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Buckingham County CTE Center Instructor Elected to VATFACS Board of Directors

Buckingham, VA – August 3, 2020 – The Virginia Association for Teachers of Family & Consumer Sciences (VATFACS) elected and installed its 2020-2021 Board of Directors during a virtual ceremony on June 29, 2020. Sandra Hawk, Culinary Arts Instructor at Buckingham County CTE Center in Buckingham, Virginia, was installed as secretary of the organization. Ms. Hawk will continue serving a three-year VATFACS Board of Directors term and hopes to use her industry experience and dedication to professionalism to further support Family and Consumer Sciences teachers in Virginia.

Hawk worked as an industry chef for 20 years prior to becoming a culinary educator in 1999. During her tenure with Buckingham County Public Schools, she has been fortunate to have one of the first and currently the longest running ProStart Culinary Programs recognized by the NRAEF in Virginia. Hawk has had state champion competitors in ProStart, Skills USA, and FCCLA. She served as Virginia's ProStart teacher of the year in 2010-11 and 2012-13 school years, as well as the Buckingham CTE teacher of the year in 2012. Hawk is currently the department chair at Buckingham CTE Center and new teacher mentor.

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).

About the field of Family & Consumer Sciences:

Family & Consumer Sciences 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. FACS 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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