

Nebraska FCCLA e-Adviser

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Holiday Greetings

from the STATE OFFICER TEAM

CAREER STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

JUST DRIVE

Unfortunately, we just lost another Teen daughter, Teen Son, Best Friend, Sister, Brother, Grandchild, due to Automobile Accidents. "The number 1 killer of teenagers is car crashes! You're more likely to get in an accident at 16 than at any other age. Teens have the lowest use of seatbelt rate." Many accidents and deaths could have been prevented. Teens do not always want to listen to adults, but they do listen to each other. So, we have an excellent project to help our teens called Just Drive. Check out the Just Drive project on the Nebraska FCCLA Webpage, under the Students Tab. Find another CSO to challenge, work cooperatively with, and create a project in your community to save a life. The number of lives saved cannot be counted, but work to prevent accidents can be promoted.

Then, share pictures and stories about your project. Students involved in the Just Drive projects will receive ribbons at SLC.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOGNITION

Twenty-three FCCLA members from across Nebraska were recognized November 21st, at the Capitol Rotunda for their excellent performance in National Programs, STAR, and Leadership at Nationals last summer. Each year, the Commissioner of Education recognizes the Career Students that do outstanding work in their organizations. In the past few years, the Governor of Nebraska, has joined our Commissioner, making the recognition even more special for these students. Congratulations to all that were involved.

COMPETITIVE EVENTS

STAR EVENTS NEW FOR NEBRASKA SLC

STAR will be different this year, just because we have gone from 15 districts to 12 districts. I am not sure how things will calculate out. Advisers have asked if it would be possible to send two to state from each district, but I fear our numbers would be unmanageable for that. Let's take one step at a time. Read on for more new exciting things happening in Nebraska.

STAR EVENTS THAT REQUIRE A DISPLAY

Efforts are being made to put all events that require a Display in Pershing this year. It is understood that there will be noise issues, events will not be observable, and electricity will be an issue. The STAR Coordinators feel that the same issues are experienced at Nationals and this will make the Nebraska students better prepared if they go to Nationals. Also, all displays will be located at Pershing for everyone to observe that evening before the Evening Session.

If you teach Culinary Classes, PLEASE READ THIS!

Southeast Community College has agreed to work with us for a new Culinary Competition, STATE ONLY, (Not a District Competition). I realize this is late in the year to inform you; however, sometimes things just have to be. I will share what can be shared at this time. Culinary Events to look at:

http://fccla.com/assets/files/compevents_guide_092611.pdf

Rules: Skill Demonstration Events - Culinary Food Art and Culinary Knife Skills STATE ONLY EVENT

Eligibility: Individual event

- We can take up to 45 members, so not sure if we need to eliminate any at this time through a district competition. A survey will go out, to see how much interest there is in January.
- Participants must be FCCLA affiliated Members in High School, and must be in a Culinary Class. Students enrolled in food and nutrition courses in Family and consumer Sciences comprehensive programs are not eligible.

Procedures/Time Requirements.

- Participants will report to event coordinator at designated room 15 minutes prior to participation time.
- Participant will check in and receive a participant number and work station assignment.
- Participants will bring all necessary tools and equipment for this event, per list provided in event specifications. Additional items are not allowed.
- At the designated participation time, the participant will be given up to 5 minutes to take a, 10 question test on basic Culinary Arts knowledge.
- Participants will have 5 minutes to set up the work station, 15/25 minutes to produce the food art/knife skills, and 5 minutes to clean the work area.
- Evaluators will score participants as they work, and will complete the scoring within the 5 minute clean-up time period.
- Total event time 30 /40 minutes.

General Information, same as on page 14 except for number 7. The participants will all receive certificates, but we want to see if we can get some awards donated.

The specifications and rubrics will be the same.

These events will be held at Southeast Community College. They will be in the morning, done by noon, on Monday, April 2, 2012.

We are not sure of the fee for these events yet. If the contest can be worked out for the same fee as other STAR events, that would be great. More time is needed to work on this. Food items, ice water, tables will be furnished.

NEW EVENTS

Page 5 of the Nebraska STAR Handbook shows all the events Students may enter in Nebraska. The Food Innovations Event and Leadership Event are first time events in Nebraska. FYI, if you didn't read about the Culinary Events, as of 11/22/2011, we are going to add two Culinary Events for Nebraska STATE only events and they will only be at State Conference, NO DISTRICT Competitions.

DISTRICT STAR

STAR Dates for Districts that we have in the office are:

District 1	January 20	at Peru College	District 2	January 18	at Centennial HS, Utica
District 3	January		District 4		
District 5	January 25	at Howells	District 6		at UNK
District 7	January 25	at Wayne State College	District 8	January 18	at Wayne State College
District 9	January 25	at O'Neill	District 10	January 18	at Brady
District 11	January 18	Grant	District 12	January 17 or 18	at Scottsbluff

NEBRASKA ONLY CONTEST

T-SHIRT

Students interested in submitting a design for the state t-shirt may do that this year. Rules for the T-Shirt Design Contest are on the Nebraska FCCLA Webpage on the MEETINGS TAB, SLC. Designs and selected LOGO will be displayed at PEER Retreat.

KNOWLEDGE BOWL

Students interested in the FCCLA Knowledge Bowl need to start studying. The State Officers are working on continuing from our first attempts last year and looking for ways to improve it this year.

MEMBERSHIP

All chapters will be in the Membership Drive. We have the numbers of affiliated members from each chapter last year, and once Nationals gets the data base all developed, we will get this year's numbers from each chapter. With a simple math calculation, the "12% increase in 2012" can be determined.

NATIONAL WEB PAGE

AFFILIATION

To assist you with the affiliation process, should you need assistance, we are extending our hours next Monday November 28th thru Thursday December 1st. We will have three staff available until 7:00 PM Eastern Standard Time.

Also if you are having difficulty with completing your affiliation because of difficulty with the "shopping cart", we can further help you. Once you have entered your student roster for those to be affiliated then email affiliation@fcclainc.org and request a completed invoice. National FCCLA--1-800-234-4425

TEACHER RESOURCES

Advisers have asked where they can find the Planning Process Sheets that can be generated on-line. There are many places; one that I just discovered is on the Affiliation page, url:

<https://netforum.avectra.com/eWeb/StartPage.aspx?Site=FCCLA#>

Go to the bottom of the page to "Adviser Quick Links" Select "Adviser Resources". You will find several items that may be helpful to you for STAR and other activities coming up in that location.

ADVISER LIST SERV

At the same url, you can also sign up for the adviser listserv, it works like the Nebraska FCS listserv, but this would be nationwide for FCCLA. I have noticed that some advisers from other states have joined the NE FCS listserv and are becoming more active. We may have to start the action with the FCCLA list serv, to teach others what all can be shared with this resource.

MEETINGS

LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP

The LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP sponsored by FCSTN will be held February 6, at the Capitol Building. This is a great day for your students to learn about Legislation in Nebraska, and promote FCCLA to our Government Officials. I realize this is another day out of school, but it is an excellent learning experience. There will be more information on-line soon.

PEER EDUCATION

PEER Retreat Registration

PEER Retreat will be held in Kearney, NE on February 27, 2012 The Registration form will be on-line by the end of December. This year, a FACTS workshop will be offered Sunday Evening prior to PEER Retreat. Information will be posted on the web site and the registration form will include a place for this so advisers only need to send in one form and one check.

- **SPOT Award Applications** are on the Nebraska FCCLA webpage. Look under the "LEADERSHIP" Tab.
- **Applications to be a SPOT Team member** are also found at that same location. Reminder: Applications are due December 15, at the State Department of Education.

FACTS WORKSHOP

A workshop to help chapters develop a STOP the Violence project will be presented by, at Kearney Holiday Inn. Details will be on the webpage soon.

STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The December Release which has the information at State Leadership Conference will be on-line by December 23. You will be able to find it under the MEETINGS tab and then scroll down to SLC.

The Pre-registration will be the first thing you need to submit. Please understand the reason for this pre-registration is to sign up for helping at the State Leadership Conference. Students like to help and be recognized for their efforts. We also get some numbers to work with by having the pre-registrations come in.

LEADERSHIP

NATIONAL OFFICER CANDIDATE APPLICATION

Applications are now on line for students who would like to be the National Officer Candidate representing Nebraska. The process is to fill out the application and send it to the state department. National Officer Candidates are interviewed, and give a speech at the State Conference. States may send two candidates to run for National Officer at the National Leadership Meeting.

MARKETING & MEMBERSHIP

STATE OFFICER VIDEOS ON YOU TUBE VS TEACHER TUBE

Your State Officers have been working hard to market FCCLA using technology this year. They are putting a video on YouTube every two weeks with some great information. There has been a lot of learning in this project, and each week they are improving. Our most recent issue has been getting the information out to everyone. They have now learned about "Teacher Tube" and would like to know, if this is available to everyone. Should they continue with both YouTube and Teacher Tube, or is one clearly easier for you to use. You may share your feelings with either Jan Brandt or Laura Lueninghoener lej2012@hotmail.com

DINNER WITH THE STATE OFFICERS

The state officers would like to have a Nebraska FCCLA member have dinner with them on Monday evening of State Leadership Conference. They will be selling tickets 1 for \$.50; 2 for \$1.00 or 20 for \$5.00. This event was done at Nationals last year, and the State Officers like this idea to try in Nebraska. Tickets can be purchased from State Officers. They are planning to sell them at Peer Retreat. We are trying to decide when to do the drawing, and how to inform the winner so they will be at SLC.

ALUMNI SCRAPBOOKS

We have a scrapbook from many years of FCCLA/FHA in the State Office. Storage is becoming a big issue. The state officers came up with a great idea of scanning the scrapbooks, so we have a digital copy, and then auctioning the scrapbooks from each year. The profits would go to the Foundation. The SOT has also discussed making a CD that could be purchased, if alumni would like a memory of their year in FCCLA. Thoughts are also being discussed about making the state scrapbook in a digital format to be sold each year. Again, the profits would go to the Foundation. Keep watching the Nebraska Webpage for information.

SPREAD THE WORD

Teen Talk is looking for ideas from Nebraska Chapters on many topics. What is your chapter doing for Community Service? What National Programs are you doing? How are you marketing FCCLA in your community? Send your ideas to Dakota Whisenhunt [wildcatd93@gmail.com] Remember, pictures make the article more interesting.

GRANTS

If you would like to write a grant for some financial help for some of your projects, Grant Station sends out weekly information about upcoming grants. http://www.grantstation.com/insider_cobrand/112811.asp Sometimes the submission time is very short. However, some of these grants go unfulfilled as not many people apply for them. Let students fill out the applications, some of their STAR Events may receive some financial help and also get more recognition by applying for a grant.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

CHAPTER AWARD

The chapter award has a new look this year. Yes, there is still a lot of work to apply for a chapter award, but the evaluation process has been changed. There are only two dates. One to affiliate on time and two, to get the award mailed to the state department in time to be counted. If your chapter did a project, they get credit for it and it will not have points deducted for quality of the event. We are looking for chapters that do projects rather than how they arrange a picture on the award application. The Chapter Award Application can be found on the Nebraskafcla.org web page. It is on the Student Tab.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The 2011-2012 scholarship applications are now available on the national FCCLA website and the Nebraska FCCLA Website. Visit the [Scholarship Applications](#) section of the website for more information. Nebraska Scholarship applications are due January 26, 2012. All national scholarships must be postmarked by April 1, 2012.

JAPANESE EXCHANGE

Fourteen FCCLA members have the opportunity to travel to Japan during the summer and stay with a Japanese host family. To apply for the Japanese Exchange Scholarship, members must be in their sophomore or junior year in high school. To learn more and find the application form for the Japanese Exchange program, go to: <http://www.fcclainc.org/content/japanese-exchange/> You may submit the application electronically, or print and mail the completed application along with the FCCLA Application Supplement Form, postmarked by January 3.

POWER OF ONE

Power of One helps students find and use their personal power. Members set their own goals, work to achieve them, and enjoy the results. The skills members learn in Power of One help them now and in the future in school, with friends and family, in their future at college, and on the job.

Students who complete all 5 Power of One Units and submit the completed form found at http://nebraskafcla.org/documents/power1_recognition_application.pdf, will be recognized at State Leadership Conference. Please NOTE: The date on the form is for our office to submit the information to Nationals. We need the information to get certificates printed, etc by March 1.

Awards will be given at the Opening Session again this year.

NATIONAL OUTREACH PROJECT

This year, the state officers felt the need to support the National Outreach Program. Because it has three parts, the officers felt that there are enough options for chapters to do outreach work without adding more projects. Therefore, if your chapter chooses to work with Share our Strength, (No Kid Hungry); Benefiting March of Dimes, or Soles4Souls, there will be information on the Nebraska Webpage soon on how to report your chapter's projects so you will receive both State and National recognition.

ADVISER AWARDS

Do you need an idea on how to fill your time during the Holiday Break? (I know, you have many ways to fill that time.) There are awards given by the State and National FCCLA organizations and many times these awards, scholarship applications, etc. only have 2 or 3 applicants. Thanks to Carol Erwin, for creating an Awards Cheat Sheet that is posted on the www.nebraskafccla.org web page. It is located under the "Students Tab", select "Awards" – and then the "Cheat Sheet." Advisers, the forms for the Master Adviser/Adviser Mentor are due to state advisers by February 1. You are all very deserving of these awards. I think many of you hesitate to nominate yourself; however, these forms are very difficult for someone else to fill out for you. Another award for advisers is the ACE award. This award is easy to fill out and again, you are all deserving of these awards.