



March

Recruitment is Advocacy

***“Build a better mousetrap and the world will beat a path to your door,
but only if they know about it and can find and follow the path.”***

So much of life requires advocacy, marketing and learning the secrets to influencing decision making. One course is FCS 810: Advocacy and Public Policy. This course is one of the courses many students take for the Career and Technical Education – Family & Consumer Sciences Masters degree. If you have an interest in the course or in the master’s program please contact Dr. Shawnee Hendershot at shendershot@pittstate.edu.

Teacher Curriculum Resources

FamilyConsumerSciences.Com is a website with lesson plans focused on Fashion, Sewing, Nutrition, Cooking, Interior Design, & Life Skills. <https://www.familyconsumersciences.com/>

The Curriculum Center for Family and Consumer Sciences at Texas Tech University. Their mission is to produce and disseminate instructional materials that support family and consumer sciences programs and to provide related pre-service and in-service professional development to educators and administrators within those program areas. <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/hs/ccfcs/> Note: This is a site that charges a fee.

The Kansas Center for Career and Technical Education at Pittsburg State University (KCCTE). The KCCTE was created with the purpose of providing technical and professional development for Career and Technical Education (CTE) instructors. <https://kccte.pittstate.edu/> KCCTE has the following four objectives:

- Provide technical workshops at a minimal cost to Kansas CTE instructors. These workshops will offer CTE instructors professional development opportunities to practice industry skills within their occupational area.
- Provide an online resource-sharing library at no cost to Kansas CTE instructors. These resources will allow CTE instructors to collaborate and share educational resources with others within the same occupational area. Resources may include lesson plans, classroom management tips, and organizational tools.
- Provide a mentoring network at no cost to Kansas CTE instructors. This service will assist CTE instructors in transitioning to their professional role. Experienced CTE instructors will guide new CTE instructors upon request.
- Provide Technical Teacher Education coursework to Kansas CTE instructors. This coursework is specifically geared toward assisting CTE instructors in acquiring their professional education skills and credentials. This coursework will continue to be the quality instruction that the PSU Technical Teacher Education program has been providing in the past.



What happens at the Kansas United Associations Conference. Below is a sample from one year.

1. **There was a session on the National/State Say Yes to FCS campaign.** The goal is to recruit more FCS Educators: This includes FCS Teachers, FCS Teacher Educators, and FCS Extension Agents. There are currently shortages in all of these areas. At a recent meeting on the PSU campus it was shared that there would be a 22% - 28% increased need for individuals with Family & Consumer Sciences over the next 6 to 8 years. Pass it on.
2. **Round table discussion presentations were held on the following topics:**
 - Bacteria Lab – new ideas for foods labs
 - PSU KCCTE Free Teacher Resources
 - Forming Professional Partnerships – FCS Education and Extension working together
 - Culinary Competitions – FCCLA & ProStart
 - Creating Lap Books
 - Farm to Table Resources
 - Breakout Boxes in Action
 - Benefits of involvement in Professional Organizations
 - SNAP-Ed
 - Love Notes – Free Curriculum
 - More Ways to use Qualtrix
 - New Technology Tools
 - Healthy Choices when eating out
 - Socrative and Quizlet.
3. **Session Presentation topics included:**
 - Human Trafficking: Myths and Truth
 - Investing Fundamentals: What students need to know
 - VEGucate Yourself: The Who, What, When, Where, and Why of Vegetarian and Vegan Diets
 - Digital Citizenship
 - Dumping Debt, Building Wealth, and Leaving a Legacy
 - The Opioid Crisis: Where things stand and How We can help
 - Buffering the Brain from Toxic Stress in Young Children
 - KCCTE: Mentoring program for FCS Teachers
 - Building a bridge: A new FCS Teacher Open Forum
 - FAID: Construction Samples and Projects
 - Breathe-Move-Laugh-Connect
 - Using Sculpting to Communicate Concepts
 - Changing Cultures: Creating Healthy Communities
 - Say Yes to FCS.

Check for next year's conference dates on the kafcs.org website for information.

Please share <https://www.pittstate.edu/fcs/fcs-connect.html> with other FCS Teachers and encourage them to join FCS Connect. As of 2021 we are over 180 teachers.