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Circle of Friends

Contributed by: Cole Martinez, Nebraska FCCLA State Vice President of Development

When you hear the words “circle of friends” many of you would begin thinking of those you are around at school and on weekends. However, FCCLA’s Circle of Friends extends way beyond our BFF’s. And by that, I mean our Best FCCLA Friends.

Nebraska FCCLA along with their Circle of Friends, come together to create a partnership for the strong future of Nebraska FCCLA and its members. These partnerships help fund the State Leadership Conference including STAR Event awards, FCCLA Serves transportation and meals for participants, and the Awards and Recognition dinner. Through these sponsorships, Nebraska FCCLA allows members to keep doing the things they love through STAR Events and continue to expand opportunities at State Leadership Conference and throughout the year.

Since Nebraska FCCLA is a 501(c)(3) organization all donations are tax deductible. That means that individuals and businesses can actually get tax deductions for making a donation. Who doesn’t love that?

Maybe marketing is the purpose for a business to support FCCLA. With that in mind, ask a local business to become a Circle of Friends donor to advertise their business to over 1,500 students, advisers, and

evaluators at the State Leadership Conference. This could include advertisements in the Guidebook app for the conference, recognition at the STAR Events Awards Session, and even recognition on the Nebraska FCCLA website.

So you may be asking why the Vice President of Development is informing us about the Circle of Friends? And the answer to that question is that through Circle of Friends we can continue to make Nebraska FCCLA the best it can be, and continue to provide our members with “The Ultimate Leadership Experience.” My role on the State Officer Team is to work to find partners and sponsors that can help Nebraska FCCLA continue to develop these opportunities.

Without these sponsors the State Leadership Conference and other state events wouldn’t be as great as they are today.

So what can you do to help grow the Circle of Friends? Consider encouraging family members, local businesses, and even your chapter to invest into the future of Nebraska FCCLA. There are varying levels of contribution with each of these levels having different dollar amounts and benefits. It could be a \$50 sponsorship of a STAR Event or a \$200 donation that would purchase

20 lunches for FCCLA Serves participants. Gathering these donations for Nebraska FCCLA could also make a big difference in your local chapter’s funds through the Chapter Developer Award. This award distributes up to \$600 back to chapters that raise funds from their community to give to Nebraska FCCLA. This year, the top prize of \$300 went to Howells-Dodge, \$200 went to David City, and \$100 went to Wakefield. These funds are applied to their State Leadership Conference making their costs drop drastically.

The financial backbone of Nebraska FCCLA is the responsibility of all of its members. Please make a personal or chapter goal in promoting FCCLA in your community, and helping us grow in the years to come.

For more information about Nebraska Circle of Friends, visit

<http://www.nebraskafccla.org/support-fccla/circle-of-friends-2/>

Program Highlight: Families First

Families First national peer education program through which youth gain a better understanding of how families work and learn skills to become strong family members.
-National FCCLA



Families First is a National Program that focuses on family. It has five units: Families Today, You-Me-Us, Meet the Challenge, Balancing Family and Career, Parent Practice. These units focus on different parts of becoming a better family member.

There are both state and national award recognition opportunities for students who complete all the modules. These applications can be found on the state website (www.nebraskafccla.org) and the national website (www.fcclainc.org) under the Programs tab. Winners could receive up to \$1,000.

Project Ideas:

- Host a family game night for families in your community
- Host family movie night in your school
- Promote FCCLA @ the Table in your school and have a drawing for those who post on social media

Membership Awards

Contributed by: Lukas Doyle, Nebraska FCCLA State Vice President of Membership

There are several awards available for chapters and individuals about membership. One of these awards is the Red and White Chapter Affiliation Award. These are designed to encourage FCCLA members and advisers to recruit FCCLA members from their Family and Consumer courses. Family and Consumer Sciences teachers are one of first to recruit new FCCLA members. We would like to take the chance to recognize their efforts to recruit members from their own classrooms. This award is based on the percentage of students enrolled in Family and Consumer Sciences courses compared to the number of members in the FCCLA chapter.

Another membership award in Nebraska is through the membership campaign, BFF, or Best FCCLA Friend. Through BFF, if you recruit a new member, you can be recognized at

the State Leadership Conference. The more members you recruit, the more times you can enter! One lucky member who completes the application will receive an FCCLA prize pack on stage during the Business and Recognition Session.

In addition to Nebraska awards, there are individual and chapter awards available through the National Association. To see the whole like up of the National Go for the Red awards, visit <http://fcclainc.org/membership/membership-campaign.php>

All Nebraska awards are due March 1. To access these awards, visit the Nebraska FCCLA website and under Awards, select either Individual or Chapter. And while you're at it, check out all of the other great awards and recognition opportunities for individuals, chapters, advisers, and adults.

We look forward to celebrating your membership achievements in April at the State Leadership Conference.

How do I get recognition for Power of One?

Members can receive recognition at the State and National level after completion of all five units of Power of One. To receive this recognition there are a few steps that must be completed.

First of all, you need to complete the form that is posted on the Nebraska FCCLA website under Programs or at <http://www.nebraskafccla.org/programs/>. Complete the Power of One recognition application and have your adviser submit this electronically to the State Adviser.

After this is completed, your Adviser needs to select your name as a candidate for recognition in the affiliation system. This should only be done once all individuals are entered.

All steps must be completed by March 1.

Individuals who complete these steps will be recognized at the Business and Recognition Session at the State Leadership Conference.

State Leadership Conference Notes

It is hard to believe that the State Leadership Conference is right around the corner. With registration due March 1, the State Office is busy finishing the details that will make this conference great. Whether you are competing in STAR Events, serving in your chapter's leadership, or receiving recognition, we look forward to welcoming you to Lincoln for the State Leadership Conference April 2-4, 2017. Check out next month's Red Leader for final details to help you make the most of your time in Lincoln. For more information about the conference, visit <http://www.nebraskafccla.org/events/state-leadership-conference/>.

So, be sure to work with your adviser to get your registration completed and prepare to be taken "On the Edge!"



Upcoming Deadlines

Nebraska and National FCCLA have many upcoming deadlines for March 1. The following are all of the items that are due by March 1

- National Program Awards
- National Outstanding Media Award
- National Chapter Public Relations Award
- Nebraska Ultimate Leader Award nominations due
- Nebraska Public Relations Award
- SLC Registration due
- National School Administrator Award applications due to the State Adviser
- Master Adviser and Adviser Mentor applications due to the State Adviser
- Power of One Recognition applications due to the State Adviser
- Go for the Red Award deadline for consideration at the State level
- Nebraska ACE Award
- Nebraska Chapter Award (chapters attending the Peer Education Conference are encouraged to bring their folder to the Peer Education Conference for submission)
- Nebraska Red and White Chapter Affiliation Award application deadline
- Feed Nebraska application deadline
- Nebraska National Program Award deadline
- Affiliation deadline (paid) for all students attending the State Leadership Conference

Please take note to ensure you don't miss out! If you have any questions, please contact the State Adviser.

Chapter Spotlights

Chase County FCCLA

The Chase County FCCLA Chapter spent much of January helping our members to put the final touches on their STAR projects by attending Sunday lock ins. Now that district STAR Competition has come to an end we are gearing up for State by selling Valentine Cupcakes to fund our trip. The cupcakes are sold for two dollars with personalized notes.

Lincoln Southwest- Future Hawk Night

On January 16, Lincoln Southwest had an open house for incoming eighth graders to Learn about academics, activities and sports offered at our school. Sachi Baeta, Briana Schneider, Hannah Roeloffs, Nicole Ortiz-Gallegos and Kadjei Al-Kansass all greeted the potential future FCCLA members at our booth. Each member shared their favorite FCCLA memories with the students. For example, Briana shared that she really enjoyed attending her first Cluster meeting in Denver this fall. Hannah was excited to tell about how she was exploring her interest in fashion design through our fashion related speakers. Sachi entertained everyone as usual with the edible bubbles from her bag of tricks just like Mary Poppins.



Franklin-Adopt a Grandparent

Wednesday: just another day.

For members of Franklin FCCLA, one Wednesday of every month is Adopt a Grandparent day where they go to the Franklin Care and Rehab Center to visit the elderly residents. Members spend time visiting, playing games, and celebrating events. Some members have seen the benefit to the residents, so attended weekly all fall and formed great relationships with members. In December members celebrated Christmas with them. They brought along presents to give to the residents and laughed, games, and lots of talking.



This service is important because it benefits the members with communication skills and the residents. They have people to share stories with and family members feel reassured.

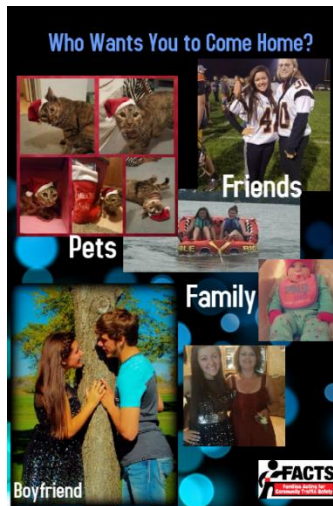
Franklin-Food and Winter Clothing Drive

As winter approached in Franklin, anxiety grew in many families with the anticipation of the cold weather and the holidays. Meeting the needs in this community with 56% student population is difficult for many. Andrea Jackson and McKenna Haussermann set out to fix this problem through FCCLA. With dedication they set up a food, hat, and glove drive and helped donate 4120 pounds of food to Franklin, and 10 sets of hats, and gloves. They undoubtedly helped many Franklin families.



Maxwell FCCLA FACTS Team Create "We Want You Back" Locker Signs

Members of the Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety team from the Maxwell FCCLA Chapter created their own version of the "We Want You Back" flyers to hang on lockers. Each flyer features pictures of family members, friends, pets and other important people whose lives would be affected by serious injury or death to a young person who practices distracted driving. They also feature the FACTS logo. The group began by designing posters for themselves, and are currently taking orders for students in the school who want their own made by the team.



About Our Organization...

Nebraska Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a dynamic student organization which holds the family as its central focus. We promote leadership and service in the family, career, school, and

community and help members improve themselves and the world in which they live. FCCLA is a national Career and Technical Student Organization that provides personal growth, leadership

development, and career preparation opportunities for students in Family and Consumer Sciences education.

Email your Chapter Spotlights to nebraskafccla@gmail.com. All entries submitted in a month will be featured in the following month's Red Leader.

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