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“There’s no word in the language I revere more than ‘teacher.’ My heart sings when a kid refers to me as his teacher, and it always has. I’ve honored myself and the entire family of man by becoming a teacher.”

-Pat Conroy

Say “YES” to FACS!

One of the more exciting roll-outs for the Family and Consumer Sciences profession is in the form of a new, nation-wide campaign to recruit Family and Consumer Sciences teachers. This initiative, called “Say Yes to FCS” is sponsored by the National Coalition for Family and Consumer Sciences Education, and was featured at the National Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America National Leadership Conference this summer.

Ultimately, this is the marketing opportunity we have all been hoping for but it will only work when we use it! The tools have been put in your hands, so I hope that you use them.

On the website www.facsecoalition.org you can see the groups who are partnering together to address this need as well as articles about FACS, a copy of their action plan to address our

teacher shortage, and some outstanding resources on how to market your FACS department and FACS in general.

While these plans and ideas may be great, there is truly nothing that beats having a face-to-face conversation with students you feel would make a great Family and Consumer Sciences teacher. When you take an interest in a student’s life and show that you too are thinking about their future, the result is truly invaluable to the student. Also remember, that just because a student enters a job or career, doesn’t mean their path may not be waived. We are in the business of career education after all!

Teaching Family and Consumer Sciences is not only an internally rewarding opportunity but it is one of the few jobs with exceptional job security and



Mission

Nebraska Family and Consumer Sciences integrates family and career readiness with technical skill instruction within a critical science perspective. As a result, our students are empowered to navigate the challenges of living and working in diverse communities, while striving for a high quality of life.

mobility. FACS teachers are in demand not only all over Nebraska but all over the nation. It is estimated that for every FACS graduate there are 10 job openings. As teachers, we can feel good about telling our students about career opportunities as a FACS teacher because we are setting them on a path toward a rewarding career.

Call to Action

Curious where FACS teacher prep programs are located. Check out this map that shows you exactly where the next generation of FACS educators are learning!

<http://goo.gl/9vmut>

CSO Spotlight

FCCLA

Encourage your students to learn more about becoming a FACS teacher through the STAR Events Career Investigation and Teach and Train. For more information about these or any competitive event, check out the Competitive Events guide at www.fcclainc.org.

Best wishes to all students who are serving as members of their District leadership as District Officers. With most District Leadership Conferences happening in the coming weeks, the State Officer Team would like to wish you the best as you lead your District “Toward New Horizons.”

Have highlights from your District Conference or other events in your chapter? Be sure to submit them as a Chapter Spotlight for the *Red Leader* by emailing them to nebraskafcccla@gmail.com