

# CONTEMPO

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CA-AFCS Members:

I would like to welcome each and every one of you to my first year as the President of CA-AFCS. I am looking forward to promoting our organization as one that provides engaging opportunities for students and professionals alike. I'd also like to thank Gus Vouchilas for his ongoing mentorship.

During the past two years, our students have gone through a very difficult time adjusting to a new learning environment during a global pandemic. These students are now emerging stronger and eager to serve their communities as I observed during the student presentations at the in-person 2022 CA-AFCS conference in San Diego, CA.

I first got involved with the organization as an FCS graduate student when my research poster proposal was accepted to be presented at a CA-AFCS conference which also took place in San Diego, CA. Presenting my poster at the conference was my first professional experience in the apparel field. It was such an enriching experience for me and it also opened the doors to what I decided to pursue - working as an instructor in the FINA department at SFSU. I am grateful for this experience as a student from CA-AFCS and I hope that our great organization will continue to inspire students from human development, personal and family finance, housing and interior design, food science, nutrition and wellness, textiles and apparel, hospitality, and consumer issues areas.

I look forward to working with the Board of Directors of CA-AFCS to continue a legacy of addressing the most pertinent issues that impact the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities. And I look forward to engaging with our entire membership through *Contempo*.

Enjoy your summer issue and thank you for the opportunity to serve CA-AFCS!

The Team @ *Contempo*

# 2022 AAFCS Annual Conference Recap



## Reflections on the Virtual version of the 2022 AAFCS Conference

by Diane Lewis-Goldstein, Ph.D., CFCS

**A**AFCS labeled this conference as the “Comeback” conference. For a variety of reasons, Orlando was not a place I wanted to “comeback” or even “go to.” At first the registration cost of the hybrid version of the conference was the same as in-person—oh my! Much later, a reduced to half-price virtual version did convince me that it was worthwhile. After registering and several phone calls to National, it was apparent that there was not much to their virtual version—access to the limited pre-recorded breakout sessions and a few other things—dismal would be one way to look at it. I inquired to see if the general sessions had been recorded because they are usually inspiring. Despite my requests, I was told that the only session to be recorded was the awards ceremony. Fortunately, many slide presentations and handouts were added from other presenters and this made a big difference to me. It turned out that the awards ceremony was one of my highlights.

I learned a lot from what was available and wanted to share some of my take-aways. First, I learned that our own Nancy Dayne was one of the authors of the Best Paper in Family Studies and Human Development! Congratulations, Nancy! I learned a new acronym from Marilyn Swierk, who was one of the Distinguished Service Award recipients and who had participated in our California Conference in Burbank many years ago. PASTA refers to “Parenting A Second Time Around.” She was delighted that her grandson was able to be there for her honor because she and her husband (like many grandparents) were parenting their grandchild.

I did enjoy seeing the creative and artistic textile and apparel presentations. There were several slide presentations that touched on the general topic of inclusion; whether it was FCS including business and industry partnerships or inclusion of those who have disabilities or even changing our language to make people feel more like they are included rather than outcast. All these areas are important for us to think about.

Overall, I had a general impression of passion for our field, and it made me proud to belong to such a worthwhile profession. So, despite my initial disappointment, this turned out to be a very valuable and productive endeavor!

Our next event will take place in the San Francisco Bay Area in 2024. If you would like to help with planning the event, or serving as a Tri-Chair, please contact Gus Vouchilas, our Vice President of Programs (2022 – 2024). He can be reached at: [gusv@sfsu.edu](mailto:gusv@sfsu.edu)

## Plans will soon be under way for our next CA-AFCS State Conference!



### Due December 1, 2022

Do you have an idea for a seminar, a conference, a research topic, a special activity related to FCS or a special activity related to a community problem? The **Grants and Scholarship Committee** ([Extended Education Fund](#)) offers applications for grant proposals for members and new officers for their professional development. Grant proposals can be funded up to \$2,000.

For questions on [grant application](#) or guidelines contact: [nrabolt@sfsu.edu](mailto:nrabolt@sfsu.edu)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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2022 IFHE World Congress  
Starts: Sep 6, 2022 08:00 AM (ET)  
Ends: Sep 10, 2022 11:59 PM (ET)  
Where: Hyatt Regency Atlanta, 265 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

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2022 Fall Leadership Workshop (in-person)  
Starts: Sep 30, 2022 01:00 PM (ET)  
Ends: Oct 2, 2022 09:00 PM (ET)  
Where: Hyatt Centric, 1325 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22209

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