The Winners are........

Apparel Design Student Exhibit
First Place – Joann Sharp – Awarded $150
Second Place – Alicia Gillespie – Awarded $100
Third Place – Kimberly Waddell – Awarded $50

Child and Family Exhibit
First Place – Meagan Matthews – Awarded $150
Second Place – Linda White – Awarded $100
Third Place – Morgan Patterson – Awarded $50

Mark your Calendar!!

The 2012 MACFS Annual Meeting which will be held at Mississippi State University, February 17, 2012. The Theme for the meeting will be “Connecting Professionals: Leadership in Action” Details can be found at www.msaacs.org. Also, if you are interested in presenting at the annual meeting, the call for educational sessions is due November 15, 2011 (see www.msaacs.org/meetings.html). There are also opportunities for professional exhibits, research proposals, student exhibits, and teacher showcases.

OVERVIEW OF THE CONFERENCE:
The 2011 Annual Meeting of the Mississippi American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (M AFCS) was held in Cleveland, Mississippi, a city nationally known as the cultural crossroads of the Mississippi Delta. The theme of the event, Linking Culture: Enriching Lives eloquently described the tone of the conference at Delta State University Jacob Center. Right from the start conference participants experienced the richness of the delta blues and rock and roll as they actively participated in Lee Alyward’s presentation, The Delta, the Myth, and the Reality. MAFCS honoree, Dr. Raygene Paige graced the audience with her wisdom and insight from fifty years service to MAFCS and AAFCIS communicating the virtue and practicality of professionalism. Conference participants further experienced breakout sessions, quilt and fashion displays and site visits to local establishments.
Payday Lenders.

Mississippi has the highest concentration of payday lenders in the nation. Ms. Rita W. Green, Family Resource Management Extension Agent, Mississippi State University provided the audience with information about how the payday lenders products are structured and brought the attention to the sunset provision of financial legislation that exempted Mississippi payday lenders from the state’s usury law.

Taking it to the Street.

Judith Breland, a member of the national committee, reported on AAFCS ‘s national initiative Taking It to the Street. The initiative was launched in 2009 to encourage members to educate others on issues appropriate to Family and Consumer Sciences.

Mississippi Health.

Conference participants learned that Mississippi is number one in diabetes, cardiovascular disease and obesity. Dr. John J. Green, Director for Community Development and Associate Professor of Sociology and Community Development presented research on health disparities and health care systems.

Dr. Katherine A. Davis, RD, LD., Director of the Coordinated Program in Dietetics and Assistant Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences introduces the audience to novel, innovative, and less known programs available to combat diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and obesity.