

### President's Message



I hope that this letter is finding you healthy and safe. Spring is upon us and that brings the anticipation of new growth and fresh starts. As an organization, we are looking forward to annual conference, awarding new grants and continuing to support FCS programs across the state. In this newsletter, you will find the Program Committee has a set a date for the Annual Conference which will be held in the Spring again. The Grants and Awards committee has been working hard to go through applications.

If you haven't already, I just want to remind you to make your annual donation to Ambassadors so you will still be considered a member for 2021. And don't forget—we are 95% of the way to reaching our \$1 million goal! Anything you donate above your \$25 membership contribution will go towards this goal.

As I wrap up my term as president, I want to thank all of you for supporting this great organization. And as always thank you to my committee chairs, members and Dr. Gina Peek who has served as our advisor. It's because of our great members, board and committees that we can keep this organization going strong year after year.

See you all (virtually) in April!

Sincerely,

**Amanda Ford**

CE-FCS Ambassadors President



## Greetings from the FCS Extension State office!

There have been some changes on campus. As you know, our new college was officially launched on July 1. We are now the College of Education and Human Sciences. We also have a building name change. Human Sciences and Human Sciences West are now officially Nancy Randolph Davis and Nancy Randolph Davis West. Nancy Randolph Davis was the first African-American enrollee at what was then Oklahoma A&M College. She earned a MS in Human Sciences in 1952, and taught for Oklahoma's Public Education System for 43 years. For more information, see [education.okstate.edu/about/nancy-randolph-davis.html](http://education.okstate.edu/about/nancy-randolph-davis.html)

My word for 2021 is steadfast. During the COVID pandemic, Cooperative Extension, and CE-FCS Ambassadors, have needed to pivot and move forward. I am proud of the work that we are able to accomplish during COVID. We shall remain steadfast to our FCS mission. Thank you for your commitment to making an impact in Oklahoma.

**Gina Peek**  
Interim Associate Dean,  
Extension & Engagement  
Assistant Director, Cooperative  
Extension-FCS

## Annual Meeting Committee News:

After communicating with my committee, it has been decided that the 2021 Annual Meeting will be held virtually. While we all long to meet in person, we feel it is prudent to meet virtually again in order to keep our members safe and healthy. The meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2021 via Zoom.

**Jessica Rigg**  
Vice-President and Annual Meeting  
Committee Chair

## SLATE OF OFFICER NOMINEES

According to the CE-FCS Ambassador Bylaws, "the Nominating Committee will prepare a slate of nominees for each office and director positions to be filled in a given year." The following is the slate of officers provided by the current Nominating Committee for the upcoming election during the Annual Ambassador Meeting.

Vice-President: Lesa Rauh

Board Members: Christi Evans  
Jenni Klufa  
Jean Bailey  
Shem Hamil  
Dee Porter

Please note that the Bylaws also state that "additional nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting if prior approval from the nominee has been obtained, and if they meet the qualifications of that office."

**Jan Maples**  
Past-President, Nominating Committee Chair



CE-FCS AMBASSADORS'  
ANNUAL (VIRTUAL) MEETING

*Save the Date*

• 13 APRIL 2021 •

## Public Relations Committee Report

Fingers crossed, the Public Relations and Recruitment Committee is planning on another successful Silent Auction with the help of donors, bidders, and volunteers during the OHCE State Meeting on Monday, July 12, 2021! Ambassadors and supporters are encouraged to share in the excitement. We know that everyone looks forward to browsing and some competitive bidding!

**Brenda Hill**  
Chair

## 2021-22 OCES/FCS Ambassador Awards CHOSEN!

On February 8th, the OCES/FCS Ambassador Grants and Awards committee met to review the 2021-22 grants applications. At the time of this article, the total number of grants and the financial amount of the awards is yet to be determined. Announcements of OHCE grant awards and recognition of the winners are scheduled to be announced during the 2021 District OHCE Meetings in March. Educators and State Specialists who are grant recipients will be recognized during the OCES/FCS Annual Meeting in April. Notifications to winners are being sent at this time. The Grants and Awards committee thanks each individual or team who applied and congratulates the recipients.

**Susan Routh**  
Chairman Awards and Grants Committee

## Communication Committee

Thank you to all who submitted a report for our 2021 Spring CE-FCS Ambassadors Newsletter! I plan to submit reports/news for our Fall 2021 CE-FCS Ambassadors Newsletter July 15, 2021 – so, mark it on your calendars and I'll email you a reminder as the time gets closer. Until then, thank you to each of you for your cooperation and dedication in CE-FCS Ambassadors; Be safe!

**Tara Brown**  
Communications Committee member

## Financial Report

### Budget Snapshot December 7, 2020

#### Ambassador Report

Total Revenue: \$104,586.69  
Total Expenses: \$28,073.61  
Total Value Endowment: \$952,289.26

#### Fitch Report

Total Revenue: \$45,866.19  
Total Value Endowment: \$151,792.43

**Jan Dawson**  
Finance Committee Chairman

## Bylaws Committee Report

I am not aware of any news from the Bylaws Committee.

**Tracy McKaughan**  
Chairman

## Ensure a Bright Future by Helping Build the Endowments

### **Ambassador General Fund**

You can support the educational endeavors of Ambassadors that benefit Oklahoma families and youth by making a contribution. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

I pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid \_\_\_\_\_ monthly  
\_\_\_\_\_ quarterly \_\_\_\_\_ annually.

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to **OSU Foundation/CE-FCS Ambassadors.**

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Stillwater, OK 74078-6111**

### **Margaret Edsel Fitch Extension Fellowship**

The Fellowship provides a mini-sabbatical experience for OCE-FCS staff to study a relevant program in another state or country. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

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| Ambassador | \$ 10    | to     | \$ 99    |
| Pearl      | \$ 100   | to     | \$ 999   |
| Ruby       | \$ 1,000 | to     | \$ 2,499 |
| Emerald    | \$ 2,500 | to     | \$ 4,999 |
| Diamond    | \$ 5,000 | to     | \$ 9,999 |
| Grand      | \$10,000 | and up |          |

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