

CREATING FUTURES – A SHARING CELEBRATION BY TEACHERS FOR TEACHERS

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Each year the Family and Consumer Sciences Programs Committee of the National Association Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences (NATFACS) works toward the improvement of programs in secondary and postsecondary schools by sponsoring the Curriculum Showcase at the national convention of the Association for Career and Technical Education. The call for presenters was issued to all members of NATFACS and extended to members of related organizations. Participants are requested to focus on a variety of issues and topics including:

1. Relating programs to priority family issues, diverse populations, School-to-Work strategies;
2. Developing leadership through integration of FHA/HERO activities;
3. Increasing accountability for the development of basic skills, thinking skills, and personal qualities in students;
4. Increasing accountability for teaching students to use resources, work with others, acquire and use information, understand systems and use technology;

The December 12, 1998 showcase “Creating Futures–A Sharing Celebration” included diverse topics and displays spanning secondary, postsecondary, and higher education programs from across the nation. A description of each entry follows.

Sun – Friend or Foe

A variety of technological tools were used to describe the lasting impact of the sun’s harm to the skin. Project materials spanned preschool through high school. A video, a web site, and brochures and flyers were public relations tools developed to relate this information to the public.

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HETAC’s Pathways to Success

The Home Economics Teachers Association of California was successful in sponsoring legislation that establishes an incentive grant program for home economics careers and technology programs in California and reinstated the HECT Unit in the California Department of Education.

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Entrepreneurship in the Family

Students utilizing computer software including bookkeeping and desktop publishing programs and digital camera to create brochures, business cards, and mailing lists to market a line of seasoning mixes developed by the food science class.

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Indiana: Implementing the National Family and Consumer Science Education Standards

National FACS Standards have connected with Indiana's FACS courses. Newly developed state course titles and descriptions, with corresponding course competencies and content standards are cross-walked with math and language arts proficiencies.

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Career Connection

Examples of student work illustrate the National Program through FHA/HERO Career Connections. Special focus includes projects exploring career opportunities and assessment tools.

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Don't Hide Your Pride!!! Create Futures with FCS

NATFACS Public Information Committee's Showcase of public relations ideas to market the profession.

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Service Learning in a Nutshell

The Who, What, Why, When, and How to integrate service-learning are included in this user friendly guide based on a national award winning program. Connection to School-to-Career educational partnerships, funding sources, resources, and reproducible masters will help to begin or enhance an existing program.

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Life Skills for Little Ones

Reinforce students' Family and Consumer Sciences skill and workforce readiness by having them teach life skills to young children—themes, art, music, games, patterns, and resources to enhance a program's visibility.

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Promote the Profession with Fun!!!

Wear T-shirts, sweats, buttons, and tote bags to showcase our profession. Come see “All I Ever Need to Know I Learned in Family and Consumer Sciences,” “The Top Ten Reasons Why You Need the FACS of Life,” and more!!!

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Early Childhood Initiative: Focusing on Brain Development

Early brain development and its specific implications for Family and Consumer Sciences is showcased in an activity/resource manual. Other materials and activities available for professionals to become involved in include the unprecedented “I Am Your Child” Public Engagement Campaign for Early Childhood.

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Jazz Up Your Family and Consumer Sciences Classroom

Discover how you can jazz up your Family and Consumer Sciences program. Linda Tukey, Family and Consumer Sciences teacher and 1997 Milken Family Foundation National Educator shows creative and innovative strategies that integrate academic learning and real life situations and problems.

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Shadowing and Internships for Teachers

This showcase illustrates how shadowing and internships have prepared Kathy Gifford to inform her students. Businesses have appreciated the opportunity to share their thoughts and concerns. These activities have been a positive public relations opportunity.

Kathy Gifford

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Celebration of Children's Literature: Enhancing Your Curriculum

Children's books are used in the classroom to introduce or supplement middle school and high school Family and Consumer Sciences classroom. Areas included are: Problem Solving, Communication, Friendship, Cooperation, Anger and Conflict Resolution, Tolerance, Career Planning, and Critical Issues. Also included is information on a course titled "Child Life and Literature." This is fully integrated Family and Consumer Science and Language Arts curriculum that is team taught on the high school level.

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New Curriculum Resources from Missouri

This session highlights Family and Consumer Sciences curriculum resources recently developed in Missouri. These include teacher resource guides for high school semester courses in Child Development and Food Science which utilize practical problem-solving/critical thinking strategies and performance along with performance indicators and assessments for occupational child care programs.

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