



# THE CAFCS NEWS

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## 99th AAFCS Conference & Expo

June 19-22, 2008, Milwaukee, WI,

**Evolving Technology: Impact on Individuals, Families, and Communities**



**Register by May 15  
and SAVE! IF You're Not going you are missing  
these opportunities!!!! Pre-tours June 18, 2008.**

<http://www.aafcs.org/meetings/08/reg.html>

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Douglas A. Gentile, PhD, "Not 'As Seen on TV'—The *Truth* About Media's Effects on Children"  
Sheryl Nussbaum-Beach, "21st Century Learners: Hi-Tech Collaboration"  
Helen W. Lane, PhD, RD, "Connecting Space Flight and Tomorrow's Consumer"  
"Using Family Impact Seminars to Get Your Message to Policymakers"  
"What's New for Secondary FCS Education—National Standards, National Competency Assessments, and Industry-Recognized Certifications"  
"Taking the Risk Out of Life's Toughest Choices"  
"Technology Tools for Today's FCS Classroom"  
"Utilizing Technology-Based Resources to Build a Foundation in Financial Literacy"  
"Foods That Heal—Cooking Quick, Nutritious, and Delicious Gourmet Meals"  
AAFCS Centennial Kickoff Gala—"100 Years of Empowering Individuals, Building Strong Families, and Fostering Viable Communities"  
"Planning and Conducting Effective Electronic Meetings"  
"Improving the Conditions of Living in the Home With Commodity Bags, 1847-1970"  
Cabot Creamery Celebrity Chef Cooking Demonstration  
"Chief Architect: Interior Design Software"  
"How to Avoid Falling for a Jerk: The Premarital Interpersonal Choices & Knowledge Youth Curriculum (PICK a Partner)"  
"Baking Labs: Science, Art, Technology"  
Pre Conference ONE TOUR\*\*\*Start your day at **Alto-Shaam**, which was incorporated in 1955 by Jerry Maahs. After 13 years in the restaurant industry, Maahs focused on the development of food service equipment that uses a patented process called HALO-HEAT. The HALO HEAT method is achieved with a thermostatic-controlled, low-density thermal cable, wrapped throughout the walls of the cooking or holding cavity. This principle of uniform heat distribution is applied, to the greatest extent possible, in a complete line of specialty ovens and serving equipment. Alto-Shaam manufactures HALO HEAT low-temperature cooking, holding, and serving equipment for hotels, restaurants, institutions, and supermarkets. Come for an amazing tour of their company to learn how this process works.

## A Message from the President

The CAFCS Board is looking toward a spring annual meeting in 2009 to increase the opportunities for each of us to be present as we celebrate the history of Family and Consumer Sciences in Colorado and look forward, as well.

As of last week, Colorado had seven members registered for the kick off of AAFCS' 100<sup>th</sup> year of Family and Consumer Sciences in Milwaukee next month. I'm sure that all who attend will return with new ideas for their work and community life. We'll share some of that information in the next newsletter. Do regularly check for updates at the AAFCS and CAFCS websites.

We held a joint meeting with CATFACS this year which included a day focused on energy. We revised our By Laws, and kept communications lines open through the good work of members and especially our Executive Director, Judy Clock, and our Newsletter Editors, Lorna Nelson and Mary Anne Heyman.

Susie Tucker

**Colorado Family and Consumer Science website**  
**[www.coloradoafcs.org](http://www.coloradoafcs.org)**

Look for bylaws, newsletters, standards, meetings, etc. Make it a favorite on your computer!!!!

## NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES REVISED

*Debbie Nelson, CFCS*

Did you know that the national FACS standards have been revised? Did you know that the national FACS standards are now available online for easy access? Did you know that the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences is hosting the site? The new standards revision and online posting is an example of your professional associations at work – another good reason to belong to at least one professional association – they really do work for us! ☺ Check out the newly revised standards at [www.aafcs.org/FCSstandards/](http://www.aafcs.org/FCSstandards/). Or go to [www.aafcs.org](http://www.aafcs.org) and click on the National Standards link on the right side of the page. What follows is the background info from the first page of the website.

### **National Standards for Family and Consumer Sciences Education**

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The National Association of State Administrators for Family and Consumer Sciences Education (NASAFACS), an affiliate of the Family and Consumer Sciences Education (FACS) Division of the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), first began development of national standards for family and consumer sciences in May 1995. The project to develop national standards created an atmosphere that celebrated the variety that exists among state philosophies and blended multiple approaches to standards and educational delivery systems. The resulting work became a powerful tool for showcasing the movement from home economics, with an emphasis on technical homemaking skills, to Family and Consumer Sciences Education, with its focus on broader family and society issues, and provided significant new direction for the field. For the last decade, the *National Standards for Family and Consumer Sciences Education* (NASAFACS, V-TECS 1998) has provided a strong and clear conceptualization and a common direction for Family and Consumer Sciences Education at the national, state, and local levels.

In May 2005, NASAFACS initiated a project to update the national standards, utilizing a highly participatory process to collect recommendations from a wide variety of stakeholders. Over 1,000 reviewers, including FACS educators and subject matter specialists from all states along with representatives of external organizations, business and industry, agencies with direct

connections, and other stakeholders, reviewed the *National Standards* and provided recommendations for the second edition.

Workgroups chaired by NASAFACTS leaders analyzed feedback to revise and update the standards and competencies to create the new *National Standards for Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Second Edition* (NASAFACTS 2008). The new *National Standards, 2nd Edition* reconfirms the Vision and Mission for Family and Consumer Sciences Education as the basis for National Standards, continues the format that highlights competencies and process questions, and adds alignment with FCCLA programs, Career Clusters, and 21st Century Skills.

The *National Standards for Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Second Edition* (NASAFACTS 2008) continues the proud tradition of providing the framework for national, state, and local programs that prepare students for family life, work life, and careers in Family and Consumer Sciences by empowering individuals and families across the life span to manage the challenges of living and working in a diverse global society.

### Surfing for Information

Being “green” has become a media theme. A source of reliable information is the National Renewable Laboratory’s website. It can be found at [www.nrel.gov](http://www.nrel.gov). Its pull-down menu features a “learning about renewables” section that includes solar,

wind and biomass. There is a section called student resources. Other pages include links and training opportunities.

The State Health Department just released their 2008 county profiles focused on adolescent and child health. Most of the information is new presented as a multiyear average and compared to the State’s rate. It can help with local needs assessments because each calculation is clearly explained. This and other State health data can be found at [www.cdphe.co.us](http://www.cdphe.co.us). Look for health statistics when you get to that page.

Direct your search engine to [www.childtrends.org](http://www.childtrends.org) for a free newsletter that provides brief summaries of research and practice on work with middle and high school students. Each issue is a single-page format that links to a factsheet and references to related work. Recent issues focused on design and measuring the impact of after-school programs on middle schoolers.

For those CAFCS members who have found the Population Connection workshops at CAFCS or AAFCS of interest. I suggest that you may want to go to their website to look at their materials and education programs. For more information, contact [noconnor@popconnect.org](mailto:noconnor@popconnect.org) or call 800/767/1956.

### 45 Ways to Green the Not-So-New House

Whether you own or rent, check out these ideas on the U.S. Green Building Council’s new website, [greenhomeguide.org](http://greenhomeguide.org)

Get Paid to Go Green  
Check the Energy Star website ([energystar.gov](http://energystar.gov)) for information on rebates and

updates on new legislation yet to be introduced in 2008.

### Federal Tax Credits

A federal tax credit is still available for qualified solar water heating and solar electric systems. The credit is for 30% of the system’s cost, up to \$2,000. For a directory of incentives by state, go to [direusa.org](http://direusa.org)



### Commemorative Stamps are Available for AAFCS’s 100 Years

The stamps can be ordered from [www.zazzle.com](http://www.zazzle.com). When on the site, type AAFCS into the ‘search’ space. The stamps are sent to you, you do not download them.

**Next newsletter deadline is August 5, 2008.**

### \*\*Nomination Committee\*\*

The Nomination Committee is still seeking additional nominees for the upcoming CAFCS Slate of Officers. The ballot will be forwarded by email or mail within the next few weeks. Please email Marianna Goslau to sign up. [MVG4GOZ@aol.com](mailto:MVG4GOZ@aol.com)

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and visit other pages at:

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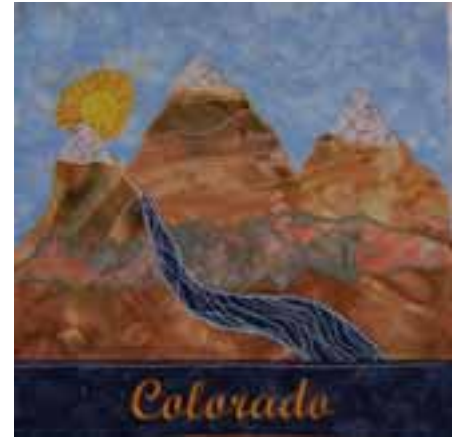
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Activities and become  
involved.**

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