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Nebraska FCCLA Red Leader

2017 FCCLA National Leadership Conference



By: Mia Kegley, President

The 2017 FCCLA National Leadership Conference (NLC) was held in the Music City, Nashville, Tennessee, this July 2nd-6th. Over 7,500 FCCLA members, advisers, and guests attended the conference, and Nebraska had more than 250 of these representatives!

At NLC, the State Officer Team diligently worked to strengthen our leadership by attending sessions, networking, and State Officer Training. We learned so many new things, and gained a lot of ideas that we hope to implement in Nebraska FCCLA!

We had two State Meetings during NLC which offered our members information about the city and conference. We also were able to partake in icebreakers, discuss bylaw amendment proposals, and give updates about the Nebraska delegation. In addition to these meetings, Nebraska FCCLA held our State Event at BB King's Blues Club. There was food, live music, and dancing for everyone to enjoy!

This was an exciting year for Nebraska FCCLA in STAR Events; we were a pilot state of a Nebraska only STAR Event Recognition Ceremony! With 141 competitors, we received 94 gold medals, 37 silver medals, and 10 bronze medals. Also, 48 of our competitors placed in the top ten nationally, and 13 placed first!

Besides STAR Events, Nebraska FCCLA was also recognized in other outstanding ways! We had Josselyn Vazquez-Catalan selected to receive the Japanese Exchange Scholarship, Adrianna Vinton received the Raye Virginia Allen State President's Scholarship, and Dylan Lase received the



Chipotle Mexican Grill Scholarship. Also, the Knowledge Bowl Team from Medicine Valley placed Fourth.

Overall, 2017 National Leadership Conference was a huge success for Nebraska FCCLA! We had fun, learned a lot, grew as leaders, and gained so many new experiences. Furthermore, we hope that this awesome trend continues on as we head to Atlanta next summer!



State Officer Leadership Academy

By: Mia Kegley, President

Welcome to a new school year Nebraska FCCLA! The 2017-2018 State Officer Team had a great time this summer at the National Leadership in Nashville, Tennessee with so many members from Nebraska. We are all so excited to see what the remainder of this this year will hold for us all!

This summer, at our State Officer Leadership Academy (SOLA), the officers and I choose the theme of "Strengthen Roots, Grow Potential" to guide us in our planning. It is our mission to help members and advisers learn more about FCCLA through our mission, purposes, and National Programs. Through these strengths, new and increased opportunities will allow us all to reach new heights.

At SOLA, the State Officer Team spent time with each other to bond through various team building activities (this did include dangling from a high-wire ropes course). Former Husker, Demoine Adams joined us to work on leadership, stage presence, and youth workshops. After this energizing lesson, we went back to planning out a great year for Nebraska FCCLA!

The 2017-2018 Program of Work that we created with the help of our new State Adviser, Kristin Vest, is full of new and updated goals. We want to help provide new opportunities for our members and advisers. Your first chance to join us is on September 13 at the Fall Leadership Workshop in Kearney. Throughout the year, our Program of Work holds so many more events, awards, and other leadership development activities. Thank you for taking some time to check out this edition of the Red Leader; we hope that you come back each month to stay updated with what's happening with the state association!



L to R: Demoine, Brianna, William, Mia, Hannah, Brandon, Kelsey, Jamie and Haylee

Make Plans to Attend FLW!

By: Brianna Gable, Secretary

National Programs



Brandon Caha, Lincoln Southwest. Fact: He loves to cook.

Secretary



Brianna Gable, Waverly. Fact: She had spinal surgery at the age of six.

President



Mia Kegley, Kearney. Fact: Can eat a jar of pickles insanely fast.

Vice President



William Wilton, Centennial. Fact: Has been in 22 theatre productions.

Get to know the State Officer Team & your FLW workshop leaders.

Public Relations



Kelsey Thomas, Maxwell. Fact: Wants to become a neurosurgeon.

Development



Haylee Evans, Medicine Valley. Fact: She is adopted.

Membership



Jamie Janousek, Platteview. Fact: Wants to travel out of the country after college.

Competitive Events



Hannah Pearson, Thedford. Fact: She lives on a family farm of seven generations.

Email your Chapter Spotlights with a picture and up to 100 words to nebraskafccla@gmail.com. All entries submitted in a month will be featured in the following month's Red Leader.



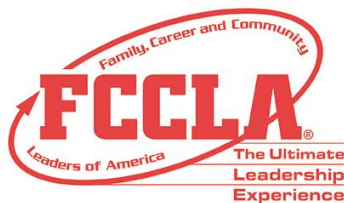
National Program **Highlight**: Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety

By: Brandon Caha, Vice President of Programs

"Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety (FACTS) is a national FCCLA peer education program, sponsored by State Farm, through which students strive to save lives through personal, vehicle, and road safety. Teens work to educate adults and youth about traffic safety and support enforcement of local rules and regulations regarding community traffic safety. Youth leaders can help families promote basic safety attitudes that can last a lifetime." --National FCCLA

Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety offers teens many ways to be able to practice safe driving techniques. One of their biggest fights against is driving under the influence or riding with someone who is under the influence.

Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety provides many different opportunities. Some of those opportunities include completing projects and getting recognized at the national level. **Congratulations to the Howells-Dodge FCCLA Chapter for Runner-Up FACTS National Program Award at the 2017 National Leadership Conference!** For ideas on projects or more information about FACTS please visit the state or national FCCLA websites and click the "Programs" tab to find more information.



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About Us...

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.