Teacher Accolades

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AAECS National Merit Finalist
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Dr. Jenna Black

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CTAE Lead class of 2019-2020 FACS Members

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Why are you a FACS Teacher?

I was destined to continue educating children and I enjoy CTAE and FCS very much.

I was a school counselor for 15 years. I missed making a difference in student lives. I wanted to share my teaching ideas and grow my relationships with students in a positive way to help encourage their success. Hands on learning is the best way I learn. Lots of students need us!

Because I teach life skills that students will use for a life time.

FACS is the best subject to teach and I was inspired by my high school FACS teacher, Ms. Peterson to be a person like her. She helped me grow as a person in high school and I hope I am helping other teenagers grow as a person through their adolescent years.

To Invest in Our Future Leaders

I believe that family should become more of a focus for our future generations because its impact on all areas of life and development are crucial and are becoming more and more obsolete. Being a FACS teacher, allows me to stress the importance of how building strong families can lead to a better future for everyone :)

I love being in a position to make a positive difference in the lives of young people.

Brittany Tolleseon
Houston County High School
Family and Consumer Sciences

Cindy Hart
Statesboro High School
Culinary Arts

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New Logo? What is that all about?

* Inspired by the rebranding done by GACTE it was time to have a logo that more accurately reflected our content areas.

* The logo can help to start conversation about GATFACS and better represents what we do as professionals.

FACS is the BIG picture, but every division plays a vital role in how we are seen and by working together we make each other better!

Teacher Tips

- Pinterest
- Teachers Pay Teachers
- There are Facebook groups you can follow to get all sorts of information/answers questions/seek encouragement, etc.
- https://virtuallabschool.org
- CTAERN
- You Tube
- Google!!! Classroom, Drive, etc.
- www.uen.org (Utah Education Network) One of the best places to find good resources for FACS!

Tips From the Heart

Take care of yourself.

Be long lasting. Don't burn out. Don't count how many days until retirement or the next pay check.

Live for today! Breathe! Enjoy the moment. Love the students and show them you care. Build lasting relationships that count. Everyday won’t be the teachable moment or memorable type lesson, but everyday counts. Take naps. Get your toenails painted occasionally

Take time for yourself: Do a girls or guys trip. It does wonders! Trust me! I did it. Doing it again summer of 2020.

Never let someone make you leave something you enjoy

Reach One! Teach One! They will tell the world about your good deeds once you have tapped into their interest.
What’s going on in your classroom?

When my ECE III students had to teach our Special Needs students their lesson they had practiced in class. We had a lesson on special needs students before they taught their lessons. I gave them different scenarios about the students behavior and what to do or expect. Of course, one student said that will not happen and I do not see why we are learning this. Well, it was their turn to go teach a lesson. The requirement was to teach three different levels of students with disabilities with the same lesson. Some enjoyed it and some refused to participate. When her group came back to the class when they finished teaching their lesson her response was, "I see why you gave us the different scenarios and made us teach the lesson to you over and over again". I was scared at first but realized that was his way of saying he was having fun. I appreciate what you are doing. Ever since that day her entire personality changed and she has been more receptive to learning.

Miller Grove HS received a proclamation from DeKalb County Commissioner Merenda Davis Johnson for their achievements in culinary arts. Lead by Chef Keio Gayden the students continue to develop and grow while achieving academic and professional success.

About GATFACS

The Georgia Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences (GATFACS) is the premier organization for the Hospitality & Tourism, Human Services and Education & Training Career Clusters. GATFACS is a division of the Georgia Association for Career & Technical Education (GACTE) organization. GATFACS encourages and organizes teachers to become a part of a collective voice that can influence issues and policies that impact Family and Consumer Sciences Education. As a member, teachers can network with each other and gain important and helpful tips and techniques as well as participate in professional development at the local, state and national levels.

Purpose

- To encourage and promote interest in Family and Consumer Sciences Education.
- To maintain active membership in the Georgia Association of Career and Technical Education (GACTE).
- To encourage professional growth among family and consumer science educators.
- To maintain good relations with all educational services.
- To sponsor projects or programs of mutual interest to all.
- To promote legislation that impacts families and children.

GACTE Summer Leadership Conference
July 15-17 2020
The Classic Center, Athens, GA

FCCLA theme "Your Story" is making a tremendous impact in our community. Students and parents and teachers and business leaders are sharing their story. I’m learning much about my students... sharing with other classes too.