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### Jones Receives VATFACS Scholarship

**Woodbridge, VA – August 12, 2020** – The Virginia Association for Teachers of Family & Consumer Sciences (VATFACS) honored its award and scholarship recipients during a virtual ceremony on June 29, 2020. Heather Jones, a Family & Consumer Sciences teacher at South County Middle School, Fairfax County Public Schools, received the Sharron K. Glasscock Scholarship, totaling \$1,000, to support her graduate studies in Education Leadership at George Mason University.



Jones is currently pursuing an M.Ed. in Education Leadership with a preK-12 administration and supervision licensure. She hopes to continue serving as a school leader and Family and Consumer Sciences advocate in her locality, state, and nation. Ms. Jones chose this course of study because she wanted to further her career path beyond being a classroom educator; and would eventually like to become a Family and Consumer Sciences content or broad-field Career and Technical Education administrator.

**About the Virginia Association for Teachers of Family & Consumer Sciences (VATFACS):** VATFACS is an organization dedicated to promoting Family and Consumer Sciences in Virginia public schools to improve the lives of our students, their families, and our communities. VATFACS' mission is to promote professional development opportunities for family and consumer sciences teachers in Virginia, provide opportunity for collaboration with family and consumer sciences professionals, and support the purposes of the Virginia Association of Career and Technical (VA ACTE). VATFACS awards scholarships and graduate fellowships to individuals who have exhibited the potential to make contributions to the family and consumer sciences education (FCS) field.

#### **About the field of Family & Consumer Sciences:**

Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) is the comprehensive field of study focused on the art and science of living and working well in our complex world. Our primary areas of focus include culinary arts, hospitality, and tourism; education and training; food science and nutrition; health management and wellness; housing and interior design; human/child development and family relations; personal and family finance; and textiles, apparel, and retailing. Sustainable practices, consumerism, and leadership principles are woven throughout the content areas. Through research, experiential education, and technology, our professionals help people develop the essential knowledge and skills to lead better lives, be work and career ready, build strong families, and make meaningful contributions to our communities. FCS professionals are found in settings such as academic education at the early childhood, elementary, secondary, and higher

education levels, community education for adults and youth, including Cooperative Extension programs, business and industry, government, and health and human services.

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