

# Alabama FCS Newsletter

September 22, 2023



## *Middle School Expansion Grant*


In support of the educational initiatives of the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Middle Grades Innovative Grant is an opportunity for schools to

establish, expand, start-up, and/or reinvent CTE experiences for students enrolled in Grades 5-8. The CTE in middle grades has the power to expose students to college and career options and equip them with the transferable skills they need to plan for and succeed in high school and beyond. Middle grades CTE adds relevancy to students' learning experiences by exposing them to real-world options and connecting academics to career and college opportunities.

For more information, see the memo attached below.



FY24 Middle Grades Innovation Grant Memo.pdf

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### *FCS Teacher Directory 23-24*

Please complete information on this [form](#) to update information for our teacher directory. This is the same link provided at summer conference. If you completed there, you do not need to complete again. Thank you for your assistance to help us keep a current list of teachers and programs.

### *FCCLA State Leadership Volunteer Registration*

SLC can't happen without the assistance of our fabulous advisers. Please take a moment to complete the information on how best you are able to assist. We will do our best to assign you to your preference, but please note that there are many stations that need to be filled in order for SLC to be a success. [Adviser Volunteer Interest Form](#)




### *Gingerbread Jam*

The Second Annual Gingerbread Jam event will be held on December 9, 2023, at the Vestavia Hills Civic Center in Vestavia, Alabama. The Megan Montgomery Foundation and the Gingerbread Jam Committee would like to invite you to consider participating by working with your students to create and then submit your house or houses in the competition. Please see attachment for more details.



Gingerbread Jam introduction letter-ALFCCLA Final.pdf

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## *Home Baking Association September Recipes*

From breakfast to whole grains, the September Edition of Home Baking Association's monthly spotlight provides healthy and tasty recipe ideas with the focus on fall treats.

For recipes:

- <https://www.homebaking.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/2023-September-Baking-1.pdf>

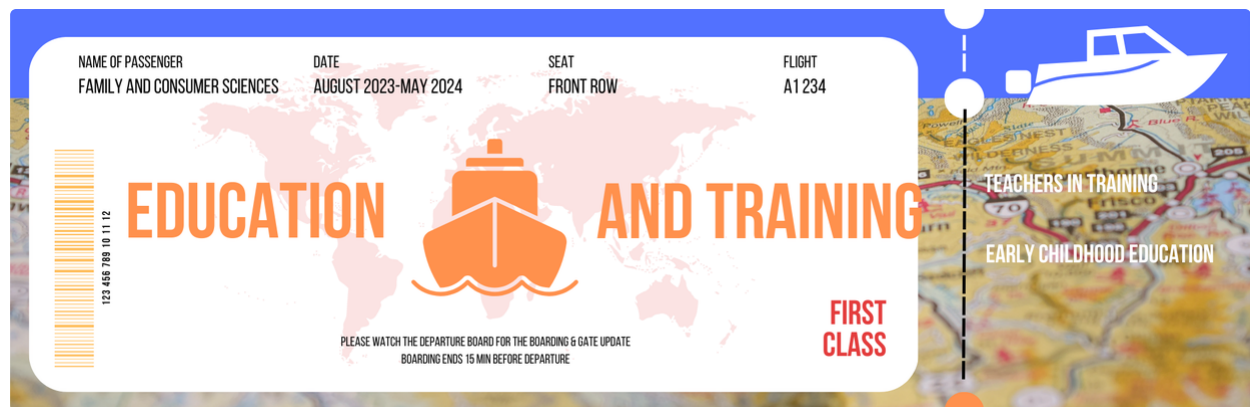
## *"Poisoned" documentary on Netflix*

"The latest thriller to hit Netflix this month isn't some slasher film. Instead, it's a documentary about the very real, very-much-still-deadly consequences of food-borne illnesses and contaminants in the food we eat every day. Released this month, [\*Poisoned: The Dirty Truth About Your Food\*](#) made me cover my eyes with a blanket, but with one eye out because I couldn't look away." BY MACKENZIE FILSON  
PUBLISHED: AUG 8, 2023, on Delish.com.

\*The documentary does have a mature warning, so you should view prior to deciding to show to students.

[Full article](#)

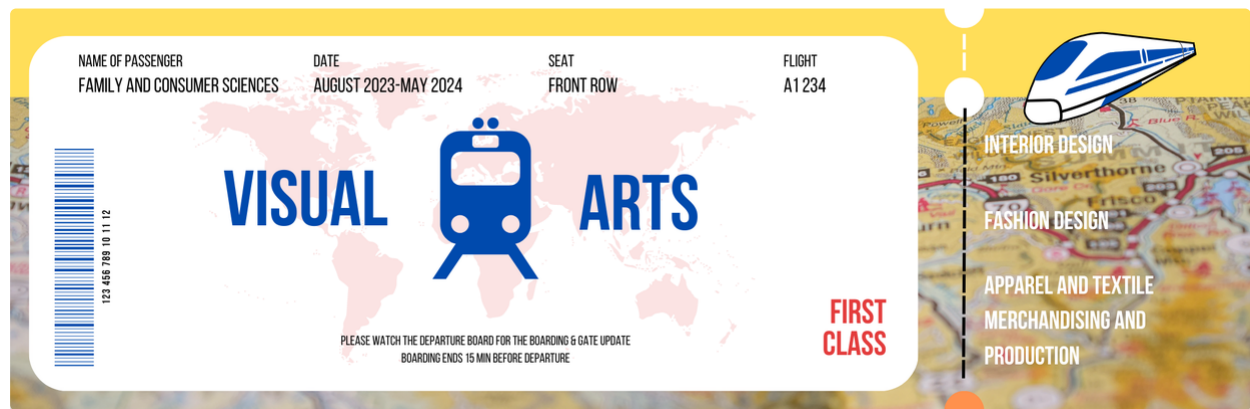
<https://youtu.be/YZcyMgdWmPg>



Google Educator Certification Bootcamp



Learn the ins and outs of giving the Google Educator Certification from expert Valerie Curtis with the Alabama Regional Inservice Center. Register through PowerSchool using the PSPL# provided for each location.



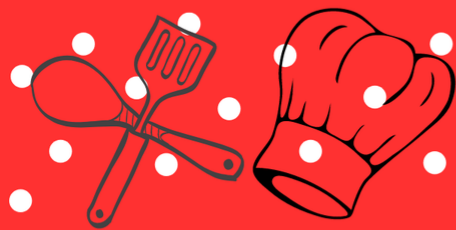
## *Alabama ProStart Updates*

### **2024 Alabama ProStart Competition**

The 2024 Alabama ProStart Competition will be held March 3 - 4 at Perdido Beach Resort. Make plans now to enter your teams into the management and/or culinary competitions. More details will be in your inbox very soon.

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SAVE THE DATE



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CULINARY ARTS AND  
BAKING AND PASTRY  
STAR EVENTS

WEATHER MAKE UP  
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### *ACE Recap*

Around the state in 4 days: Florence, Birmingham, Prattville and Mobile. Members from all around the state attended this year's Academy of Chapter Excellence themed *Leadership University*. And more will attend *Virtual ACE* on September 23. FCCLA showed up and showed out with excellent representation at all locations.





*Florence*



*Birmingham*



*Prattville*



*Mobile*

## *Affiliation Assistance*

The membership/affiliation portal is open. Here are some tips to help you with uploading student information.

- Below you will find a membership information form containing the information needed to affiliate your members. When having students fill out information, please request them to use an email

they use a personal email instead. Otherwise, they will not receive member updates or access to their portal.

- It typically is easier to upload information from a spreadsheet than to type all the information yourself. Below are two links, one for microsoft forms and one for google forms. **Please be sure to make a copy of the form before sending out so you own it and then will have access to the information.** The information will be downloadable into an excel or csv format. Use the csv. This file can be uploaded directly into the portal without you having to input the information yourself. Please check for duplicates before uploading. If current members are on the spreadsheet, it will duplicate their profile and they will have two member numbers. We don't want that! Once you do the "bulk rollforward" step in the portal, current members will automatically move to the next grade level. You should check on the information sheet for any updated personal information that may need to be changed.

[Microsoft Office form](#)

[Google form](#)

- Also below are the instructions for navigating the portal.

Please feel free to contact Theresa if you need assistance with the portal.



Member Affiliation Information Sheet (2).docx



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2023-2024 Step-By-Step Affiliation Instructions.docx



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## *Competitive Event Manuals*

The Competitive Events Guide is divided into five different documents. The documents are available to members and advisers through the FCCLA Adviser and Student Portals under the "Resources" tab

- FCCLA Knowledge Matters Virtual Business Challenge Simulation Guidelines
- FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl Guidelines
- Skill Demonstration Events Guidelines
- Online Challenge Testing (previously with Skill Demonstration Events)
- STAR Events Guidelines

These resources, provided for members and developed with funds from membership dues, are available to advisers and members through the FCCLA Adviser and Student Portals. The Competitive Events Guides will only be available to affiliated chapters and members beginning November 1.

Also provided is a document titled *Major Changes to the 23-24 Guidelines*. A copy of the document is attached below for your convivence.





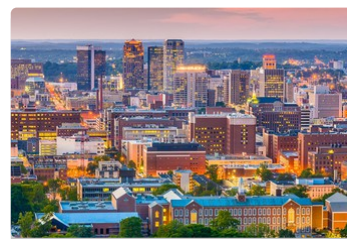
Major Changes to the 23-24 Guidelines.pdf

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## National Fall Conference

This year's FCCLA National Fall Conference will be held in Birmingham, Alabama! Mark your calendars for November 10-12. What a great opportunity to try out the Skills Demonstration Events in our own back yard. Registration opens August 1.



## TEACH CTSO

TEACH CTSO is your one-stop shop for all things needed to integrate CTSOs into your classroom, collaborate with other CTSO teachers, and develop professionally.

FEATURES:

- Professional development for educators
- Technical assistance for the classroom
- Chapter management tools
- CTE+CTSO community to share best practices
- Work-based learning resources using CTSOs

Annual access and digital subscription is provided complimentary to all CTE+CTSO educators through the Alabama CTE Leadership Council.

[TEACHCTSO | Login Credentials \(campaign-archive.com\)](https://teachctso.org/login-credentials/campaign-archive.com)



Teach-CTSO-Alabama-Educators-Flyer-2023.pdf

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## Chapter Adviser Summit

You are invited to attend the 2024 Chapter Adviser Summit being held January 25-27, 2024, in Seattle, WA! Don't miss this opportunity! The FCCLA Chapter Adviser Summit (CAS) provides professional development opportunities designed specifically for Family and Consumer Sciences education teachers looking to excel in the classroom and in FCCLA. The CAS is developed and led by FCCLA's National Staff and the National Consultant Team. Attendees will receive up-to-date professional development training, share ideas, and network with other chapter advisers from across the nation.



Tentative Sessions:

AFSA Sponsored Workshop AFSA Education Foundation

Partnership Workshop

Leveling Up Engagement: Gamification in FCCLA and FCS

Journey to Engagement: Fun and Engaging Member Experiences in FCCLA

Seattle Convention Center Tour

Introduction to FCCLA Resources National Consultant Team

Training Chapter Officers National Consultant Team

Embarking on the FCCLA Journey: Crafting a Program of Work, Navigating the Chapter Budget, and Steering Successful Meeting

Mastering FCS with MBA: Research and Engaging Resources for All Your Family and Consumer Sciences Classes

Navigating Competitive Events: Strategies for FCCLA Chapter Advisers

Chapter Adviser Speed Networking

National Programs Breakdown

## *ALACTE Summer Conference Resources*

[FCS Session Specific Resources](#) have been uploaded into the Alabama FCS Teacher Google Drive folder. Any presenter that would like to have their resources added, please contact [theresa.long@alsde.edu](mailto:theresa.long@alsde.edu) or [kayla.cantley@alsde.edu](mailto:kayla.cantley@alsde.edu).

## *FCS Games by Kim Smith*

Kim Smith has done it again! We challenged her to create games based on Alabama COS standards for teachers. And she came through. Free, downloadable games are available to all Alabama FCS teachers. Please use the [link](#) to access these great resources.





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Just a reminder that [Theresa](#) and [Kayla](#) are available for technical assistance visits to your school or via phone or virtual platforms.



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