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How does science and technology impact the way we live, spend and work?

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Veteran

Susan Lestock loves what she does. She has worked as a Family and Consumer Science teacher for 29 years, and has been teaching at Sugg Middle School since 1985. One of the reasons Susan has enjoyed teaching for so long has been the changes in technology that has enhanced Family and Consumer Science.

In 2000, a Consumer and Home Economics Careers (CHEC) Lab was installed at Sugg Middle School. This lab uses the computer to deliver career information. Students explore careers and develop projects that are appropriate to those careers. This means that students at each station are working on different modules and projects. Susan expands these modules with demonstrations and class projects. The program creates interest and excitement and encourages students to identify with workers and explore non-traditional careers.

Susan is also involved with Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). The mission of this organization is to promote personal growth and leadership development through family and consumer science education. This was the premiere year for FCCLA at Sugg Middle School. Two students placed at the district competitions and Susan is looking forward to expanding the school's participation at future competitions.

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Cooking up skills

Tim Hosey has learned some valuable skills this year in his Family and Consumer Science class at Sugg Middle School. One of his favorite projects this year was making peanut butter cookies and smoothies.

Tim loves to cook but is interested in much more than food. He enjoys working in the Consumer and Home Economics Careers (CHEC) labs and exploring various career options. Tim and his classmates explored careers in teaching Family and Consumer Science, Home Repairs, Dietician, Facility Planner and Manager, Short Order Cook, Interior Specialist, Fabric Designing, Preschool/Nursery, Caterer, Fashion Consultant, Clothing Designer, Home Health Aide and Interior Decorator.

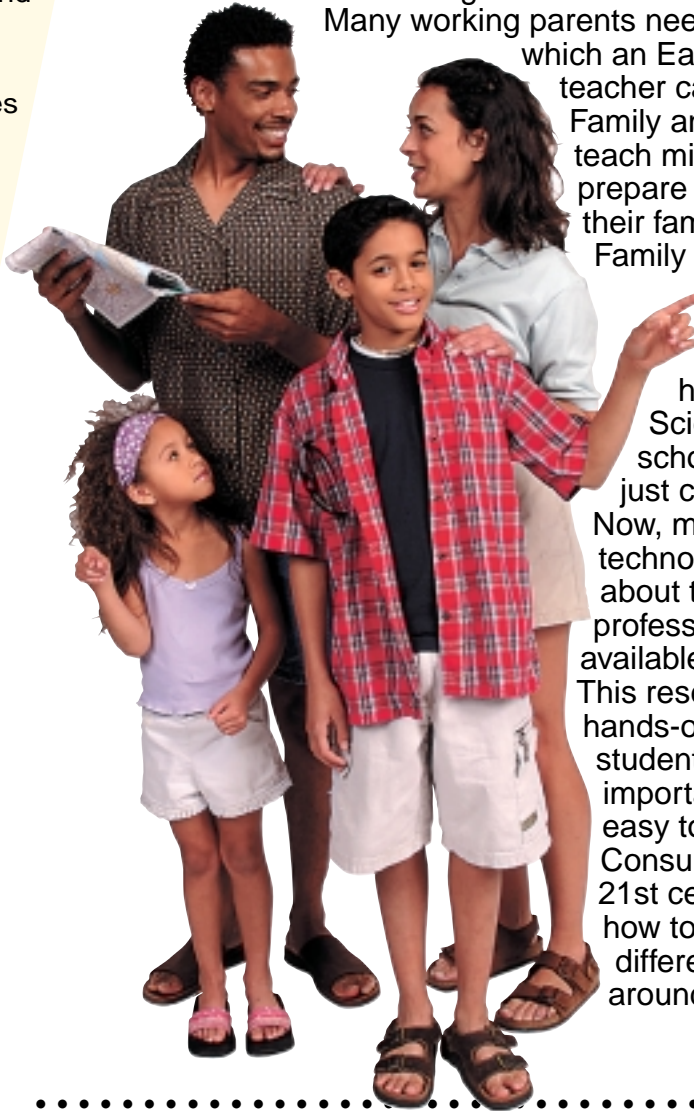
"When you leave this class, you have learned not only computer skills, but life skills," states Tim. "I would love to be a computer or a software programmer. I know the skills I have learned this year will help me towards my goal."

Family and Consumer Science

Food for thought

Have you ever wondered what Family and Consumer Science is? Is it a science about families? Is it a science about buyers? It is actually a combination of both and even includes the science of helping others. Family and Consumer Science is the study of services that help people in living, spending and working.

Food is a universal need, and family and consumer scientists that help with food and menu preparation are chefs, restaurant managers, caterers, dietitians and homemakers. Someone must bring the food to the dining table and food suppliers, researchers and retailers supply that need. Home and work spaces are more functional when things are well-arranged and tastefully decorated. People who help to make this happen are interior designers, home planners, and textile designers. The latest fad and fashions don't just happen. Fashion designers, retailers and tailors/seamstresses help make clothing available for families to buy.



Many working parents need assistance with child care, which an Early Childhood Development teacher can provide. A teacher of Family and Consumer Science may teach middle school students how to prepare a meal so they can cook for their families. All of these specialized Family and Consumer areas make daily life easier.

New developments with technology have changed how Family and Consumer Science is being taught in schools and universities. It is not just cooking and sewing anymore. Now, male and female students use technology to research and learn about the many exciting, professional opportunities that are available in these service careers. This research is followed up by hands-on activities that allow students to experience first-hand the importance of these services. It is easy to see that the new Family and Consumer Science classes of the 21st century are teaching students how to help others and to make a difference in the lives of those around them.

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Word Search

D C S R O L I A T N U W
C H O I D T A L R M B D
H I A N E S E R V I C E
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Find these Family and Consumer Science terms in the word search:

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| Family | Child |
| Interior Designer | Teacher Service |
| Tailors | Consumer Science |
| Retailer | |



Discover the Future

Are you interested in art, design, education, business, or economics? A career in Family and Consumer Sciences may interest you. The men and women who are Family and Consumer Scientists deliver services to benefit people in their daily lives. Some of the specialty careers include:



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| Cooperative Extension Agent | Interior Design/ Sales |
| Social Worker | Daycare Director |
| Family and Consumer Science Teacher | Early Childhood Teacher |
| Dietitian | Wellness Director |
| Restaurant Management | Home Economist |
| Chef | Marketing Specialist |
| Fashion Retail | Human Services Director |
| Fashion Design | |

For more career information see your school counselor and get information on-line at: <http://jobstar.org/tools/career/spec-car.cfm> OR <http://www.acinet.org/acinet/default.asp>

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- Harlee Middle Magnet
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