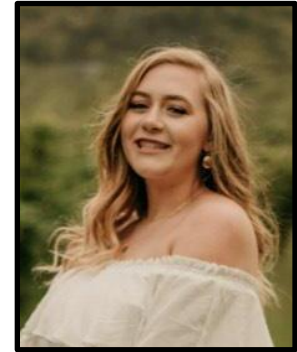




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PCHS Graduate Receives VATFACS Scholarships

Stanley, VA – August 3, 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. Molly Louderback, a 2020 Page County High School graduate, received the Helen Hopper and Martha Creighton Scholarships, totaling \$2,000, to support her studies in Family & Consumer Sciences Education. Louderback will attend Bridgewater College in the fall.



After graduating from college, Louderback hopes to become a middle or high school Family and Consumer Sciences teacher. She credits her middle and high school Family and Consumer Sciences teachers and FCCLA Advisers, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Comer with inspiring her the most. Louderback shares, “They’ve inspired me to be the best version of myself. I aspire to become a teacher to make an impact on my future students and help them become the person they want to be and the best version of themselves. Teachers can have such an impact on their students, they become a safe place, a role model, and such an influential figure to students. I want to inspire my future students and help them become the best version of themselves. It was once said, ‘the influence of a good teacher may never be erased.’”

During high school, Louderback was an active participant in various co-curricular activities including the Spanish Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society. Her many FCCLA leadership experiences include serving as a chapter president, state Vice President of Community Service, State First Vice President, attended state and national leadership conferences and helped her chapter earn national recognition for a project focusing on community service all while taking dual enrollment classes and maintaining high academic standards.

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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