

National Coalition for Black Development in Family & Consumer Sciences

Honor Our Past Shaping The Future!

Celebrating Our 40th Anniversary



Message from the President

Colleagues, it has been over a year since the world learned of and was impacted by COVID-19, the virus that would change our lives dramatically. Despite the adjustments we have had to make in how we work, learn and live, I hope we have used this as an opportunity to be transformative in how we apply the FCS Body of Knowledge to enhance the lives of individuals, families and communities. Family and Consumer Sciences professionals are needed now more than ever to address the challenges of illness, unemployment, food insecurity, foreclosures, evictions, inadequate housing, as well as strained marriages and family relationships due to the pandemic. These challenges have impacted communities of color at a greater rate than any other group. The AAFCS Annual Conference is an opportunity for us to get together to share strategies we have used to address these challenges through teaching, research and outreach.

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Coalition members will meet again this year in June to highlight our 40th Anniversary, to celebrate the the accomplishments of colleagues across the nation, and to report how we have addressed the challenges faced in our communities. We look forward to seeing all of you in June. As we end our celebration of Black History Month, let's embrace Women's History Month and recognize women who were trailblazers and transformed the perception of women in this nation: Shirley Chisholm, the first woman and African American to

seek the nomination of president; Mae Jemison, the first African American woman to travel to space; Phyllis Wheatley, the first African American poet to publish a book; Maggie Lena Mitchell, the first woman bank president; Shirley Jackson, the first black woman to receive a Ph.D. from MIT, and Katherine Johnson, the mathematician who made space travel possible in the 1960s. These are just a few and there are many others who we should recognize and highlight this month. But let's not forget our current Vice President, Kamala Harris who is the first woman, the first African American, and the first South Asian elected to the Vice Presidency. She is also the first graduate of a Historically Black College and University to hold the office of Vice President. Let us look forward to shattering more glass ceilings and, in the words of Maya Angelou, RISE as Coalition professionals continue to blaze trails in family and consumer sciences.

""Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave, I am the dream and the hope of the slave. I rise. I rise. I rise." - **Maya Angelou**

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!



Christine Ambwere, Morgan State University

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Precious Bryant, Morgan State University

La Kaya Davis, Morgan State University

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Sebastian Guitian

Jonah Griffin, South Carolina State University

Malik Lanham, South Carolina State University

Elizabeth McGee, South Carolina State University

Krislynn Rambert, South Carolina State University

Monaye Rikard, Morgan State University

Mllan Scott, Morgan State University

Alexis Stevenson, Morgan State University

Marcy Vernon, South Carolina State University

Sharea Whiteside, North Carolina A&T State Univ.

Krysta Woodson, North Carolina A&T State Univ.



WE NEED YOU TO SERVE!

The Coalition 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 9, 2021



Become a Coalition Committee Member Today!



The Coalition has many members and we need a few willing people to serve on our committees. Below are some the committees in our organization along with their purpose:

The **Archives Committee** develop a collections policy and procedure, and (2) collect and maintain records of singular importance to Black participation in family and consumer sciences.

The **Bylaws Committee** (1) review and revise bylaws as needed, (2) make recommendations to the Executive Board, and (3) report proposed amendments at the Annual Business Meeting.

The **Membership Committee** (1) keep accurate, updated records on the membership, (2) bring concerns of the membership to the attention of the Executive Board, and (3) publish a biennial membership directory.

The **Nominating/Elections** (1) develop a slate of nominees to stand for election as officers and committee chairpersons, (2) make the slate available and hold elections, (3) keep accurate, updated records of terms and tenure on all elected and appointed leaders, and (4) make interim nominations to fill all vacancies.

If you or anyone you know is looking to service on a committee please contact our President today!

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.

Show Your Love for Undergraduate and Graduate Students in 2021



Make a charitable donation today to the National Coalition for Black Development in Family and Consumer Sciences' Scholarship Fund! Help support undergraduate and graduate students at HBCUs and expand our scholarship fund from offering only travel awards to developing larger scholarship awards that would assist students with tuition and fees.

**Accepting Donations
through April 30, 2021**

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 please do not hesitate to contact Devona Dixon at dldixon@ncat.edu or 336-285-3631.



American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences Celebrates Excellence!

The 2021 Distinguished Service Award Recipient: Joanne Bankston

This esteemed award was established by the American Home Economics Association (AHEA) Foundation in 1979 as a living tribute to members to recognize superior achievements in family and consumer sciences and sustained association leadership.

Dr. Bankston is an 32-year member of AAFCS and a member of the Kentucky Affiliate. She was nominated by AAFCS members of the National Coalition of Black Development in FCS. Dr. Bankston has conducted her life's work with distinction in the field of family and consumer sciences. She has served in several roles including: home economics teacher, extension specialist, Director of the Cooperative Extension System National Center for Diversity, college professor, coordinator of family and consumer sciences, and interim

co-extension administrator for over 50 years. As a tireless advocate for family and consumer sciences, she is passionate about the field of study, its grounding in science and social science, its importance, continued development and expansion. Dr. Bankston has held numerous leadership roles including: vice president of the Council of Administrators in Family and Consumer Sciences (CAFCS) 2017-18. She served several terms on the Kentucky Attorney General's Consumer Advisory Council. Dr. Bankston also received numerous awards. She was honored as a "Legend in Family and Consumer Sciences" at the AAFCS Annual Conference and Expo in 2016. She received the 2016 Award for Excellence in Extension from the Association of Extension Administrators for her outstanding contributions to Cooperative Extension at 1890 Historically Black Universities.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to these family & consumer sciences professionals who have been elected to serve on the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) Board of Directors:



**Director-at-Large (2021 – 2024):
Dr. Meeshay Williams-Wheeler**



**Director-at-Large (2021 – 2024):
Dr. Martha Ravola**



Treasurer: Dr. Mia Russell

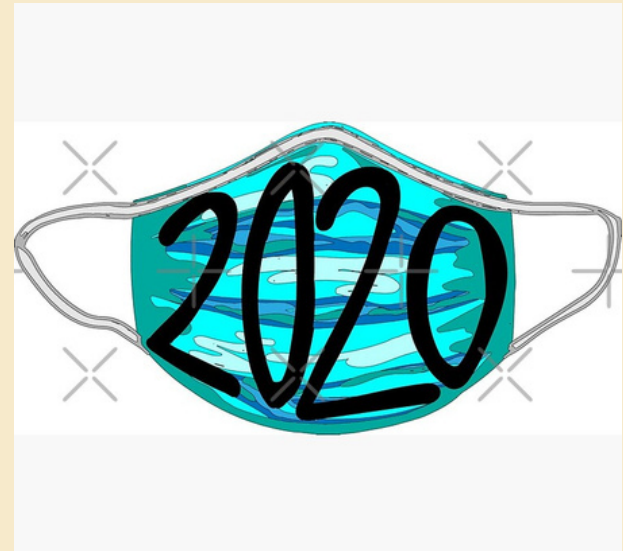
Reflections of COVID-19

African American Individuals and Families: COVID-19
Highlights Need for Change in Society Through FCS

Drs. Jacqueline Holland and Vanessa Jackson published an article in the December 2020 issue of the Family & Consumer Sciences Journal. Their article highlights the need for family & consumer sciences (FCS) professionals to continue including African Americans and other people of color in the implementation of the mission of FCS. An excerpt from the article is below:

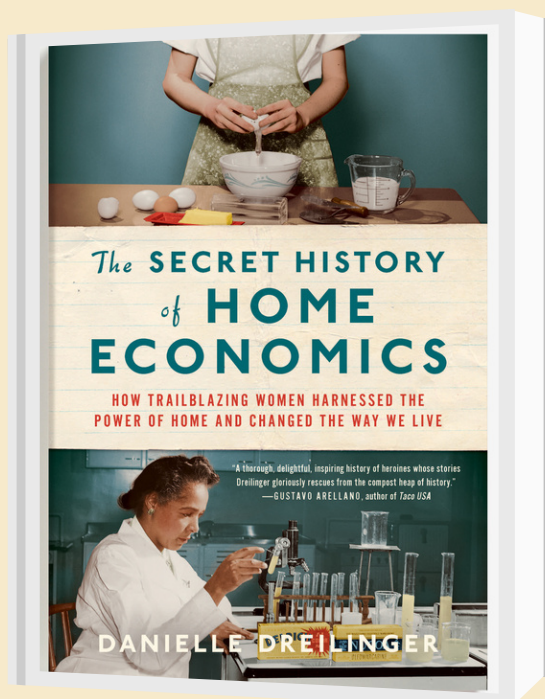
"The COVID 19 pandemic makes it clear that African Americans are still struggling as a people, including how they attempt to educate themselves... What can be done to address this unfortunate institutional, historical gap and the neglect of the needs of African Americans and other people of color?... If we cannot accept our differences and celebrate people of color, then we cannot develop environments of "belonging" and we will continue to treat some people as if they are of less value."

The entire article can be found in the Journal of Family & Consumer Sciences (2020) volume 112, issue 4.



The Secret History of Home Economics: How Trailblazing Women Harnessed the Power of Home and Changed the Way We Live

Available May 4 from W. W. Norton



People working in family and consumer sciences still contend with the “stitching and stirring” stereotype. But that assumption obscures the story of the revolutionary science of better living. Home economics exploded opportunities for women in the twentieth century by reducing domestic work and opening jobs as professors, engineers, chemists, and businesspeople. And it has something to teach us today.

In the surprising, often fiercely feminist and always fascinating *The Secret History of Home Economics*, Danielle Dreilinger traces the field’s history from Black colleges to Eleanor Roosevelt

to Okinawa, from a Betty Crocker brigade to DIY techies. These women were chemists and marketers, studied nutrition, health, and exercise, tested parachutes, created astronaut food, and took bold steps in childhood development and education. Some chose to be single, share lives with other women, or try for egalitarian marriages.

However, home economics followed the currents of American culture even as it shaped them. Dreilinger brings forward the racism within the movement along with the strides taken by women of color who were influential leaders and innovators. (Wonder why there were no Black women at Lake Placid? The Deweys barred African Americans.) She restores Black women to their true role as founders and leaders of home economics, and delves into the field’s shadow side as some of its members embraced eugenics or racial exclusion — and how pioneering women and civil rights activists fought for full participation.

This groundbreaking and engaging history restores a denigrated subject to its rightful importance, as it reminds us that everyone should learn how to cook a meal, balance their account, and fight for a better world.

Preorder now at <https://wwnorton.com/books/9781324004493>



UPCOMING EVENTS

2021 American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences Virtual Conference!

Plan now to attend the AAFCS Virtual Conference. Check their website for the latest information at www.aafcs.org

Also be sure to check the conference agenda for the Coalition virtual business meeting and board meeting dates and times.

More specific details about the conference will be coming later this spring in our special edition newsletter!





Student Travel Scholarship Award!

The Student Travel Scholarship Award of the National Coalition for Black Development in Family and Consumer Sciences offers HBCU students with financial need the opportunity to participate in the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences Conference (AAFCS). **Use the link to access the application:**

<https://www.ncbdfcs.org/applications.html>

Application deadline: May 1, 2021



Toot Your Own Horn!

During our NCBDFCS Virtual Business Meeting, we want to celebrate you by sharing the accomplishments you have made during the 2020-2021 membership year! Please share and don't be shy! **Visit our website to complete the form:**

<https://www.ncbdfcs.org/applications.html>

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