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Nebraska FCCLA Red Leader

Say Yes to FCCLA Signing Event

By: William Wilton, First Vice-President



Nebraska FCCLA is built on a solid foundation of FCCLA Advisors and Family and Consumer Science Educators, and a number of the graduating seniors every year are about to start their journey to obtaining a degree in a Family and Consumer Science Career. To recognize these seniors Nebraska FCCLA will be host our first Say Yes to FCS Signing Event in Nebraska at our State Leadership Conference in April. The state association is very excited for our members to be recognized for continuing on their FCS journey.

All graduating senior members of FCCLA are invited to sign with the college that they plan to attend in the fall to study a career in any of the 4 career pathways that FCCLA prepares our members for. This means more than just members planning to study Family and Consumer Science Education will be recognized. Degrees that range from Culinary Arts, Tourism, Fashion, and so many more majors can be recognized at State Leadership Conference this April. At this event colleges from across Nebraska that offer FCS Education and other FCS related majors will be there to recognize their future students while also recruiting members with a booth at the opportunity fair.

Colleges participating in this signing event include: University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska-Kearney, University of Nebraska-Omaha, Wayne State College, Chadron State College, and Peru State College! For more information about this event contact vicepresident@nebraskafccla.org or vpmembership@nebraskafccla.org. The State Association is excited to recognize and honor those students committed to continue on their journey with Family and Consumer Sciences.

Chapter Spotlight: Callaway

By: Callaway FCCLA Chapter

Signs filled the hallways promoting FCCLA and the events for the week. FCCLA member were encouraged to wear their FCCLA shirts, Nebraska State Officer, Hannah Pearson, visited and all students were encouraged to post their future career goal, guess the amount of candy in a jar to win, and participate in the canned food drive. Students, members and staff were thanked at the end of the week for making our FCCLA chapter and school awesome to show our appreciation! As a chapter, Callaway FCCLA collected 39 non-perishable goods and \$11.



Callaway FCCLA celebrated FCCLA Week in many ways, including sharing their career goals.



Chapter Spotlight: Perkins County

By: Perkins County FCCLA Chapter

Perkins County FCCLA members Laura Dreiling, Jacob Woodmancy and Karen Ruiz presented a program on FACTS and Financial Fitness at the February 1, 2018 FCCLA meeting. They presented information about both programs and had an activity for members to combine both National FCCLA programs. Each member was given a dollar bill with a blank back side. They were asked to write down ways they could be safe on the road. The ideas were shared with the group and discussed. Their presentation concluded with "Safety First EQUALS Money Saved"!!

Perkins County FCCLA members Laura, Jacob, and Karen presented about FACTS and Financial Fitness at a Chapter FCCLA meeting.



National Program **Highlight**: Financial Fitness



By: Brandon Caha, Vice-President of Programs

"The FCCLA Financial Fitness national peer education program involves youth teaching one another how to make, save, and spend money wisely. Through FCCLA's Financial Fitness program, youth plan and carry out projects that help them and their peers learn to become wise financial managers and smart consumers."

-National FCCLA

Financial Fitness has 4 units to help students and members create a plan to save money smartly. The first unit is earning which is sharpening on the job Financial Fitness, the second one is Spending where you track and plan personal spending, the third unit is Saving where members conquer bank accounts, credit, and investing, and the last unit is protecting where members keep financial and personal interests safe. These units are the perfect way for members to learn how to save money and spend it properly.

There are ways to earn recognition for doing a project about financial fitness. If you submitted your project to the State by March 1st you could earn recognition at the state level. If you also submitted your project to Nationals by March 1st your chapter can earn money. The Runner up gets \$500 for their chapter, the middle school winner gets \$1000 for their chapter, and the high school winner gets \$1000 for their chapter. If you want to know any more information on Financial Fitness you can visit fcclainc.org or nebraskafccla.org and click the Financial Fitness under the programs tab.

Chapter Spotlight: Minden

By: Minden FCCLA Chapter

Minden had a successful FCCLA Week. Each day we focused on a different letter from FCCLA. On Monday we recognized our members by asking them what they like most about FCCLA. They then got a specially decorated cookie. Each cookie was unique, just like our members. Tuesday was CAREER day, with members making a display in the hallway highlighting their future careers. We celebrated FAMILY day on Wednesday by making valentines for our family members. Thursday was COMMUNITY day, and to celebrate we collected money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. We finished up our special week on Friday by focusing on LEADERSHIP. We recognized our Officer team in front of the entire student body, and also announced our new officers for next year. It was a great week to be an FCCLA member!



Minden FCCLA members hosted a "Blanket Toss" at a basketball game to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

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.

Chapter Spotlight: Plainview

By: Plainview FCCLA Chapter

The Plainview FCCLA chapter was very successful this year when getting toothbrushes, toothpaste, and other dental hygiene products for their "Even Pirates Have to Brush Their Teeth" Program. The preschoolers in the elementary building won the contest for bringing in the most donations and received a breakfast of donuts and orange juice on FCCLA. The second-grade class brought in the second most items. In the junior and senior high school, only a few students brought in donations.

Therefore, instead of a class celebration, a breakfast of juice and donuts was held for all of those who donated. A total of 305 items was donated between both schools. We thank everyone who participated and donated to those in need. Our Toys for Tots families, Assisted Living, and Manor Residents will appreciate all of these items!



Plainview preschoolers collected the most items in a dental hygiene in the elementary and earned a breakfast of donuts and orange juice on Plainview FCCLA!

Get Recognition for having a BFF!

By: Jamie Janousek, Vice-President of Membership



Joining FCCLA by yourself is always fun, but joining with someone else makes it 10 times better. The Best FCCLA Friend Program (BFF), is Nebraska FCCLA's membership campaign. BFF has made an impact on many chapters and individuals over the year. One story I love telling is how my best friend and I had recruited multiple BFFs in one school year. We would ask all of our friends and those friends ask their friends. All it takes is a little bit of asking. Everyone I have seen join because of BFF has flourished in leadership qualities.

Now you may be wondering, "Don't you get recognized for recruiting BFFs?" That is correct! On the Nebraska FCCLA website click the Awards tab and select Chapter. There is BFF link that will take you to a Google Form, fill out the requirements and submit it for recognition at State. It is not too late to submit for recognition for BFF! Consider filling out the form on the website! If there are any questions about the form, please send an email to vpmembership@nebraskafccla.org.

Chapter Spotlight: Kearney

By: Kearney FCCLA Chapter

The Kearney High FCCLA Chapter put their skills to the test in their recent District 6 STAR competition. Not only did all five members participating qualify for state, some found a new career interest. One student stated that, "I kind of wanted to be something like a counselor now because of this. I could see myself doing that!" Other members who were not competing helped out with keeping track of time or being room consultants. These students are excited for next year when they do their own project. Good luck at state!



Kearney FCCLA members competed at their District 6 STAR Event Competition. All five competitors are headed to the State Competition!

**Nebraska State
Leadership Conference is
in April!**

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