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# FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES AMBASSADORS NEWSLETTER



## GREAT NEWS!

We have reached  
our goal of  
**\$1 million** in the  
Ambassadors  
endowment fund.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a way to start out my term as your Ambassadors President-by becoming millionaires! You will read more in the treasurer's report as well, but yes, we have reached our goal of \$1 million in the Ambassadors endowment fund. By reaching this goal, we are ensured that there will be adequate funds to support our ever-important FCS programming teaching essential life skills.

Another great milestone is that this year we celebrate Ambassadors 30th anniversary! What a great accomplishment. Just think of all of the education, outreach, and opportunities that programs supported by Ambassadors funds have done across our state for youth, families, and our own futures.

I want to personally thank everyone that had a hand in helping to meet these goals-donors, grant applicants and recipients, board members serving as officers and directors, committee chairs and committee members, and more. We should all be so proud and know that the momentum won't stop here!

I hope you are already making plans to submit applications for grants for the next program cycle. Encourage your fellow co-workers and OHCE counties/groups to do the same or partner with a county or OHCE group. We want to award all of the grants each and every year for innovative and exciting educational projects. If you are unsure or have questions about completing an application, please reach out to a board or committee member or someone that has previously received a grant. The list of board and committee members can be found on our website. Grant applications are due January 10, 2022 for the next program cycle, and you can find the updated information and forms on our website as well.

Let's keep Ambassadors going forward in the great ways that we are by making annual donations. Each and every one is a blessing.

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."  
-Anatole France

Sincerely,  
**Dana Baldwin**  
CE-FCS Ambassadors President



**Dr. Jon E. Pedersen**

Dean of the College of Education and Human Sciences

## ADVISOR & EX-OFFICIO MESSAGE

Greetings from the FCS Extension State office! And a big welcome to Dean Jon Pedersen, who started on July 1, 2021. Dean Pedersen is looking forward to getting out into the state and visiting with all of you. Prior to coming to OSU, Dean Pedersen was Professor of instruction and teacher education and Dean of the College of Education at the University of South Carolina. He has over 30 years of experience as faculty and administrator; we are in good hands.

My touchstone word is still steadfast. I am proud of you and the work that you are able to accomplish, using your hard-earned skills, including mastery of new technologies. You continue to work to better the lives of Oklahomans in creative ways. I enjoy listening to you and reading about your accomplishments. Please do not wait for a special occasion to visit with me; I am available.

Stay firm in your belief that you can make a difference.

**Dr. Gina Peek**

## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### FCS Ambassadors Celebrate Like Millionaires

When the FCS Ambassadors gather together next spring for the 2022 Annual Meeting, everyone can dust off their diamonds, put on their furs and designer labels, and celebrate like millionaires! Why? Because **WE ARE MILLIONAIRES!**

We will commemorate this momentous occasion of reaching the lofty goal of one million dollars in endowment funds. We'll make it rain grant and award funds across the state for decades to enhance Family & Consumer Sciences programming. During this meeting, we will learn about the work of recent grant recipients and reveal the winners for 2022-23.

The annual meeting will be held in April separately from OEAFCSS at the Oklahoma County Extension office OSU Conference Center. Details will be provided in the near future, but please pencil it in to save the date for either April 12th or April 19th.

When we go beyond expectations, we teach generosity and demonstrate extravagant giving. It will always come back to the giver like the waves of the ocean. So, prepare to celebrate like millionaires with FCS Ambassadors in Spring 2022!

**Lesia K. Rauh**

CE-FCS Ambassadors Vice President

## GRANTS & AWARDS

On February 8th, the OCES/ FCS Ambassador Grants and Awards committee met to review the 2021-22 grants applications. Twelve grants and awards were awarded for a total of \$29,773.72. These projects began July 1, 2021. Presentations of the 2021-2022 grants and the 2020-2021 awardees were presented on PowerPoints by Susan Routh at the CE-FCS Ambassadors annual meeting on April 13, 2021. The Grants and Awards committee thanks each individual or team who applied and congratulates the recipients.

The 2020-21 grant recipients set up displays showcasing the Ambassador grant-winning projects on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at the OHCE State Meeting. Final reports were submitted by August 15, 2021.

**Jean Bailey**

Awards and Grants Committee Chairman



## COMMUNICATIONS

We are going green and going digital! In an effort to streamline communication and provide more current information to our donors, we will be offering a digital newsletter beginning in the spring of 2022. Our goal is to cut newsletter printing and mailing expenses by 75%! To help us reach this goal and to request to receive your future Ambassadors' newsletters by email, please use this QR code. Submitting this request will opt you out of receiving mailed newsletters. How to use a QR code:

1. Open your camera on your phone.
2. Point the camera at the QR code below
3. Tap the banner that automatically appears on your phone.
4. Follow the instructions on the screen to be added to the digital newsletter list.



Should you need assistance with the QR code, ask any teenager or feel free to contact me at 405-744-9929 for assistance. Thank you for supporting Ambassadors in working towards a more sustainable newsletter process!

**Jenni Klufa**  
Communications Chairman

## BYLAWS

On June 16th, it was proposed and approved by the CE-FCS Ambassadors Board of Directors to amend the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Ambassadors By-laws, Ambassadors Standing Rule #5 to state the following:

*5. To receive an Ambassadors Grant, the applicant must provide documentation of a donation of \$25 or more to the CE-FCS Ambassadors organization during the past year.*

**Notice of Proposed By-laws Change:** The By-laws Committee proposes to rescind the previously adopted change to the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Ambassadors By-laws changing the minimum donation from \$10 to \$25 under Article II. Annual and Lifetime Ambassadors Section A. Annual Contributions 6) Ambassador. If rescinded, this change would reinstate the minimum annual donor contribution to \$10.

This proposed rescindment was presented to and approved by the CE-FCS Ambassadors Board of Directors on June 16, 2021. This notice given in the CE-FCS Ambassadors newsletter fulfills the requirement of giving notice of the proposed by-laws amendment in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.

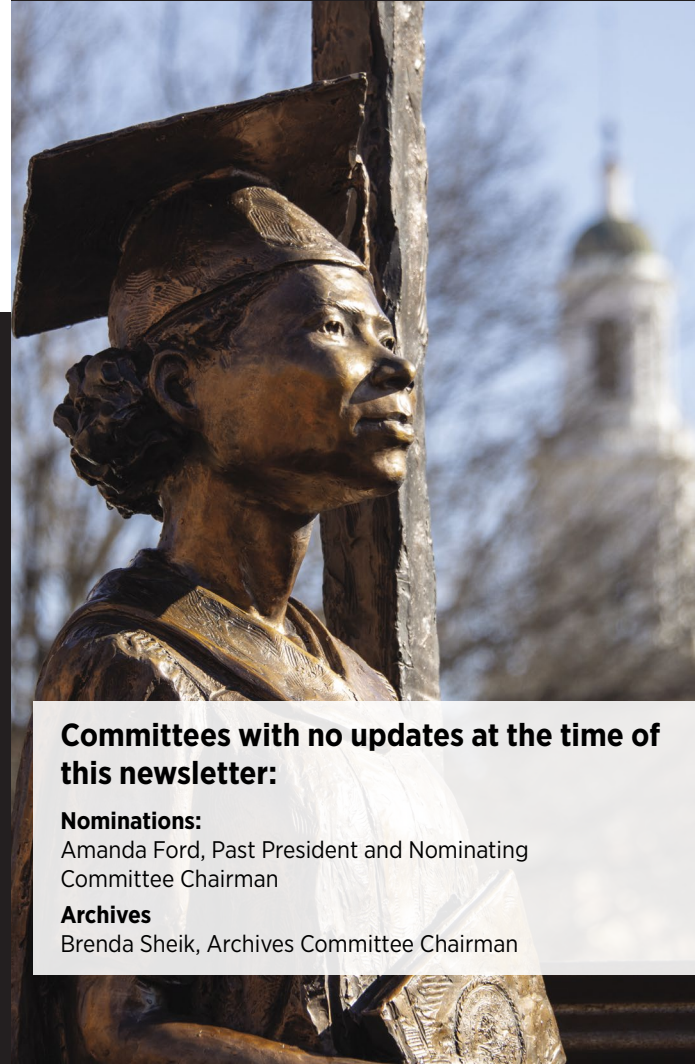
**Rationale for this proposal:** The OSU Foundation has an automatic set minimum of \$10 on their donation site so we cannot set a minimum donation to more than \$10. The minimum donation to be eligible for grants and awards will remain \$25 or more.

**Christi Evans**  
By-Laws Committee Chairman

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Public Relations and Recruitment Committee had another successful Silent Auction with the help of donors, bidders, and volunteers during the OHCE State Meeting on Monday, August 2, 2021. We hit it out of the park this year, bidding on the 37 baskets that county OHCE groups donated and 27 OHCE Groups and individuals making monetary donations to get us off to a running start. We rounded home plate with a total of \$4,496.

Brenda Hill  
Public Relations  
Committee Chairman



### Committees with no updates at the time of this newsletter:

#### Nominations:

Amanda Ford, Past President and Nominating Committee Chairman

#### Archives

Brenda Sheik, Archives Committee Chairman

## FINANCIAL

We did it! Congratulations to donors of CE-FCS on reaching the \$1,000,000 mark that was set for us! We currently have \$1,058,227.92 in the account. Thanks to each individual and group that donated along the way to help us reach the goal. Again, congratulations and thank you!

**Jan Dawson**  
Treasurer