

Nebraska FCCLA e-Adviser

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NEBRASKA STAR RESULTS at NATIONALS

Congratulations to the FCCLA STAR participants at Nationals for their superb presentations. Final results may be found on the National website at

<http://www.fcclainc.org/assets/files/ne.pdf>. Other data you may be interested in:

- Nebraska had 4 students receive scores of 100
- Nebraska had 2 students with scores of 99
- One of our Junior Division participants received a scholarship, (top award).
 - She fused plastic bags from grocery stores, (recycle) to make a raincoat.
 - Check her out at:
http://3.bp.blogspot.com/_Xw8dO3Qo3s0/S939gkl1PBI/AAAAAAAAAic/M0cnI4hxBgg/s1600/103_1131.JPG
- Nebraska was in the top 5 states by percentage of participants receiving gold medals.

NEW STAR EVENTS

The number of STAR events is increasing every year. Next year, nationals will be offering STAR events in Nutrition/Wellness; Advocacy; and Leaders Mentorship. The Hospitality event will be completely redesigned. Nebraska will continue next year as we did this year. The FCCLA Board of Directors and STAR coordinators were both in agreement that we need the rules to be on-line by September 1st to be fair to all district participants. Even though the National association has great intentions of having the new rules on-line by September 1, we decided to not chance it and just continue with the events Nebraska allowed in 2009-2010. Other factors in that decision included the fact that Jan is new working with STAR, and Room availability at SLC is limited so we would have to cut some events in order to add events.

NATIONAL PHOTO

Photos from Nationals may be viewed at

<http://www.edwardcrim.com/pickpic/gallery/image.php?id=37806>

State Officers Picture is at:

<http://www.edwardcrim.com/pickpic/gallery/image.php?id=37846>

Nebraska group pictures will be handed out at FLW.

FLW

Fall Leadership Workshop for Chapter Officers will be held on September 13, in Columbus, NE, at the New World Inn. The basic conference will be modified the following day, September 14, in North Platte, NE, at the Community College. The morning sessions will start at 9:00 AM and the day will conclude at 3:00. Lunch will be provided onsite.

A detailed agenda, in two formats, may be found on the www.nebraskafccla.org website.

Registrations are separate. Select either the registration for North Platte or Columbus. We have limits on both sites, so late registrations may not be accepted if the capacity has been met.

The morning workshop will feature Michael Wade Smith. Michael was the National FCCLA President three years ago and he was the presenter last year. He is from Kansas and comes to us highly recommended. During Lunch rotations, break out sessions will be presented by the state officers explaining this year's program of work. You will also hear from the State PEER Team. HOSA will be joining us at the Columbus site.

Dress Code for the day is Business Casual. Some chapters have officer uniforms. That may be smart choice for the day since this is an Officer Leadership Workshop. Nebraska dress code site is: <http://www.nebraskafccla.org/documents/Nebraska%20FCCLA%20Dress%20Code%2005.pdf>

TIRED OF BATTLING THE DRESS CODE?

What image are your students projecting to the people in the community, and other people in the state when they are traveling, completing service projects, or fundraising events? Yes, people do make judgments about students (and others) by appearance and behavior. Yes, I'm tired of this same old issue also. BUT, it is a fact of society and it is time we do something now, "to get over this bridge." I know, we don't like to be compared to FFA. But, those kids wear the famous BLUE CORDUROY JACKET, WHITE SHIRT, AND BLACK SLACKS everywhere they go. They are known throughout the state. When their advisers get ready to attend a meeting, they say wear official dress. There aren't any issues about length of skirt, size of straps, is this shoe appropriate, etc. So advisers, make it easy on yourself. Start a dress code for your chapter. Red Polo with Black slacks. Go to: <http://www.nebraskafcclainc.org/> and look under the middle column for the order form for shirts for your chapter.

To keep the cost of the shirt at a minimum we have:

1. set three order deadlines . If we order in larger quantities, we get better rates.
2. set a minimum of 6 shirts if you want a chapter name on your shirts. Printer costs go up every time they have to change the set up. If you want fewer than 6 shirts, print a plain logo with no chapter name on the shirt, or NEBRASKA..
3. make plans to distribute shirts via FLW and other meetings to save shipping costs..

CLUSTERS

It is time to appoint a member to start watching for information from Nationals about Clusters. At this time, the information on says, "...to be continued..." They have locations, and registration fee will be \$70 unless you register late or onsite. They are requesting Youth Workshop Presenters. Nebraska has some excellent student leaders that could present information at a national workshop. Don't be bashful, submit your workshop proposal by September 7. Take your students to another level.

AFFILIATION CHANGES

National FCCLA affiliation will be completely automated this year. That means you will receive a list of members from last year and you will delete the graduates and members that do not join FCCLA this year. You will add the new members to the list. Your chapter Identification number will be very important. I suggest that you post that number where you can find it readily.

Information about affiliation will also be in the mailing you should get soon or already have from Nationals. In your mailing from Nationals, you will receive a CD. When you open the CD, you will find a Tag for New Advisers, and Advisers. Directions for New Advisers inform them as to how to get their chapter ID. After last years headaches and frustrations, they are hoping for a much better year. If you have two chapters, i.e. Junior and Senior High, you will need to have two different email addresses. Let us know if you have issues.

WELCOME NEW ADVISERS

Nebraska chapters are fortunate that we are filling spots when advisers relocate or retire. Furthermore, Nebraska has great advisers that volunteer to be mentors for the new advisers.

The new advisers that I am aware of are Tammy Nelson - Loup City, Annie Becker - Shelton, Allison Kreifels - Wahoo, and Sara Young - Wallace.

Two advisers changed locations. Susan Biba will be at Fillmore Central and Nancy Schlautman will be advising at Sutton.

To our misfortune, we are losing Conestoga and Prague chapters. The Prague school closed. We are unsure of what is happening at Creek Valley.

If you know of new advisers that are not listed here, please send a message to janis.brandt@nebraska.gov

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

It is not too soon for your senior members to start watching for available scholarships. There are two locations for FCCLA scholarships. One is on the Nebraska Webpage www.nebraskafccla.org and the other one is on the national webpage www.fcclainc.org. I am hoping that available scholarships will be added to both of these sites during the year. It may be advisable to point out to your members that some of the STAR events offer scholarships to the top individuals/teams in the events.

ALUMNI

We believe that our alumni care one of our best resources and we may need to rely heavily on them in the next few years. We are finding ways to involve our great members of the past via the internet. Also, we are seeking testimonials from all our past members as to how FCCLA has benefitted their lives. These could be sent to us ASAP as we need them for our marketing campaign going out this year.

Please help us hook-up with our great members of the past. The membership form can be found under the "ALUMNI" tag on the website. Please send us names, emails, and/or phone numbers where we can contact these people for their expertise.

Challenge your members to see how many alumni they can find from your chapter, and see how many testimonials you could send to the state office. LB 476 passed a year ago, but this project will be ongoing forever.

We have to prove that our student organizations are worth tax money again this year, and we do not have any data to prove it. Information saying Nebraska FCCLA members received 52 gold medals at nationals can be spread around the state, but what does that tell people who don't know who we are? We need to know how your students improved the community. We need to know what careers FCCLA members have gone into and how did FCCLA help them with that decision. Or, how has FCCLA involvement helped members with their family life? We need to keep informing everyone in the state, including the senators about FCCLA.

- Encourage your students to complete Power of One – Speak Out for FCCLA, or STAR Event, Promote and Publicize.
- When students are doing fund raisers or Service Projects, encourage them to wear their FCCLA T-shirts or Polo shirts. This simple little label helps identify your organization in a big way.
- Use the FCCLA logo on all your promotional materials, letters, notes, etc.

FCCLA CALENDAR

Many of you email or call our office for future dates to put on school calendars or share at board meetings. We try to keep the calendar found under the Adviser Tab on the <http://www.nebraskafccla.org/documents/09-10%20Calendar.pdf> webpage up to date. As contracts get signed for future SLC dates, we will post these dates also. Future dates for National meetings may be found on the national FCCLA webpage, www.fcclainc.org.

NUTRITION TIPS

Fruit is the Number 1 Snack. According to the Produce for Better Health foundation, fruit has now surpassed cookies as the number one snack item that parents give to children under age 6. Carbonated drinks and cake, originally making the top 10 list, have now dropped off the list. This is great news with the recent rise in childhood obesity. The key is to make healthful snacks visible and convenient. For more information go to: <http://www.fruitsandveggiesmorematters.org/>