President’s Corner

Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year are fast approaching, and your Board is working hard to organize the 2015 MAFCS Annual Meeting to be held on February 27, 2015 at Crossgates United Methodist Church in Brandon. The theme for this year is “Advancing the Field with New Technology.” For the meeting, we are planning some exciting new events along with expanded professional development opportunities for professionals and FCS secondary educators. Additionally, we are introducing the new online registration. Look for more details inside this edition of Affiliate FACS.

2015 MAFCS Annual Meeting

Please join us for the 2015 MAFCS Annual Meeting! It is set to be an exciting event. For starters, registration is at your fingertips. You may now register online through EventBrite.

Second, registration fees for 2015 have been reduced to better meet the needs of members and professionals. Early Bird registration, open through February 1, 2015, is as follows:

- MAFCS members = $75
- Non-members = $90
- Retired members = $50
- FCS secondary teachers = $15
- Students = $15
- Exhibitors = $20 (lunch included)
- Speakers = FREE (unless attending meeting for professional development)
- After February 1, 2015, all fees will increase $25 except for FCS secondary teachers, students, and exhibitors.

Third, there will be an exhibitor section at the meeting.

Join us in celebrating Family and Consumer Sciences Day in honor of AAFCS Founder Ellen Richards Swallow on December 3, 2014. The theme for the event is “Dining In” for Healthy Families. Our hope is that you will celebrate the day by having mealtime with your family, colleagues, or friends. When you celebrate, we would like to ask that you submit a photo to president@msafcs.org.

Inside this edition of Affiliate FACS you will find details about the annual meeting and NEW website.

I hope that you have a blessed holiday season with family and friends.

Silent Auction

Seeking quality items for the silent auction. Students are encouraged to bring handmade items to promote their designs. Items sold go toward supporting the student awards!
MAFCS Website Gets a Facelift

We are excited to introduce you to the new and improved MAFCS website. On the home screen, you may select the following menu items:

**About Us:** Introduces members to the officers, mission, and membership.

**Professional Learning:** Keeps FCS professionals up-to-date on learning opportunities offered by MAFCS and others organizations in-state and nationally.

**Research, Service and Teaching:** Opportunity for MAFCS members to post ongoing research and published articles. In addition, current service projects provided by MAFCS or local FCS groups will be posted to inform members of opportunities for involvement. Teaching is a way to feature new techniques and approaches to teaching FCS content. FCS professionals will be encouraged to share their ideas with others through this link.

**Awards:** Features our award winners through the years from student to professional winners.

**Students:** Location for students to find out about FCS career opportunities.

**News:** Access the MAFCS newsletter along with affiliate and national FCS updates.

Members may contact Board members through phone or email. The new MAFCS phone number is 662-546-0310. To submit basic questions to MAFCS officers, send an email to info@msafcs.org. Visit the website at [www.msafcs.org](http://www.msafcs.org).

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2015 MAFCS Annual Meeting continued

Proposals are due by **January 15, 2015**. Student contests and teacher showcase include monetary awards.

The categories include the following:

- Educational Sessions—two main tracks, professionals and FCS secondary educators
- Research Proposals—Professionals and Students
- Teacher Showcase—FCS Secondary Educators
- Student Research—see Research Proposals
- Student Exhibits

For more information about proposal submissions, visit the website at www.msafcs.org. There are proposal guidelines forms and a contact.

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