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Briar Woods High School Teacher Re-Elected to VATFACS Board of Directors

Ashburn, 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. Diane Breinig, Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher at Briar Woods High School in Ashburn, Virginia, was re-elected as vice president of the organization. Ms. Breinig will serve a three-year VATFACS Board of Directors term and hopes to use her experiences and dedication to professionalism to further support Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) teachers in Virginia.

Breinig's teaching experience includes middle and high school FACS and high school business and marketing over the last 23 years. Breinig is a certified state trainer for the Teacher Cadet program. She has served VATFACS in the past as the hospitality chair and has been an Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) member for five years. Breinig first entered the role of vice president two years ago when she completed a term that was vacated early. Breinig brings collaboration, creativity, and flexibility to the office of vice president.

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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