

## Alliance for FCS Partners

### Associations

1890 Council of Administrators in Family and Consumer Sciences (CAFCS)  
American Council on Consumer Interests (ACCI)  
American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS)  
Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), FACS Education Division  
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) Board on Human Sciences (BoHS)  
Can Manufacturers Institute  
Council of Administrators of Family and Consumer Sciences (CAFCS)  
Family & Consumer Sciences Education Association (FCSEA)  
Home Baking Association  
International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE)-US  
National Association of State Administrators of Family & Consumer Sciences (NASAFACS)  
National Association of Teacher Educators for Family and Consumer Sciences (NATEFACS)  
National Association of Teachers of Family & Consumer Sciences (NATFACS)  
National Coalition for Black Development in Family & Consumer Sciences  
National Coalition for Family & Consumer Sciences Education  
National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS)  
Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior (SNEB)

### Honor Societies

Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society for the Human Sciences (KON)  
Phi Upsilon Omicron

### Youth Organizations

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

### Other Nonprofit Organizations

The Peanut Institute  
Seafood Nutrition Partnership

### Industry/Companies

Carrot New York  
Fresh FACS  
Goodheart-Willcox Publisher  
Nasco  
Realityworks

### Government

USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences



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To the Editor:

On behalf of the [Alliance for Family & Consumer Sciences](http://www.allianceforfcs.org), which represents more than 200,000 Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) professionals and students, we were pleased to see Marti Harvey promoting the value of teaching high school students about personal finance, meal planning and preparation, and other essential skills for living well in her recent article, **"Bring back home economics class because our kids lack basic life skills."** Thankfully, Family and Consumer Sciences courses, founded as home economics classes, **are still** a critical part of the middle and high school curriculum and teach the skills that she would like students to learn.

**Today, more than 27,000 Family and Consumer Sciences secondary educators teach more than 3 million students nationwide.** In Family and Consumer Sciences courses, **a strong part of Career and Technical Education**, educators not only help prepare students for careers, but also provide research-based knowledge and essential skills in the areas of personal and family finance, food science and nutrition, health management and wellness, human development and family relations, housing and interior design, culinary arts, and textiles and apparel.

FCS classes provide students with many opportunities to **apply the concepts learned in math, science, and language arts through hands-on application**, such as creating a budget based on a particular income, analyzing the nutrients in food, and preparing a resume. While FCS classes are not required in all states, the Alliance agrees with Ms. Harvey that FCS classes should be required for graduation.

With the essential skills education and career preparation provided in FCS classes and the support of parents and decision makers, our students will attain the research-based knowledge and skills they need to lead better lives, be work and career ready, build strong families, and make meaningful contributions to our communities.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us [alliance@aafcs.org](mailto:alliance@aafcs.org) if you would like more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn W. Jackson".

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