plus a list of courses taught to: Roberta Robinson at robertar@ksu.edu; Fax: 913.541.1488; Phone: 913.307.7316 **Application deadline: May 13, 2011**

4. **Kansas Family Strengthening Summit—June 8-10, 2011, Wichita, KS**
   I have been contacted about attending this Summit which will promote strong families in Kansas. Business and industry individuals as well as other important people will be in attendance. I would like to encourage you to take part to share the role FACS has in promoting and building strong families in our State. I am considering the development of a

community "Family and Consumer Sciences in Schools" and/or presenting a workshop "Family Studies in Today's Schools through Family and Consumer Sciences". IF you are planning to attend, please let me know at grandel@ksde.org so we can plan our strategy of sharing the FACS message. Here is the link for more information. http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e3mxjz3ce93508a8&11r=5unas4eab

5. **Summer 2012 K-ACTE Conference—July 31-Aug 3, 2011—Overland Park, KS**
   http://www.k-acte.org/Images/Events/K-ACTE%20Attendee%20Brochure-2011-web.pdf

   Plan to attend this summer's K-ACTE conference, a great way to kick off the new school year. *Sunday will include something for the new FACS teachers* (we haven't offered this before) and Monday will offer workshops addressing the framework for a rigorous program of study. Tuesday and Wednesday are focused on the affiliates and pathway specific areas. The FCCLA advisor workshop and my KSDE update will be Wednesday morning. Please refer to the link above to obtain the official schedule and registration information AND share with new teachers so they know about this event and opportunity.

6. **New FACS Teacher Workshop—July 31, 2011 2:30-6:00 p.m. Overland Park, KS**
   This will be based upon a successful event in the past that is organized to introduce professionals new to FACS and/or the FACS related pathways. The session will review the management of the FACS classroom, pathway requirements, KSDE policies/procedures and general information of interest. If you have been teaching for a year or two and feel you need this workshop, you may attend as well. ***There is no cost to attend, but we would like to know numbers for the reference materials*** we bring. We will eat dinner together at 5:00 p.m. at a local eatery to get to know one another better. (Meal cost up to participant.) Please register with Mary Ward at mlward@ksde.org .

7. **END OF YEAR SURVEY COMING**
   I am planning to send out a short (12-15 questions) survey regarding FACS in Kansas. It will take about 5 minutes to complete, however I am basing future programming on this information. It will be released to you by May 13th and please return by May 30th.

8. **Family and Consumer Sciences Pathway Reviewers are Needed—**
   As we look at several issues concerning the FACS related pathway courses, credits and competencies, I see a need to review and address several issues that we as FACS educators need to address. **I would like your input and direction and am asking for ten to twelve FACS Education teachers,** with 5 or more years of teaching experience to be involved in a series of conference calls.

   Our topics of discussion will include—1) review course credits as stands and explore expansion of credit value; 2) determine a 'core skill set' for the Family and Community Services and Early Childhood Development and Services pathways; 3) review outdated resources to determine need for update; 4) determine the role of the middle level FACS program and 5) address related questions that develop as we work together.

   IF interested, e-mail mlward@ksde.org by **May 25th.** The review team will be asked to focus two afternoons in June to this work. I am exploring college credit so indicate if you are interested in that opportunity.

9. **RESOURCE: www.ksgamblinghelp.com.**
   This website discusses the issue of gambling and the impact on individuals and families. Here is their explanation paragraph about the services they offer:

"*Kansas offers FREE treatment to problem gamblers and individuals who are impacted by the problem gambler. Asking for help is the first step. Professionals are available to help and can answer your questions 24 hours a day. If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, call the Kansas Problem Gambling Help Line at 1.800.522.4700, or visit www.ksgamblinghelp.com."*

Discussion on this topic might be appropriate to include in the Family Studies or Consumer Education courses. It is sponsored by the Kansas Responsible Gambling Alliance.

10. Culinary Resources—check these out!

Several new resources can be found under the "Resources" section of the Hospitality and Tourism career cluster webpage. 'Free Resources for the Hospitality and Culinary Classroom' will share websites with free video's, teaching materials and etc. In addition, review "Hospitality and Tourism Credentials" which identifies the business and industry recognized credentials.

11. Early Childhood Industry: Classroom to Center Connection Workshop –June 3, 2011

Due to a lack of registrants, this workshop has been cancelled. However, the three of us who presented last October are planning to record the information we shared and archive it for your use in the future. Watch in the fall for the release of these recording…

12. Summer FACS Course—Pittsburg State University (Sent on behalf of Cris Elliot, FACS Teacher Educator)

FCS 740-99 SP Tp: Adv. Teaching Techniques will be offered as a mediated (on-line) class beginning July 5 and ending July 29th. Focus will be on up-to-date techniques that teachers can use in their classroom. Special emphasis will be on using the www. as a resource and media available for student projects. Enhance and update your curriculum next year with the resources and projects developed in this 3 hour credit course class. For Information on enrollment go to: http://www.pittstate.edu/office/registrar/enroll.dot?term=web

13. 2011 Midwest Economic Education Conference—June 16-17, 2011 (Deadline: June 3rd)

The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City invites you to attend the 2011 Midwest Economic Education Conference (MEEC) from Thursday, June 16, through Friday, June 17, at their headquarters building in Kansas City, Missouri. The conference will provide an opportunity for economic education council and center staff, representatives from state departments of education, curriculum supervisors and staff of the Federal Reserve to share and discuss current initiatives and topics related to economic and financial education.

This year's conference will feature a variety of sessions on the theme of ***21st Century Skills and Learning.*** In relationship to the theme, educational resources and materials will be shared as they relate to the four C's: Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Creativity and Communication. Participants will also have the opportunity to participate in guided discussions on how to apply this information in a classroom or instructional setting.

Conference registration can be completed online by visiting www.kansascityfed.org/events/eventDetail.cfm?event=4422CE1899ED1AF361DA8E2BF772D81B before **June 3**. Additional information about the conference, including a draft agenda, is also available at this site.

14. Submit a fitness idea and win an iPod. (Deadline June 3, 2011)

Learning Zone is asking for fitness ideas and with our understanding of human growth and development, as well as our classroom interactions with the younger students within schools, you'd be able to offer great ideas. Learning Zone is creating a book called 5 Minute Physical Activities for Elementary Students and would like to include your ideas. If your idea is

selected as one of the top 50 activities, you will be notified in June 2011, and you will be able to purchase the 5 Minute Physical Activities for Elementary Students for $10 each (regularly $29.95) and be in a drawing to win an iPod. You will be notified when the book is published and available for purchase.

Here are the rules: Include activity name, supplies needed, instructions (not to take more than 5 minutes), comments and your name, place of work, city, state, phone number and e-mail. You may submit up to 5 ideas. E-mail submission to angela@learningzonexpress.com by **June 3, 2011.**

15. **Check out the KATFACS website today!**
Don't forget to check out this website for information on textbooks and/or post your own request for information. This is updated continually and can serve as your one-stop site for resources, lesson plans and related information. www.katfacs.org

16. **2011 Best Practices and Innovations Conference**—September 28 - 30, 2011 at the historic Arlington Hotel and Resort in Little Rock, Arkansas. For more information see www.acteonline.org

17. **Learn more about Perkins**…(sent on behalf of Robin Harris)
As part of the annual KBOR Conference, the KBOR CTE staff is offering a special session on the Perkins Grant. The session, which will focus on Perkins IV, will be presented by Michael Burstein, Esq. Mr. Brustein is a founding partner of the firm Brustein & Manasevit, and is a nationally recognized authority on the federal delivery system for workforce and career / technical education. He has authored / coauthored numerous books on Perkins (I), (II) (III) (IV), and the Tech Prep Education Act. The session will be held on **Tuesday, June 7th, from 1 – 5 pm, at the Ramada Inn Hotel in Topeka** There is no registration fee; however, if you are planning to attend, please notify either Mari Tucker at mtucker@ksbor.org or 785- 368-7109 or Kelly Russell at krussell@ksbor.org or 785-296-3958.

18. **Before you leave for the summer…plan on two things:**

Check out the Utah FACS website. You won't believe the extensive lesson plans, project ideas and etc. available on the Utah FACS website. It is arranged in" filing cabinet" drawers for easy access. You can link to it through this address (but allow ample time…you won't want to stop:

http://www.schools.utah.gov/cte/facs_cabinet.html

Create your wish list.
On the National Teacher Registry website a teacher or school can create a Wish List of the items that they need and want for their classroom from the 150,000 educational items online from national suppliers and discounters at no markup.

Once a Wish List is created, a direct link to the registry can be sent by the teacher or school to parents and friends. Parents and friends can access the list on the Internet, purchase items from the list, and have the items delivered directly to the teacher or school. In many cases this is a charitable donation which can be deducted on the purchaser's tax return. The result … products on your Wish List are easily and conveniently available for purchase by parents and others committed to helping teachers and schools bridge the budget gap!

If you are a teacher, go to NationalTeacherRegistry.com today and create your Wish List! Then we'll help you share the news.

19. SAVE THE DATE: February CTE Conference, 2012

The 2012 Career & Technical Education Annual February Conference will be **February 7-8, 2012** at the Wichita Airport Hilton in Wichita, KS. More information in the fall.

20. ServSafe Train the Trainer Dates (sent on behalf of Neeley Carlson, KRHA)

If you or other teachers are teaching food preparation or any of the Culinary Arts courses, this is something to consider. The ServSafe program provides an overview of basic sanitation procedures, from receiving food at the loading dock to serving it to customers. As stated in the Kansas Food Code, one way the person in charge can demonstrate knowledge is by being a certified food protection manager. The remaining dates of the trainings for 2012 are **Lenexa (June 7), Garden City (June 29), Olathe (July 7), Lenexa (August 16), Lenexa (Oct 4), Wichita (Oct 26), Lenexa (Dec 6), Wichita (Dec 6).** For additional questions you can contact Neeley Carlson with the Kansas Restaurant & Hospitality Association at 316-267-8383 or 800-369-6787.

21. MoneySKILL—Looking for Middle level pilot schools (sent on behalf of Susie Irvine)

MoneySKILL® -- Linking High School and College Students with Personal Finance

MoneySKILL is a free online course designed for high school and college students and most recently a version for middle school students. The course teaches personal finance concepts on income, expenses, saving and investing, credit and insurance. Teachers can use all of the modules or select specific modules for their students' course of study. Students can access the modules in the classroom, at home, or anywhere they have access to the Internet. MoneySKILL is constantly updated, first and foremost based on teacher suggestions to make it easier to use with students. Workshop offered in-person or as a webinar to illustrate all the features teachers can use to register and enroll students, electronic grade book, modules selection, ordering and retaking, importing class roster and the generating a completion certificate. A search is being done to locate middle level teachers to pilot test the middle level curriculum. If you are interested, contact Susie Irvine susie@afsamail.org for more information. Their website is www.moneyskill.org

22. EVERFI Financial Literacy Program

EverFi currently provides its curriculum in partnership with more than 2,000 schools nationally and has received outstanding reviews. The six-hour, performance based course has been tailored to both state and national requirements and includes such topics as banking, financing higher education (fafsa), savings, taxes, insurance and loans. It is free to schools and taught through a 10 module, six hour course of Web tutorials that let students explore real-world settings, from the floor of the New York Stock Exchange to a used-car dealership, while absorbing lessons about saving money, earning interest and managing debt. As students acquire new skills, the software encourages them to play a SimCity-style game in which they control characters' spending habits, reaping the rewards of good choices and suffering the consequences of bad ones. Here is a quick video to give you a feel for the course - http://www.everfi.com/for_teachers.php. This is a really great opportunity to provide an engaging supplemental tool that supports instruction at no cost.

Implementing the course is pretty simple, it is entirely web based; students just need a web-enabled computer and headphones and they're good to go. To get started, please send an email to Tom Parisi (tparisi@everfi.com).

23. **Women and Money Series—**Live meeting and discussion groups—***starting September, 2011.***

Several Kansas organizations under the guidance of the Housing and Credit Counseling, Inc (HCCI) and the Shawnee Public Library will present weekly sessions across all corners of Kansas during September and October, 2011. The information will be current and directed at women. There will be a required registration, but it is not available at this time. I am serving on the planning task force and offered that our FACS teachers may be willing to serve as local facilitators. More information will be coming in the fall, but I wanted you to know about this opportunity. Most of the information could be used directly in your management and consumer educations courses, as well as benefit you personally.

24. HIV/AIDS/STDS and Human Sexuality Education Regional Conference-June 8-9, 2011. (Early bird Registration Deadline: June lst) (Sent on behalf of Darrel Lang, KSDE Health/PE Consultant)

Please note this conference which might be of interest to you. Conference information can be obtained from http://events.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=465 Questions should be addressed to Dr. Lang at KSDE, 785-296-6716 or dlang@ksde.org

25. KTWU Ready to Learn Program—Free to In-Home Childcare Providers

This program is a series of activities utilizing KTWU programming to teach the young learner. It's aimed at in-home providers. The initial group will receive a large number of teaching items to support the program. If you know of an in-home provider that might benefit, OR you would like more information, please contact Beth Perry, Ready to Learn Coordinator at KTWU, beth.perry@washburn.edu, or 785-670-3177.

26. Early Child Teachers—Earning your CDA in High School Article

If you are a teacher of the early child pathway/courses or thinking of doing so, this link will be of interest to you. Kansas FACS is ahead of the game as we have already identified and offering our pathway students the opportunity to begin their CDA credential in our FACS classrooms. Check it out. http://www.cdacouncil.org/newsletter/161-high-schoolers-applying-for-cda

27. Marketing CTE…new logo and more…

For those of you who are looking for creative ways to implement the new CTE brand, you can see David Buchholz share marketing tips in the CTE rebranding session, "10 Ways to Market CTE Now" on http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mzb561lExu0

28. **National Career Cluster Standard Revision team members needed *(sent on behalf of Robin Harris)***

Ensure that Kansas has input into the revised National Career Clusters Knowledge and Skill standards. Please consider nominating a subject matter expert and/or participate in the process. ***They are seeking participants through May 20, 2011***. Please let me know if you plan to serve so I am aware of where Kansas will have a direct connection.

People that use and/or have knowledge of the knowledge and skills necessary for entry level employment in any of the 16 Career Clusters or 79 Career Pathways areas are needed as subject matter experts. FACS teachers would have a great wealth of knowledge in a variety of pathways. What a great way to get the FACS message heard by serving on one of these teams.

No travel or additional costs involved--The entire process is conducted online using standards management tool provided through a business partner, Metalogic, Inc. Register for online access to the review tool today and invite others to participate. The registration site and review tool is located at http://www.metacat.net/cte more information about the process go to www.careertech.org/show/revisions

29. Are you a FACS Teachers new to the idea of integrating FCCLA into the classroom? ***A special workshop is being planned for FACS teachers*** who want to learn more about FCCLA and how it can support your FACS classroom with authentic experiences/projects, teaching resources and assessments. This one-day event will be held on August 30, 2011, Salina, KS.

This workshop will take part in conjunction with the Take AIM conference, but is for the FACS teacher only (no students to accompany). Cost is $40.00 (meals and reference binder) and will run 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. If you are interested, let Mary Ward know at mlward@ksde.org

30. 2011 DRIVE IN Workshops—August 8th—Great Bend; October 3rd—Topeka

KSDE, Career and Technical Education, is planning a jump-start to the FY 2011-2012 school year by offering a "Career and Technical Education Drive-In Workshop 2011 opportunity. The workshop will be held Monday, August 8, 2011 at the Highland Hotel and Convention Center, 3017 West 10th Street, Great Bend KS 67530 or October 3, 2011 at the City Library in Topeka, KS from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The purpose of this one-day workshop is to assist in the implementation of a 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! We are encouraging teams of administrators, counselors and CTE/Academic teachers attend together.

31. Common Core Standards Live Meetings

A series of Live Meetings addressing the Kansas Common Core Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics will be held. The information to participate in a Kansas Common Core Standards Updates Live Meeting is located at http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=kWuFtJNAf5k%3d&tabid=4605 . If you have any questions, please contact Jeannette Nobo at 785-296-2078 or jnobo@ksde.org .

32. Marketing FACS…lots happening…just wait until you see what's planned!

I recently attended the National Conference for FACS State Administrators and learned of a number of initiatives regarding the promotion of Family and Consumer Sciences.

AAFCS has secured a large grant and has developed a new logo, tagline and marketing materials which will be released during the AAFCS annual conference in June, 2011. Look for a national campaign to hit television, radio and publications across the U.S.

KAFCS, the Kansas affiliate of AAFCS hired a media consultant this spring to offer ideas in Kansas. Work continues and will be focusing on getting the message out within our State through a variety of methods.

The message is clear…the need for bullying prevention, improved individual and family communication, personal and family financial education, obesity prevention techniques (including the need to know basic food preparation), quality early child care, the education and training of the human services workforce and the connection of a balanced work and family life means Family and Consumer Sciences remains a vital part of society.

I'll have more to share at Summer K-ACTE conference.

33. **Set your Calendars—September 21, 2011 Fall FACS Professional Development workshop for Human Services—Salina, KS**
    Hold this date for an update on the Human Services pathways—Family and Community Services specifically. I am working with Susan Symons, Kansas Department of Commerce who has exciting opportunities for your students and community through the School-to-Registered Apprenticeship program as well as more information about how to expand this pathway to meet all age groups. More information in August, but mark your calendars now.

34. **Set your Calendars—September 26, 2011 *Celebrate Family Day!***
    The Kansas Family Partnership, Inc. is sponsoring a Family Day this fall and I would like to ask Kansas FACS departments to get involved. More information will be coming, however this link will provide you information regarding their 2010 event as well as other information you might find useful. http://www.kansasfamily.com/GetInvolved-FamilyDay.cfm.

Whew! This is quite the May E-NEWSletter. I hope you have a great end of school year and relaxing, recharging summer. I hope to see you at the Summer K-ACTE Conference in Overland Park, KS, however if I do not, I will be summarizing my presentations during the September webinar.

I was searching for historical documentation regarding the beginnings of our profession and found this quote from one of the Family and Consumer Sciences founders. Please recall it was the late 1800's and she was one of the first female graduates of M.I.T. (**Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA)** as well as one of the first female faculty instructors. The creation of our profession was based on the need to apply research to meet everyday life issues, specifically food safety, water safety and healthy home environments.

Until August… ***Gayla Randel***

"***Subject the material world to the higher ends, by understanding it in all its relations to daily life and action.***" **Ellen Henrietta Swallow Richards**