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I am pleased to introduce this special issue of the *Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences Education*, focusing on *Filling the Family and Consumer Sciences Educator Pipeline*. The articles included in this issue are a response to a national call to address the shortage experienced across multiple practice settings, including secondary, post-secondary, and Extension family and consumer sciences education. These promising practices for recruiting family and consumer sciences educators—from high school prospects to previously degreed professionals. I extend much gratitude to the authors who have stepped forward to share examples of how they met this challenge. These articles emerged from the *2015 Filling the Family and Consumer Sciences Educator Pipeline: Summit for Action*, held in tandem with the 2015 Annual Conference of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

The *Summit* resulted from the collaborative efforts of multiple people and organizations, all committed to strengthening the position of family and consumer sciences education across institutions and practice settings throughout the United States. We convened 100 colleagues to develop a national strategic plan for family and consumer sciences educator recruitment. Outcomes of the Summit include the development of a new webpage/toolkit that houses research and education materials, along with social media, promotional, and graphics resources. I encourage you to visit the site and commit to recruiting family and consumer sciences educators through the interactive commitment form and map, located on the [toolkit website](#).

The field of family and consumer sciences has had many *moments*--from the Lake Placid Conferences to the Scottsdale Meetings--throughout its rich history. I believe deeply that we are creating another moment in this history through our educator recruitment efforts. As you read about these promising practices for recruitment, give thought to your own work and successes, and be ready to share them! *This issue is only a beginning*. Like past accomplishments in our discipline, this initiative will succeed because of all of us—identify ways that you can get involved—participate in Summit 2 in Bellevue, Washington in June 2016, write about your own best practices through a journal article, or share resources that you've developed for educator recruitment on the [Say Yes to FCS—Filling the FCS Educator Pipeline](#) website. Whatever you do, be sure to stay connected—the initiative is ever-evolving!



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