

## November/December, 2011 FACS E-NEWSLETTER

With travel and presentations, this Fall has flown by. I have chosen to combine November and Decembers E-NEWSletters as I did last year due to the time constraints at this time of year for all of us. The end of the first semester is coming to a close and hopefully you have your Fall advisory committee meeting completed, holiday shopping started and beginning to review your pathway application and/or maintenance (which is due by March 15, 2012). As always, some of the items in this E-NEWSletter are related to upcoming events, others are resources shared with me and yet others are just items that are good to know. Please disregard the sections that do not apply to your department and/or pathways.

### **1. UPDATES TO THE KANSAS COURSE CODES MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (KCCMS) (time sensitive)**

KSDE has completed several updates to the KCCMS for the 2011-2012 school year. In an effort to assist schools with these updates and scheduled live meetings. There is one remaining live meeting which is set for **DECEMBER 14, 2011 3:00-4:30 p.m.** IF you are the data entry person at your school OR if you wish to know more about how the KCCMS course coding process works, plan to take part. Please register at: <http://events.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=528>

### **2. EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROJECTS (related to FCCLA affiliation)**

FCS departments who are embedding FCCLA in the classroom AND have an affiliated chapter will no longer need to incorporate the experiential learning projects as FCCLA chapter activities and resources ensure the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills are being taught. IF you do **not** have an affiliated chapter, review the projects of the past and ensure they are addressing the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills (which are the essential knowledge and skills listed on each of the competency profiles. They do not need to address the technical skills.) Either way, share details with your advisory committee and include in meeting minutes which are part of the pathway maintenance. Please note, if FCCLA is listed in your pathway application or on your pathway maintenance, affiliation will be expected.

### **3. WHAT IS CAREER READY?**

ACTE created a two page reference sheet which shares a definition of what it means to be career ready. A copy of this is found on the FCS webpage under "Resources". The main points have been highlighted for your use in reviewing the message to share with local decision makers, curriculum directors and/or fellow CTE teachers. I suggest you print it out and share with your academic teachers as well as administrators, indicating how FCS in your school addresses the technical facet through the career clusters. You could pair it with the FCS Fact Sheet (found on the FCS webpage on [www.ksde.org](http://www.ksde.org) website.) Here's the link to the 'Career Ready' document if you want to reference it quickly: [http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=8Wfp1l\\_REE0%3d&tabid=4692&mid=11212&forcedownload=true](http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=8Wfp1l_REE0%3d&tabid=4692&mid=11212&forcedownload=true)

#### **4. Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant**

Kansas has applied for the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge grant in which the CTE Early Childhood Development and Services pathway is a part. This is large grant and KSDE is hopeful to be selected. More information will be shared as it develops.

#### **5. Spring FCS Webinars**

Please note the following dates for our spring webinars. No registration is needed. Call information will be sent out just before each date to act as a reminder. All will be accompanied by a power point and archived for viewing after the date (please allow 2 weeks after the date for it to be posted).

**January 12, 2012 3:30-5:00 p.m.**—TOPICS: General Update for all FCS areas as well as pathway maintenance questions and answers. I will also talk about Summer Workshops/College classes and FCS link to STEM and other current issues.

**February 29, 2012—3:30-5:00 p.m.**—TBD\*

**March 28, 2012—3:30-5:00 p.m.**—TBD\*

**April 25, 2012—3:30-5:00 p.m.**—TBD\*

\*The webinar dates have been set, but the specific topics have not been assigned. The focus of each will address the needs identified as part of the May, 2011 FCS Survey which ranked the areas of highest need as Nutrition and Wellness Update (47.5%); and Consumer Education/Financial Literacy Update (46.4%) and Career and Life Planning Update (42.3%)

#### **6. Career Cluster Wage and Employment Trends Updated and Posted**

Recently, I reviewed the workforce data for the US and Kansas, identifying current wages and employment projections through the year 2018. These are now completed and posted on each career cluster pathway webpage. Note that this is also a great way to review the business and industries to look for if in need of advisory committee members. You will find this new document for Family and Community Services, Early Childhood Development and Services, Consumer Services, Teaching/Training, AV Communications, Visual Arts, Government and Public Administration and Hospitality and Tourism (both Hospitality and Tourism pathways are combined due to the close tie of the two).

#### **7. Green Ribbon School Program** (sent on behalf of Don Gifford)

The Green Ribbon Schools program was recently launched by the U. S. Department of Education to recognize schools that save energy and reduce operating costs, create environmentally friendly learning spaces, promote student health, and provide environmental education to incorporate sustainability into the curriculum.

According to the guidance released, Green Ribbon Schools will have achieved or made considerable progress toward the three pillars established in the program: 1) energy efficient buildings; 2) healthy students and school environment; and 3) environmental literacy of all graduates. The combined achievement in these three areas will be the basis for the Green Ribbon Schools award.

Public and private schools in Kansas can make their application for nomination through the Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education's (KACEE) website: <http://www.kacee.org>. KACEE and KSDE will collaborate to evaluate submissions and KSDE is permitted to nominate up to four schools to the U.S. Department of Education. Partnering with KACEE will allow schools to apply for both the Green Ribbon Award for national recognition and the Kansas Green Schools grant from the same application. To be nominated, the school must meet high college- and career-ready standards, be in compliance with federal civil rights laws, and all federal, state and local health and safety standards and regulations.

For more information on Green Ribbon Schools, please visit: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/index.html>

#### **8. CLASSROOM VICTORY GARDEN PROJECT** (sent on behalf of Don Gifford)

The National WW II Museum has created a unique, hands-on curriculum for elementary students centering on growing WW II-style Victory Gardens. The Classroom Victory Garden Project is a cross-curricular website that includes simple lessons about WW II history, community, citizenship, science, and nutrition, instructions for planting a classroom or schoolyard garden, and delicious and healthy recipes for after harvest.

This could be a great project for your classroom or FCCLA Chapter as the success of the victory garden is connected to efforts by Home Economics professionals across the nation at that time in history. Millions of Americans grew Victory Gardens in their backyards - and on rooftops and in window boxes - during WWII to supplement their wartime rations and help spur victory. To learn more about this cross-curricular project, go to: <http://www.classroomvictorygarden.org/>

#### **9. Getting Ready for Pathway Maintenance? Webinar now posted** (shared by Kim Mitchell)

The maintenance training has been posted on the KSDE website for CTE under Forms and Documents. It will walk you through the process and show you the changes to the application format. This was provided by Kim Mitchell, KSDE Ed. Program Consultant. Here is the link: <http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?link=http%3a%2f%2fmediastream.ksde.org%2fMedia%2fCommonCore%2flivemeeting100711.wmv&tabid=1660&mid=6562&forcedownload=true>

#### **10. State-wide Articulation Agreements**

KSDE-CTE is securing a number of state-wide articulation agreements. A list of state-wide articulation agreements is listed on each career clusters webpage as well as compiled listing on the KSDE-CTE webpage. The link to see all the agreements is the top link on the CTE webpage right column menu (above CTE--Forms and Documents). Schools may select one of these in pathway maintenance, thus no longer needing to contact and work individually with a post-secondary institution. As always, this is a local option.

#### **11. Visual Arts Webinar** (for those with interior and textile design pathways)

On October 18, 2011, a webinar was presented to share application details for the Visual Arts Pathway. It is now archived along with the power point that accompanies it. Here is the link for the webinar which is now posted on the Arts, AV Technology and Communication career cluster webpage.

<http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?link=http%3a%2f%2fmediastream.ksde.org%2fmedia%2fliveremote%2fvisual+arts+a+pathway+introduction.avi&tabid=3182&mid=10830&forcedownload=true>

**12. Video on Body Language** (sent on behalf of Susan Symons, Kansas Dept. of Commerce)

This 4 minute Forbes video about Body Language is short and to the point. It's a great clip to use as a reminder about the importance of communication in job interviews.

<http://video.forbes.com/fvn/business/how-to-clean-up-your-body-language>

**13. FCS and STEM Connection--Food Technology Essay with Award Money (Due March 1, 2012) and STEM and FCS Connection Power Point**

Please consider having your middle level and senior nutrition students enter this contest which focus is on food production and consumer issues. This is a true illustration of how FCS content is connected to Engineering and STEM. It would be great if a FCS related student won these contests wouldn't it? Thanks to RJ Dake for sharing this contest with FCS.

<http://www.engineergirl.org/CMS/Contest/food2012.aspx>

Also note, I have posted a power point on the FCS webpage which is from the presentation I did at the 4-State Technology Conference at PSU in November. It focused on the connection between STEM philosophies and content and Family and Consumer Sciences. Please use a reference as you work to tie FCS to STEM in your schools.

**14. SUMMER 2012 FCS RELATED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Please note the following opportunities are being developed and will have more details after the first of the year.

*FOOD SCIENCE INSTITUTE*—Once again Kansas State University is looking to offer the Food Science Institute at the request of many of you in the field. This is usually a full week on the KSU campus. More details to come after the first of the year.

*TARGETING LIFE SKILLS, Middle-level curriculum*—Kansas State University will also be host for an update of the Targeting Life skills middle-level FCS curriculum beginning with live meetings in the late Spring, and the majority of the work happening in the summer. A call for participants will come after the first of the year.

*BALANCING WORK AND FAMILY and PERSONAL AND FAMILY WELLNESS*—The other two FCS related curriculums will be updated beginning next summer. More information is to come regarding these updates.

**15. DID YOU KNOW**....we have 1695 educators with FCS licensure in Kansas, but only 440 are actively teaching. Other statistics will be shared in January concerning the results of the informal survey completed last May.

**16. CALENDAR OF SERVICE** (sent on behalf of Charlotte Smith)

Ever wonder how people know about the “National Week of This” or the “National That Day”? Here is a calendar of those dates and events. See more on the Seasons of Service Calendar:

<http://servicewire.org/seasonsofservice>

**17. NATIONAL CHILD HUNGER ENDS HERE Curriculum**

**National Child Hunger Ends Here** is a project of the USA TODAY Education in partnership with ConAgra Foods and the USA TODAY Charitable Foundation. This free curriculum for middle and high schools provides curriculum and activity ideas as well as grant opportunities as students learn about child hunger. For more information, visit [www.usatodayeducate.com/childhungerendshere](http://www.usatodayeducate.com/childhungerendshere)

**18. Robin Harris Utz Takes Job in Washington, DC**

Robin was offered the position of Supervisory Education Program Specialist for the Office of Vocational and Adult Education within the United States Department of Education. She accepted with a start date of December 5, 2011, in Washington DC. Her work will continue with programs of study and CTE. This is exciting for both her and us as her background is in Family and Consumer Sciences Education. She taught at Wamego Middle School and was also an active FCCLA advisor. Best wishes to Robin.

**19. February CTE Conference—February 7-8, 2012 (priority registration deadline: January 9<sup>th</sup>)**

Annual February Conference--**CTE: Learning that Works for Kansas** will be February 7-8, 2012 at the Wichita Airport Hilton.

**Registration:** Early bird registration rate is \$160; registrations received after January 9<sup>th</sup> will be charged \$200. Cancellations will be refunded in full if written notice of cancellation is provided by January 9, 2012. Registration may be completed on the conference website:

<http://www.smokyhill.org/vnews/display.v/ART/4c87b3ca37004>

**Hotel:** A block of rooms have been reserved at the Wichita Airport Hilton. The room rate is \$102/night + tax. The special room rate will be available until January 23<sup>rd</sup> or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first. Room reservations may be completed at the following website:

[http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/I/ICTAHHF-CTEC-20120206/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/I/ICTAHHF-CTEC-20120206/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

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**20. ECONOMIC LESSON** with ties to FCS: (provided by Gigi Wolfe, Fed Reserve Bank of KC)  
Lesson Idea #15-- Using the Chicago Board of Trade ([www.cmegroup.com](http://www.cmegroup.com)), follow the prices of basic commodities used in producing food, such as corn, wheat and meat products. Make a prediction on food prices for the next month and then take a fieldtrip to the grocery store to see if it happened.

## ***In conclusion...***

As this year comes to an end, let me share how much I enjoy working with each of you and I wish for you a very happy holiday season.

See you all in January! Gayla

Ending Quote:

*“Don’t tell them how to do it, show them how to do it  
and don’t say a word.*

*If you tell them, they’ll watch your lips move.  
If you show them, they’ll want to do it themselves.”*

~Maria Montessori