

## **USDA NIFA FCS Update**

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The Division of Family and Consumer Sciences at NIFA is growing! We have added four new National Program Leaders to our division that all bring unique and important experiences and expertise. We gladly welcome Drs. Brenda Martin, Ashley Mueller, Sarah Rocker, and Ahlshia Shipley. We look forward to them getting to know you all further!



NIFA just completed the 2021 FCS State Program Leaders meeting virtually from November 4-5th. We had speakers on the following topics:

1. Tele-Health and Tele-Medicine: Critical challenges to help treat individuals in rural areas
2. Agricultural Education Toolkit: Reaching participants and receiving feedback in online course offerings
3. Rural and Urban Disparities: The challenges of reaching rural and urban populations with virtual platforms
4. Delivering health and Safety Solutions through Cooperative Extension
5. Ignite Sessions: Must see innovations involving people, process, and technology
6. The 2021 Cooperative Extension National Framework for Health Equity and Well-Being
7. The Future of FCS within Extension: How recent societal challenges provide opportunities for leaders to demonstrate the value of FCS programming

It was a great turnout, and we appreciate everyone that attended. We look forward to next year's conference!

As we continue our joint effort to address challenges related to food and agriculture, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Expect the best, be the best, and program the best!