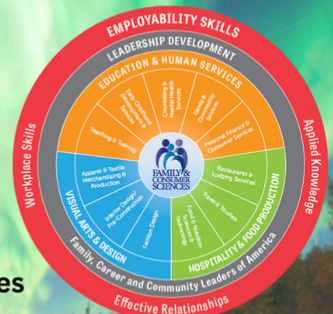


Alabama FCS Newsletter

January 27, 2025

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2025 State Leadership Conference Town Hall

Mark your calendars for our second annual SLC Town Hall on **Tuesday, February 4 at 4 pm**. Theresa will cover important topics in preparation for SLC. To register and have input on topics to be covered for the town hall meeting, please complete the registration for at the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/DkvthRdFE6>

Linking FCS to the Modernized Career Clusters Webinar

State advisers are invited to attend and we ask that you promote an exclusive webinar during National FCCLA Week on FCS Educator Day, **Wednesday, February 12, 2025, from 4:00 to 5:15 PM ET**. This session will explore the newly announced Modernized Career Clusters by AdvanceCTE and their connections to Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS).

What to Expect:

- An overview of the Modernized Career Clusters and their implications for FCS.
- Insights into how FCS connects to these clusters to support student readiness and success.
- Updates from FCCLA, AAFCS, and LEAD FCS Education on aligning resources with the new framework.
- Practical tips and tools to strengthen career connections in FCS classrooms.

Who Should Attend:

- FCS educators and professionals
- Career advisers and school administrators
- FCCLA Advisers and supporters

Pre-registration is required, and all registrants will receive a recording of the session. Attendees who complete the post-session survey will be entered into a drawing for these door prizes:

- One (1) Free AAFCS Professional Membership (\$150 Value)
- One (1) \$100 Amazon Gift Card
- One (1) \$50 Amazon Gift Card

[Register Here](#)

Alabama FCCLA State Project



Alabama FCCLA is excited to kick off our State Service Project for this year! We will be fundraising for Make-A-Wish and working to grant a Wish Kid's wish. Our fundraising goal is \$10,000. We can easily meet and exceed this if every chapter raises at least \$100.

This ensures that Alabama FCCLA will be able to sponsor a full wish. However, please do not limit yourselves to just this amount as every dollar raised benefits a wish child. Fundraising efforts will be tracked through Make-A-Wish's Wish Your Way site. People can donate directly through your chapter's Wish Your Way page or your chapter members may collect offline donations by cash or check. **Please make all of your donations through the Make a Wish portal and do not bring your donations to the state leadership conference. Make a Wish would like to have most donations noted in the portal by January 15, but no later than February 15 so we can notify and plan for our wish kid to be present at SLC.**

If you are ***mailing a check***; please send to the address below. Be sure to notate that it is for the Alabama FCCLA campaign.

Make-A-Wish Alabama
One Perimeter Park S 100S
Birmingham, AL 35243

If you are in need of the W9 for Make a Wish, please see the attachment below.



Make-A-Wish Sign Up Instructions.pdf

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Another option to participate in our state project is to bring supplies to State Leadership Conference to donate to Children's Harbor. The mission of Children's Harbor is to strengthen families of seriously ill children through refuge, respite and resources. These unique, no-cost services are offered at both "The Harbor" Family Center located at Children's of Alabama in Birmingham, and at the Lake Martin retreat facility in Alexander City. Children's Harbor has been in service since 1989. To find out more about the services and mission of Children's Harbor visit their website at



[Children's Harbor - Serving Children With Serious Illnesses \(childrensharbor.com\)](http://childrensharbor.com)

A requested list of item donations can be found here [Item Donations | Children's Harbor \(childrensharbor.com\)](#)

Two FCCLA blazers will be awarded at SLC. One for the most donations collected for Make a Wish and one for the most donations for Children's Harbor.

FCS/FCCLA Slack Channel

We will be utilizing our Slack channel as well as the conference app for up-to-date information during SLC. If you haven't yet joined the Slack Channel, please use the [link](#) to join and be one of the first to be in the know!

FCCLA Week

Help Your Competitors Get Ready for STAR Events

As part of our FCCLA week celebration, we are again hosting a virtual champ camp on Friday, February 14 from 9 am-1 pm. Have an FCCLA party and prepare for competition!

FCCLA Week [FCCLA Week | FCCLA \(fcclainc.org\)](http://fcclainc.org)

February 10-14, 2025

Monday is "FCCLA Member Monday"

Launch FCCLA week by showcasing your chapter members and what FCCLA means to you!

Tuesday is "FCCLA Day of Service"

Serving your community with leadership skills and a stellar attitude is the foundation of FCCLA. Share who your influences are and how you've influenced others through your acts of service.

Wednesday is "FCS Educator Day"

Celebrate Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Educator Day by thanking the educators in your life and showing appreciation for everything they taught you and your chapter.

Thursday is "Alumni Day"

Share with others how FCCLA (or FHA/HERO) has allowed you to sharpen your skills for your future careers as well as your independent adult life.

Friday is "FCCLA Spirit Day"

Get ready to show off your FCCLA spirit! Rock the red and fill your day with red clothing, signs, food, decorations, and more!

Champ Camp (virtual) 9am-1 pm. Make it an End of the FCCLA Week Party! Suggestion: Order or make pizza and snacks for the day. Ask your admin if you can treat it like a field trip and have them out of class for the day...especially those who are competing. But even if they aren't, they will learn from the training for next year!

Sign up for your chapter's spot in the virtual champ camp by completing the information in the link below.

[Alabama FCCLA - Champ Camp Registration 2025](#)

Children's Entrepreneur Market

The Children's Entrepreneur Market is an award-winning program that teaches young people about the power of entrepreneurship, innovation and leadership through experiential learning. The markets started in Utah and sold out for five years straight, helping nearly 10,000 kids before expanding to 24 additional states.

Parents and kids everywhere agree that learning and earning in a competitive environment is a unique and fun experience. Kids rise to the challenge of deciding what to sell, creating a booth, talking to customers, and handling money. A growing number of markets showcase returning youth entrepreneurs who desire additional development of their skills and small business.

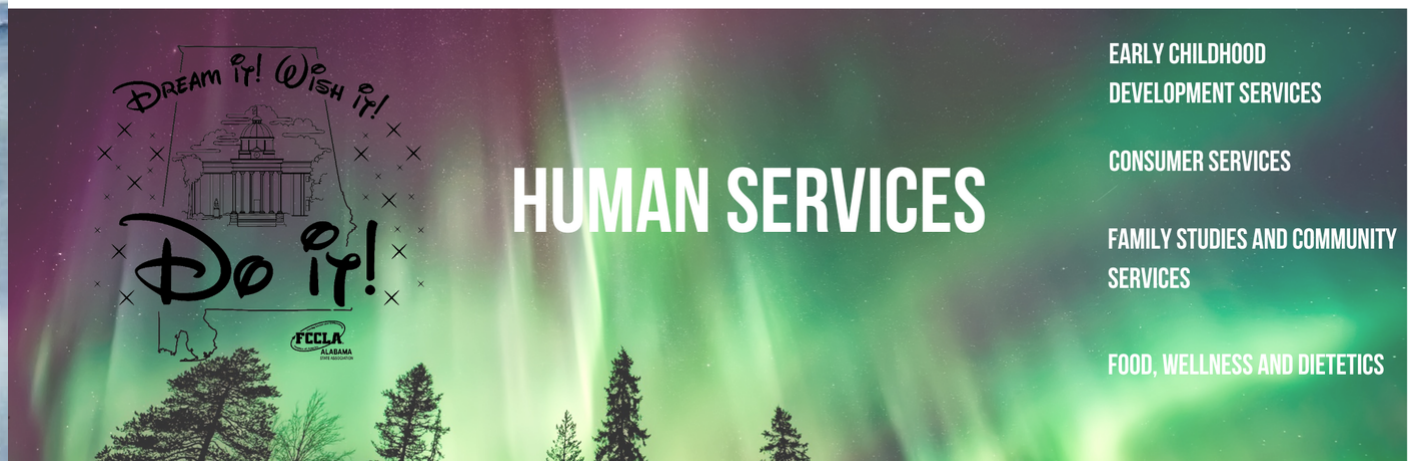
Entrepreneurs ages 5 to 17 can participate in our farmer's/craft market run entirely by kids! Children can sell anything! It can be handmade, store-bought, food, games or services. For more information go to [Children's Entrepreneur Market – Helping kids learn business through firsthand experience](#)



UPCOMING BIRMINGHAM KIDS MARKETS:

Trussville 3/29	Decatur 9/13
Pelham 4/05	Trussville 10/12
Calera 5/10	Alabaster 10/25
Alabaster 6/7	Montgomery 10/25
Birmingham 9/6	Pelham 10/26
Birmingham 9/7	Calera 12/20

For more information and to register, visit:
ChildrensEntrepreneurMarket.com



HUMAN SERVICES

- EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
- CONSUMER SERVICES
- FAMILY STUDIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
- FOOD, WELLNESS AND DIETETICS

February Cooking

Are you ready for Bake for Family Fun Month? It's the perfect opportunity for bakers both young and old to shine. HBA has all the resources educators and parents need to make this month a fun and educational success. From recipes to safety tips, we've got you covered. Let's make Bake for Family Fun Month a memorable experience! See all of their offerings at [February Baking Calendar](#)



FASHION

INTERIOR DESIGN

VISUAL DESIGN



Design Trends for 2025

Check out what the experts are saying the 2025 Design Trends will be in 2025 in the articles linked below.

[14 interior design trends to know about for 2025 | Homes & Gardens](#)

[8 Dining Room Trends For 2025, According To Designers](#)

[6 Design Trends That Are Making a Comeback in 2025, Designers Say](#)



HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICES

LODGING

SPORTS, RECREATION AND
ATTRACTIONS

TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Detour Destinations' Are Going To Be Wildly Popular In 2025

In the wake of many people crowding the world's most popular destinations, overtourism has progressed from a buzzword to a rallying cry for change in how and where we choose to explore.

This shift gave rise to 2024's "destination dupe" trend — where people traveled to different, less-crowded cities with the same appeal and attractions as busy tourist destinations. That concept is now evolving into 2025's emerging travel movement: detour destinations. The term was coined in a recent travel trends report from Expedia, where data suggests that 63% of travelers plan to include these lesser-known locales in their itineraries next year.

[READ MORE](#)

The Future of Hospitality: Emerging Trends for 2025

As the hospitality industry continues to evolve, 2025 promises a wave of fresh innovations and shifting consumer demands. Guests today seek more than just great food—they crave memorable experiences that transcend traditional dining. Through technology and human connection, restaurants are finding new ways to meet these expectations.

[READ MORE](#)

Culinary Competitions

FCCLA Culinary Arts and Baking and Pastry Arts Competition

February 7-8, 2025

(Weather date February 21-22)

Jefferson State Community College Culinary and Hospitality Institute

Hoover, Alabama

Space is limited. Registration is open until Jan. 20 or until slots fill up.

January 1 update: Bakery and Pastry Arts competition is full.

ProStart Competition

February 23-24, 2025

Perdido Beach Resort

Orange Beach, AL

Alabama Cattleman's Association Jr./Sr. Beef Cookoff

(must qualify at county competition)

April 11, 2025

Riverchase Career Connection Center

Birmingham, AL

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

EDUCATORS IN TRAINING

EDUCATION AND TRAINING



Education Trends for 2025

In 2025, schools can expect trends like cloud computing, AI-driven personalized learning, mixed reality experiences, social-emotional learning (SEL) tools, and hybrid learning models to transform education. These trends aim to enhance student engagement, streamline school operations, and create more flexible learning environments. ([Classter.com](#)). To see what the experts are saying, check out the articles linked below.

[2025 EdTech Predictions: 10 Trends Every School Should Know - Classter](#)

[What's Next: Top Five Trends in Education for 2025 | ACE Blog](#)

[7 Critical Education Trends That Will Define Learning In 2025](#)

FCCLA UPDATES



Registration for State Leadership Conference Closes Today

Registration for SLC 2025 closes February 3! See the conference registration guide in the FCCLA Adviser manual for details. Please also note that your chapter must be fully affiliated to register for conference.

Changes to the registration this year include:

- They system will ask for an approved purchase order if you are not paying by credit card
- There is a 3% fee for credit card payments (non-refundable)
- You will receive a link to book your lodging after registration has been submitted.

[SLC Registration Portal](#)

2025 State Leadership Conference Registration Rates <small>*To register, members and advisers must be affiliated with National FCCLA</small>	Early Bird Rate (non-refundable) October 1, 2024-December 1, 2025	Regular Rate (non-refundable) December 2, 2024-January 15, 2025	Late Rate (non-refundable) January 15, 2025-February 3, 2025
Full Conference Registration for affiliated members, advisers and chaperones.	\$45 per person	\$55 per person	\$65 per person
STAR Event Registration Fee	\$5 per person	\$10 per person	\$15 per person
School Administration/CTE Directors	\$0	\$0	\$0
Judges (no access to sessions)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Opening Session Tickets	\$15	\$20	\$25
Closing Session Tickets	\$15	\$20	\$25

Additional Items available for purchase:

- Conference T-shirt (\$10 small - X Large ++ for larger sizes)
- Disney Character Walk (\$5 per person, with profits going to state project)
- Disney Movie Night (\$5 per person includes movie, popcorn and drink with profits going to state project)

Additional Activities (no charge, but must sign up in the registration portal)

- Say Yes to FCS Signing Ceremony (for graduating seniors pursuing a degree in an FCS field)
- Fashion Show (open to members participating in either Fashion Design or Fashion Construction STAR Events)

**There will be no on-site registration
Guest Tickets need to pre-ordered**



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Professional Development Opportunities



Alabama Affiliate of American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

Alabama Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

Mission Accepted

Acknowledge. Act. Ascend.

April 10-11, 2025

Alabama A&M University, Huntsville

Excitement is building in Huntsville as we finalize plans for the 2025 Annual Conference of the Alabama Association of Family and Consumer Sciences! This year's conference will take place on the beautiful campus of Alabama A&M University, April 10–11, 2025. Mark your calendars and join us as we delve into our inspiring theme: MISSION ACCEPTED: Acknowledge. Act. Ascend! There's something for everyone, so don't miss out! To help you prepare, please review the enclosed packet, which includes:

Conference Registration Form

- Program at-a-Glance
- Conference Lodging Information
- Call for Proposals (Research, Workshop, and Poster Presentation)
- Proposal Submission Form
- Showcase of FCS (Creative Activities) Submission Form Attending this annual meeting offers numerous opportunities for personal and professional growth, including earning professional development units (PDUs) and technical update hours.

To make the process seamless, we've set two important deadlines:

- February 1, 2025: Submission deadline for forms (Research, Poster, Creative Activity, Showcase of FCS, and Scholarship applications).
- March 21, 2025: Deadline for lodging and conference registration.

You can register for the conference via Eventbrite or by mailing your completed registration form to the address listed on the form. We're excited to welcome you to Huntsville on April 10–11, 2025, for an enriching and unforgettable experience!

Sincerely, Bernice Richardson
Bernice C. Richardson President,
Alabama Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

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American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

High quality professional development and networking opportunities for members and non-members is at the core of the Annual Conference. The conference objectives help provide a framework for the content to be addressed at and included in the 2025 Annual Conference. Join AAFCS in Kansas City, MO June 25-28, 2025.

[2025 Annual Conference - American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences](#)

ALSDE CTE SUMMER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2025

The 2025 ALSDE CTE Summer Professional Development Conference will take place July 23-25, 2025, at the Mobile Convention Center. Mark your calendars!

Program Overview

(Agenda is tentative and subject to change.)

July 23-25, 2025

Tuesday

9:00 am – 3:00 pm: Pre-conference workshops

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Check-In

Wednesday

8:00 am: Conference Check-In and Networking

8:00 am – 4:00pm: Exhibitors Open

9:00 am: Cluster Framework General Session with Advance CTE

11:15 am: Workshops

2:00 pm: Opening Session with Keynote Gigi Butler of Gigi's Cupcakes

3:45 pm: ALACTE Affiliate Business Meeting

Thursday

8:00 am – 3:30 pm: Cluster Breakout Sessions

8:00 am – 4:00 pm: Exhibitors Open

4:30 pm: ALACTE Business Meeting and Reception

Friday

8:30 am: Cluster Framework Q&A

9:30 am: Cluster Specific ALSDE and CTSO Updates

Elevate Your Classroom

Calling all early childhood and elementary educators! Elevate's in-person professional development conference will be in Nashville on June 13th, 14th & 15th at the beautiful Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center. Join us for multiple days of learning, networking, and inspiration to take your teaching to the next level.

Join Gerry Brooks, Kim Bearden, Greg Smedley-Warren, Jack Hartmann, and Mr. Ty (The Childcare Whisperer), along with many other amazing presenters who will bring you inspirational, research & evidence-based professional development like no other!

Get up close and personal with the keynotes and presenters, tons of free swag, downloadable resources, prizes, and a certificate of completion for sessions attended.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to grow and connect with fellow educators. Register now!

[#ElevateYourClassroom](#) [#Nashville2025](#) [#EducatorConference](#)

[Registration Information](#)



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



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