**2023 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 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 New Family & Consumer Sciences Educator**

This award is meant to encourage new educators 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 currently employed as full-time classroom educators are eligible for this award.

**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 FCS profession. We want to honor their contributions and outstanding leadership. Visit the NCBDFCS website at [www.ncbdfcs.org](http://www.ncbdfcs.org)

to obtain a nomination form. Do not delay! Submit your nominations today! For consideration, nominations for awards are due on or before **May 26, 2023.**

Submit nominations to:

**Dr. Samii Kennedy Benson, NCBDFCS Awards and Scholarships Committee Chair, samii\_kennedybenson@subr.edu. For questions or clarifications, please call 678-788-0611.**