

Student Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

Get involved in programs and experiences with SAFCS at Delta State! Expand professionally while contributing to the growth and promotion of Family & Consumer Sciences. Joining SAFCS introduces members into the profession, develops professional attitudes and abilities, and applies classroom learning to real-world experience.

Join today! Must be an undergraduate student majoring or minoring in Family & Consumer Sciences to be eligible.

Kappa Omicron Nu

Empowering leaders through scholarship, research, and leadership!

Kappa Omicron Nu is a national honor society for Family and Consumer Sciences. Kappa Omicron Nu provides not only recognition and honor, but also lifelong opportunities for networking, personal growth, and professional growth through education and service. Members have distinguished academic records and great potential as a professional.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Family and Consumer Sciences major
- Complete 45 semester hours or the equivalent, with at least 23 of these hours in residences at Delta State
- Earn a minimum of 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Rank in the top 25% of class
- Receive recommendation by the faculty

Membership Benefits: - scholarships, fellowships, and grants - internship scholarships - a national network of colleagues - participation in a learning community - newsletters and a refereed scholarly journal - local and national leadership opportunities - publication opportunities - preference for federal jobs

American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

The American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) is a national professional association. Membership in this Association provides membership in the state affiliate, the Mississippi Association of Family & Consumer Sciences. Student membership in AAFCS is available and encouraged. To join, students must first become a member of the Student Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (listed above).

Membership Benefits:

- Professional networking opportunities
- Receipt of the Journal of Family & Consumer Sciences, published four times a year
- A Teacher Resource Directory

- A PR/Media Tool Kit

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American Dietetic Association

The American Dietetic Association is a national organization which promotes optimal nutrition and well being for all people by advocating for its members. Students admitted to the Coordinated Program in Dietetics are required to become student members of the American Dietetic Association.

Membership Benefits:

- Monthly issues of the Journal of the American Dietetic Association and the ADA Times, a bi-monthly newsletter Opportunity
- Opportunity to hold appointed positions at the national and state levels as designated by the House of Delegates of ADA
- Professional networking opportunities
- Access to ADA's member's-only website and Pub-Med
- Receipt of several e-mail based publications
- Opportunity to learn more about specialized areas through membership in dietetic practice groups

Professional Certification

The CFCS Credential is a professional certification available to any student majoring in Family & Consumer Sciences. This is a credential that indicates professional expertise.

To acquire the CFCS Credential, one makes application, pays a fee and takes an examination administered at various sites around the nation. Completion of this process enables a professional to use the designation CFCS after their name.

Two other credentials are an option for students who concentrate in nutrition/dietetics and complete the coordinated program in dietetics. These credentials indicate professional expertise. The RD (Registered Dietitian) is a professional designation granted by the Commission on Dietetic Registration after completion of the Registration Examination for Dietitians. A second credential, LD (Licensed Dietitian), will need to be obtained in those states that require licensure. Mississippi is a state that requires dietitians to be licensed. This credential can be obtained in Mississippi prior to passing the Registration Examination for Dietitians by applying and paying the fee for licensure.