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Dr. Jensen has studied and published articles about professional ethics, the application of constructivist learning theories, and the recruitment of students into Family and Consumer Sciences Education. Her two-year account of classroom management practices provided practical examples from seasoned, successful FCS educators to new and preservice teachers within Kentucky. She also conducted a three-year study on learning to use students' prior knowledge. Dr. Jensen explains, "I conduct studies in middle school, high school and college classrooms. My ultimate goal is to enhance teaching within Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Education at Eastern and in secondary FCS classrooms in Kentucky. I am definitely a teacher-researcher in that most all of my projects improve my own instruction."