Family & Consumer Sciences

**Careers**

**Education:**
- County Extension Agent for FACS
- FACS Middle/High School Teacher
- Farm and Home Management Advisor

**Event Industry:**
- Convention Manager
- Event Planner
- Special Events Specialist
- Wedding Director

**Food Industry:**
- Caterer
- Food Safety Specialist
- Food Service Manager

**Social Services:**
- Case Aide
- Community Support Worker
- Rehabilitation Coordinator
- Visitation Facilitator
- Parent Educator
- Professional Counselor*

*may require additional studies

**Strategies for Success**

**Education:**
- Consider adding state licensure to the FACS degree to qualify for teaching in public schools.
- Invest in CPR/First Aid certification so you can be more marketable.
- Consider learning a foreign language so you can reach more people.
- Seek out teaching opportunities through volunteer work, church services, and substitute teaching positions.

**Event planning:**
- Create an online portfolio to show creativity and visual proof of artwork and projects.
- Gain certification from nationally recognized associations for more credibility in the industry.
- Match a relevant minor with the FACS major, such as business or marketing, so you have a broader knowledge base.
- Set up an internship, part-time job, or volunteer experiences as an apprentice in order to learn the industry from an expert.

**Food Industry:**
- Choose opportunities to work under time constraints and to manage pressure in order to handle unexpected deterrents in food service.
- Interview managers of local restaurants or existing catering services for advice on starting a business.
- Gain practical experience by interning in both on-site (restaurants) and off-site (events) catering to decide your specific area of interest.
- Learn and comply with the most-up-to-date food safety laws in your particular state.

**Social Services:**
- Volunteer with an organization that provides social services to the local community.
- Become familiar with continuing education or certification opportunities.
- Seek positions to help increase your communication and interpersonal skills within a diverse social population.
- Gain an understanding of community resources and services by building rapport and networking within your area of interest.

**Statistics:**
1) Bureau of Labor Statistics
2) NACE
3) CNet
4) Bureau of Labor Statistics

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