

National Coalition for Black Development in Family & Consumer Sciences

40th Anniversary

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SHAPING THE FUTURE!

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Message from the President

Fall is one of the most beautiful seasons of the year and I hope each of you are taking the time to enjoy the beauty of the transition.

Unfortunately, enjoying the simple blessings of life can be difficult because of distractions we face such as the contentious 2020 election and the Coronavirus pandemic. So far, this pandemic has claimed the lives of more than 225,000 Americans and has disproportionately affected communities of color, especially those in the African American community.

The virus has impacted how we teach, how we communicate and engage with one another. It has affected every facet of our lives and has been particularly difficult on families with young children and working parents, some of whom have lost their jobs and others who have been forced to learn and work remotely. Now, more than ever, Family and Consumer Sciences professionals have a role and responsibility to fulfill our mission to enhance the quality of life of individuals, families and communities.



As an organization, we are so excited about our 40th Anniversary. Over the next 12 months, we will celebrate 40 years as family and consumer sciences professionals dedicated to promoting the success and contributions of African Americans in the profession. It wasn't very long ago that people of color were not allowed to participate and hold membership in professional organizations as a result of segregation and racism, the impact of which is still felt today. Young professionals may not understand why the statistics related to professional success, such as income and professional advancement, do not favor people of color. The answer lies in the history of this

country from its establishment through the present day and its treatment of African Americans and other people of color. Marcus Garvey once said, "A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots." Simply put, a tree without roots cannot stand; it cannot grow and flourish. Unfortunately, it will fall, which is what happens to people who lack what is necessary to succeed, such as access to education, employment, good health care, healthy foods, safe and affordable homes, and thriving businesses and communities. In order to flourish in the profession of family and consumer sciences, we must remember our past and use those lessons to shape a better future for our protégés and for the communities that we serve.

We are very thankful for the vision and foresight of the founders of the National Coalition for Black Development in Family and Consumer Sciences. We stand on their shoulders, and because of their determination to carve out a place for us in this profession, we are able to continue their legacy.

"Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. This is the interrelated structure of reality."

--Martin Luther King, Jr.

Valerie L. Giddings, Ph.D.
NCBDFCS President



The Coalition endeavors to enhance and strengthen resources and programs of Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) by sharing expertise, implementing an annual program of work that provides opportunities for members to increase their knowledge of FCS, and use their knowledge and skills to make a difference in the lives of individuals, families and communities.

National Coalition for Black Development in Family and Consumer Sciences (NCBDFCS) is a non-profit organization filled with individuals just like you who are interested in societal issues impacting individuals, families, and communities.

To join NCBDFCS visit our website:
www.ncbdfcs.org



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

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Ouida Pittman, Professional Member
Monnette Pittman, Professional Member

HELLO
I am a

New Member

ACCREDITED

The American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) Council for Accreditation reviewed the programs of two Historically Black Universities during its meeting on April 23, 2020. We are proud to announce that both universities were granted accreditation:

**Morgan State University,
Department of Family and Consumer Sciences,
Baltimore, MD**

**University of Maryland Eastern Shore,
Department of Human Ecology,
Princess Anne, MD**

Accreditation is granted to a family and consumer sciences unit that has successfully completed the accreditation process and has been found to meet or exceed stated standards and criteria of educational quality. A program is accredited for a period of 10 years.

The National Coalition for Black Development in Family and Consumer Sciences is seeking nominations of members for two positions on the Executive Board

The positions open for nominations are:

- President-elect
- Secretary

For information on the responsibilities of officers, please refer to the NCBDFCS Handbook:

<https://www.ncbdfcs.org/about-us.html>

Interested parties may self-nominate or nominate others to become candidates by sending names and contact information to Dr. Cynthia M. Smith, Chair – Nominating Committee (cynthia.smith@aamu.edu).

The deadline for nominations is April 2021



Dr. Jacqueline Holland Received AAFCS Distinguished Service Award



The American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) honored their 2020 Distinguished Service Award Honorees during the AAFCS Virtual Conference in an online recognition event, Salute to the Stars - Toast of Blue!, held on June 25th with AAFCS staff and conference participants. AAFCS' Annual Conference was transformed from an in-person conference into a 2-day conference via Zoom this year, which allowed many new attendees from all over the world to participate. Among those selected for the was Jacqueline Holland Ed.D., CFCS-HDFS, AAFCS Past President and currently a tenured Associate Professor and Interim Departmental Director in the Department of Family and Consumer

Sciences at Morgan State University in Maryland. Dr. Holland, CFCS-HDFS, a committed AAFCS member who has contributed significantly to the progression and sustainment of the field of family and consumer sciences.

"Dr. Holland's career in the Family and Consumer Sciences profession has shown that she is a creative, conscientious, motivating and adventurous leader."

- Julia R. Miller, Ph.D., Professor and Dean Emeritus at Michigan State University

She has actively served on several committees in a leadership capacity for AAFCS and the profession including Diversity and Inclusion Chair, Nominating Committee Chair, Annual Conference Planning Committee, and the Membership Committee, and is involved internationally in the International Federation of Home Economics.

Dr. Holland is also served as the 2017-2019 president of the NCBDFCS.

Dr. Holland has exemplified throughout her FCS career noteworthy contributions and achievements to build social, economic and human capital for individuals, families, and communities. With more than 30 years in the profession, she has provided leadership in the development of a mentoring program for new teachers, created opportunities to market FCS programs and the accomplishments of teachers, and facilitated the professional development of students and teachers. As an educator, research and service/outreach scholar, her leadership, followership and mentorship skills form the foundation for a pathway that our next generation of professionals can follow, to make a difference in the profession and societies globally.

NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES NEW GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

North Carolina A&T State University's Department of Family and Consumer Sciences added a new graduate certificate program in Human Lactation Pathway 2 this fall.

The Human Lactation Pathway 2 Certificate prepares students to become Internationally Board Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLCs). This credential enables individuals to work as entry-level consultants in hospitals, doctors' offices and the community in ways that support and encourage breastfeeding, particularly in marginalized communities where it has not been the norm. This is currently the only human lactation program housed at a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) and is designed to increase the number of African Americans who are certified IBCLCs in the country. Graduates of this program will be uniquely positioned to help raise African American mothers' comfort level with breastfeeding, which could lead to overall health gains.



Legacy Award Recipient Dr. Cynthia Smith



Dr. Cynthia Smith is the 2020 Legacy Award recipient for the National Coalition for Black Development in Family and Consumer Sciences. Dr. Smith is an active professional, and currently serves as a member of the AAFCS Nominating Committee, the NCBDFCS Board, the 1890 Council of Administrators in FCS, as well as a member of the BoHS Membership Committee.

Dr. Smith's contributions to the profession started in 1976 when she became an Extension Home Economist in Auburn, Alabama. She has more than 44 years in the profession as a faculty member, program coordinator and most recently, retired department chair at Alabama A&M University. She has contributed countless years to the family and consumer sciences profession as a committed member and officer in a number of organizations including the National Coalition for Black Development in Family and Consumer Sciences, the 1890 Council of Administrators in Family and Consumer Sciences, the Council of Administrators of Family and Consumer Sciences, the FCS Distance Instructional Alliance, the Board on Human Sciences, the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, and the Alabama Affiliate of AAFCS.

She has held leadership positions in various organizations related to FCS at the local, state, regional and national levels. Her vita details her scholarly contributions in the form of presentations, publications, funded projects, curriculum development, and thesis advisement. Her leadership has resulted in lasting and meaningful contributions to each of the organizations in which she has been involved. Her contributions have been felt most in service as a mentor and friend for established and emerging administrators and faculty which ensures her legacy will continue.

2021 Coalition Awards: Nominate an Outstanding Member Today!

One of the major objectives of the Coalition is to identify and recognize the accomplishments of its members. To fulfill this objective, the following five (5) awards have been established:

Legacy Award

This award is given in recognition and appreciation for long standing, outstanding leadership, contributions, support and mentorship to the NCBDFCS and Family and Consumer Sciences Profession.

Outstanding Family & Consumer Sciences Professional

This award recognizes Family and Consumer Science professionals who have recently provided or currently are providing significant contributions to professional associations, or programs for youth and/or adults in their fields, communities, and/or states. Recipients of this award must have made significant contributions toward innovative, unique, and novel programs; and/or improvement, promotion, research or development of programs in Family and Consumer Sciences.

Outstanding New Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher

This award is meant to encourage new teachers to remain in the profession. Recipients of this award must have made significant contributions toward innovative, unique, and novel programs and have shown a profession commitment early in their careers. Individuals who are currently employed as fulltime classroom/laboratory teachers in an education program other than at the baccalaureate level are eligible for this award.

Outstanding Service Award

This award recognizes a Family and Consumer Sciences professional who has made the highest meritorious contributions to the improvement, promotion, development, and progress of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Outstanding Student Award

This award recognized a FCS student who has an exemplary record of scholarship, leadership, professional and community involvement. The individual must be an active member in a Family and Consumer Sciences student organization. In addition, the student is characterized by his/her service, loyalty, dependability, and professional promise in the field of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Do you know of a member who is doing outstanding work as a professional, a student or as a new FCS teacher in the classroom? Perhaps you know of a professional who has served selflessly or made outstanding contributions to the FCS profession. Nominate the member who is making a mark on the profession. We want to honor their contributions and outstanding leadership.

Visit the website at www.ncbdfcs.org to obtain a nomination form. Submit your nominations today! For consideration, nominations for awards should be received before or on April 2, 2021.

Submit nominations to:

Dr. Valerie Jarvis McMillan, NCBDFCS Awards and Scholarships Committee Chair, vmcmilla@ncat.edu. For questions or clarifications, please call 336-285-4859.

Celebrating the National Coalition for Black Development in Family & Consumer Sciences

*Honoring Our Past. Shaping
the Future*



Over the next year, we will celebrate 40 years as Family and Consumer Sciences professionals dedicated to promoting the success and contributions of African Americans in the profession. Some of the activities we have planned to celebrate our 40th anniversary include:

Rising Stars - video of Black Family and Consumer Sciences
"Professionals on the Rise"

Black History Month: Favorite Soul Foods -video presentation of HBCU Instructors and students preparing popular soul foods with new twists

Women's History Month: International Focus - virtual roundtable on contributions of professionals in the Caribbean, Africa, and Elsewhere

Town Hall Meeting on Black Family - Critical Issues: Housing and mental health issues impacting Black family well-being

Closing Event -Celebration and awards presentation

Show Your Love



The NCBDFCS Fellowship and Grants Committee would like to extend our sincerest gratitude for your financial support over the past year! This year the organization celebrates its 40th Anniversary and we wish to continue our efforts to grow the scholarship fund to support more student scholarships and travel awards in 2020 and beyond. We are setting our sights on expanding our scholarship fund and in an effort to increase student presence and involvement in the organization we are soliciting your assistance.

Show Your Love for NCBDFCS as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary and seek to grow our resources for worthy students!

Make all checks payable to “National Coalition for Black Development in Family & Consumer Sciences” and mail to ATTN: Derrick Fogg; National Coalition for Black Development in FCS; 256 Ridgeway-Warrenton Road Warrenton, NC 27589.

Donations can also be made online directly to NCBDFCS by clicking on the Donations Form tab on our website at www.ncbdfcs.org

If you have any questions regarding the Fellowship and Grants Committee efforts, please do not hesitate to contact Devona Dixon at ddixon@ncat.edu or 336-285-3631.

Recorded Webinar Diversity Matters Reviewing the Past to Move Forward in the Future

Dr. Jacqueline M. Holland and Dr. Virginia B. Vincenti presented a webinar on the topic of diversity. This is a timely topic for our country, our profession and the world. Family and Consumer Science professionals in their work are likely to face situations where being informed about diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) would be helpful to them and their constituents. With so many falsehoods being spread and so much divisiveness, it is hard to be self-reflective and to distinguish fact from emotion and unfounded opinion. We cannot understand the present until we know about how we got where we are and where we should be in the future. People judge when they do not understand. FCS professionals should be advocates for the deepest meaning of our mission.

The recorded webinar can be accessed at the link below:

<https://connect.aafcs.org/aafcs-events/all-events/webinars/webinar-diversity-matters-reviewing102020>



All AAFCS members have access to live and recorded webinars free of charge.

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