

Greetings fellow FCS'ers! Work is moving at a fast and furious pace these days, and I'm doing my very best to keep caught up as best I can. From a Big Sky Pathways meeting in Missoula in mid-April directly to presenting at the Region V ACTE Conference in Kansas City, MO to a week in Washington, DC for my annual National Association of State Administrators of Family & Consumer Sciences Spring Leadership Conference during the first week of May . . . my suitcase is getting some miles this spring. As we speak, I'm getting ready to take my family to a soccer tournament in Denver for Memorial Day Weekend followed by a quick trip to the farm to celebrate the passing of my 99 year old grandmother. I am consumed by two thoughts as I get ready to send out this FCS update. First, it is with sadness that I share the news of the passing of one of own FCS teachers, [Mrs. Shirley Spurgeon](#) in Kalispell. Her life will be celebrated this Friday in Kalispell; in lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the "Shirley Spurgeon Memorial Scholarship Fund" that will be formed in her honor to support students pursuing careers in service and education. Second, there is such a great value received with involvement in professional organizations. Shirley was a prime example of this. I remember the first time I met Shirley at a MAFCS conference in Kalispell. She always had a smile on her face, loved to laugh and was very good about honoring our fellow FCS family members after their passing. I'm disappointed that I will not be able to attend her funeral on Friday, as Shirley deserves a great honor from our profession. She was as good as they come with a heart of gold and a great asset to our profession; she will surely be missed.

FCS Positions Available

The following schools are advertising for FCS teachers in Montana. Please share these job openings with potential applicants.

Currently posted on the OPI website:

- **Arlee – New!**
 - This position is full-time, and it comes with an active FCCLA chapter. This position was open due to retirement a year ago, and the school is very supportive of the FCS program and FCCLA chapter.
 - <http://metnet.mt.gov/TPlacement/9115D30F-3B9ACA00-03655722>
- **Billings**
 - This position will be at the Billings Career Center, and it is full-time. The school district is looking for an industry chef, so please spread the word to any potential applicants. The position is open until filled.
 - <http://www.applitrack.com/billings/onlineapp/JobPostings/view.asp?Category=High+School+Teaching&AppliTrackJobId=1105&AppliTrackLayoutMode=detail&AppliTrackViewPosting=1>
- **Circle**
 - I am unsure if this position is half or full time, but I do know this is the second year they have advertised to fill it. The school runs on a 4 day school week, and the position is for grades 7 – 12.
 - <http://metnet.mt.gov/TPlacement/9F457F33-3B9ACA00-036456D9>
- **Glendive**
 - This position is full-time. Please note – this position also became open a few years ago due a retirement, and they've had trouble keeping it filled since then. They have continued to advertise which means they value the program and want it put back into their high school! That is a huge benefit. It used to have an FCCLA chapter as well, so that may be part of the position. This school also boasts one of the best FCS classrooms in the state! Glendive would be a great long term position in a larger school.

- <http://metnet.mt.gov/TPlacement/374CD198-3B9ACA00-035F4F59>
- **Libby**
 - This is a half-time position, and this program has been small the last few years (two classes a day). The program was reduced due to a retirement a few years ago, and it's promising that they are advertising for half-time FCS instead of part-time.
 - <http://metnet.mt.gov/TPlacement/CD1632F5-3B9ACA00-036247EB>
- **Nashua**
 - This is a full-time position with half of it being FCS, and it's open due to retirement. Additional endorsements are preferred. This school district offers a signing bonus, and the school operates on a 4 day school week.
 - <http://metnet.mt.gov/TPlacement/744AE1FC-3B9ACA00-03645A19>
- **Poplar**
 - This position is full-time, and they are offering a signing bonus & housing is available. Please note – this position became open a few years ago due a retirement, and they've had trouble getting it filled since then. They have continued to advertise yearly for almost 4 years . . . this means they value the program and want it put back into their high school! That is a huge benefit. It used to have an FCCLA chapter as well, so that may be part of the position.
 - <http://metnet.mt.gov/TPlacement/02602515-3B9ACA00-03632E85>
- **Whitefish – NEW!**
 - This is a full-time position, and the school is looking for the new hire to revamp the curriculum.
 - <http://metnet.mt.gov/TPlacement/D1772245-3B9ACA00-0365014F>
- **Wibaux**
 - This is a full-time position, and it's open due to retirement. Wibaux offers a 4-day school week, smaller class sizes, and an active FCCLA chapter.
 - <http://metnet.mt.gov/TPlacement/53D86CE8-3B9ACA00-036498E6>
- **Wolf Point**
 - This position is full-time. Please note – this position became open a quite a few years ago due a retirement, and they've had trouble getting it filled since then. They have continued to advertise almost yearly during the past 6-7 years, and this means they value the program and want it put back into their high school! That is a huge benefit. It used to have an FCCLA chapter as well, so that may be part of the position.
 - <http://metnet.mt.gov/TPlacement/6DAA7540-3B9ACA00-0361A687>

2015 Montana FCS Summer Conference – Register now!

On behalf of my colleague and conference co-planner, Nicole Wanago, and I, it is our pleasure to invite you to attend the 2015 Montana Family & Consumer Sciences Summer Conference “A Community of Practice” being held at Montana State University in Bozeman July 27—31. This conference is made possible by continued partnerships between Montana State University—Department of Health & Human Development, the Montana Office of Public Instruction—Division of Career & Technical Education, and Montana Family, Career & Community Leaders of America.

This year's conference is a venue to help enhance current FCS curriculum for our student's future needs by addressing well-being, sustainability, foundational STEM literacy, 21st century employability skill development, academic integration and college and career readiness. We are confident you will walk away refreshed, excited and full of new ideas to implement into your classroom. Whether you come for

one day or stay for all five, this conference is designed so you can attend the days that work for your schedule. We look forward to seeing you in Bozeman later this summer!

Conference registration & information can be found on the Montana FCCLA website at <http://mtfcla.org/fcs-summer-update/>. The conference registration document is also posted on the OPI FCS webpage at http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#p7GPc1_7.

Culinary Trainings

Are you looking for a culinary training option this summer? Here are some options to consider:

1. Johnson & Wales in Denver and North Miami this summer:
 - a. <http://www.jwu.edu/culinaryeducators/>
 - b. https://www.jwu.edu/uploadedFiles/Microsites/Culinary_Educators/JWUCulinaryEducators.PDF
2. ProStart Summer Institutes – located all over the US:
 - a. <http://www.nraef.org/Get-Involved/Attend-An-Event/Summer-Institutes>
3. Escoffier Farm-to-Table Seminar in Boulder, CO July 15-17, July 22-24, and July 29-31, 2015
 - a. <http://www.escoffier.edu/announcements/reserve-your-place-at-the-table-farm-to-table-seminar/>
4. Tips for Teachers Course June 15 – 19 in Missoula
 - a. <http://www.mc.umt.edu/outreach/>

Summer Email Addresses

If you don't have access or don't check your school email during the summer, please consider sharing another email address with me that you check, so I can keep you updated of happenings during the summer. In particular, this would be helpful for the high school teachers as I try to review and reconcile your Student Participation Report numbers from the TEAMS system. There are some errors, and I will be spending time working with you and OPI to ensure all corrections are made.

Technology Trainings

Are you looking for a technology update? Here are three options to consider:

1. Wyoming Technology Summit on June 9-10 in Cody, WY
 - a. <https://wy.gafesummit.com/2015/>
 - b. This conference includes sessions presented by our very own Lindy Hockenbary!
2. Montana Institute on Educational Technology on June 23-24 in Great Falls, MT
 - a. <http://mietetechdays.weebly.com/>
3. It's No Bull – Google Rocks on July 20-21, 2015 in Troy, MT
 - a. <http://www.406tech.net/>

Webinar from the Dibble Institute – “Connecting the Dots: Healthy Romantic Relationships in Adolescents’ Lives”

Healthy romantic relationships during adolescence are important. They help shape behaviors during adolescence, plus they provide the basis for healthy relationships during adulthood.

This webinar will provide participants with a better understanding of the multiple dimensions of adolescent relationships and how these relationships influence other areas of teen and young adult lives. This webinar also identifies commonalities among healthy relationship education programs and other youth interventions, including teen pregnancy prevention, teen dating violence, social skills, and college and career readiness programs.

At the end of this webinar, participants will learn:

- Why healthy adolescent romantic relationships matter
- Healthy and unhealthy aspects of adolescent romantic relationships
- Linkages between relationship education programs and other youth needs and interventions

Presenter: Mindy Scott, Ph.D., Deputy Program Area Director and Senior Research Scientist with Child Trends

Who should attend: Youth-serving program staff and administrators in the fields of pregnancy prevention, reproductive health, teen dating violence, workforce development, career readiness, researchers working on issues related to adolescents, policy makers, funders, grant managers and writers.

When: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 , 4:00 pm Eastern/ 1:00 pm Pacific.

Duration: 60 minutes

Cost: Free!

Register here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8632468466151670017>

Thought of the Day

“Don't limit yourself. Many people limit themselves to what they think they can do.”

~ Mary Kay Ash, businesswoman

Calendar of Events

June 7 – 10, 2015: NAEYC's [2015 National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development](#), New Orleans, LA

June 15 – 19: Missoula College Tips for Teachers Course, Missoula, MT

June 18 – 20, 2015: 11th Annual CAFÉ Leadership Conference, Niagara Falls, NY

June 24 – 27, 2015: AAFCS Annual Conference & Expo, Jacksonville, FL

July 5 – 9, 2015: FCCLA National Leadership Conference, Washington, DC

July 27 – 31: [MSU/OPI Summer FCS Conference](#), Bozeman, MT

October 14, 2015: OPI CTE New Teacher Training, Billings, MT

October 15 – 16, 2015: Montana ACTE Fall Institute, Billings, MT

October 28 – 30, 2015: [National Career Pathways Network Annual Conference](#), Dallas, TX

Facebook Group Links

Please click on the link and ask to be added for some great conversation & resources:

- ✓ Montana FCS Educators Group: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/168470129878554/>
- ✓ Montana FCCLA Chapter Advisers Group: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/248102661886036/>



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