

# Nebraska FCCLA Red Leader

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## A New Start

By Rebekka Jay, Vice President of Membership



As our school year begins, so do sports practices, extracurricular activities and clubs, and loads of homework. Some of us are excited for this new year, while others may not be. A new year can mean countless things though, new friends, new classes, new teachers, new opportunities, and new ideas. This is not only a new year for teachers and students, but also for FCCLA! Don't worry, we're bringing in some new too.

This year's theme is "The Future is Yours." What can this mean for FCCLA members and advisers? Most people think of the future as many years away, far in the distance. In reality, the future is tomorrow! This is great news for members and advisers, as we start the new year, we have the opportunity to mold our future how we want to, starting right now. Nebraska FCCLA hit 3,000 members across the state this last year, and we want to continue growing.

Now is a great time to start looking into upcoming membership nights, possible STAR Projects and Power of One, our National Program's categories, and awards. Also coming this year, National FCCLA and Nebraska FCCLA are each releasing a virtual membership toolkit. Keep an eye out on our social media and our website for the announcement of both of these! National FCCLA has also just released our new National Program: Stand Up. This promotes improving your community and being a positive voice and impact at your school and the surrounding area. STAR Events, Power of One, and National Programs might look a little different this year, some of these events may be virtual. No matter what, the work you and your chapter does still matters and makes such an impact in your schools and communities. Get out and do great things!

Membership nights this fall may look a little different then we are used to. Some might be online, others could possibly still be in person like we are used to. No matter what happens, there are some great activities to do and lots of fun to be had. If your meeting is held over ZOOM, some great icebreakers are: Two Truths and A Lie, Social Distancing BINGO, and Something in Common. All of these can easily be found online, along with many other options. Membership nights would not be the same without some type of meal or snack. If you are able to be in person, there may be some restrictions to what you can serve. Some alternate ideas could be a prepackaged ice cream sandwich instead of an ice cream bar, walking tacos that are made by only the chapter officer team to cut down on contact, and fruit or veggies in Ziploc bags or plastic cups to be handed out. With membership nights, it is also important to share your chapter's goals for the year, what FCCLA is all about and represents, and what you are offering your members. (Hint: The ULTIMATE LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE.) Also, it is good for members and possible members to know all the activities they will be able to participate in during the year, so having a flyer about your events and contact information is great! Last, make sure to recognize your members! Some great ways to do this are locker signs, member of the week, project spotlights, and treats for their birthdays!

Another great way to start off the year is to start planning some projects your chapter could focus on and be looking at the possible awards you can apply for. A great award for seniors is the State Degree and they will be recognized for all of their work in FCCLA at our State Leadership Conference. There are also awards for membership, community service, CTSO involvement, public relations, national programs, and chapter development! All of these can be found on the Nebraska FCCLA website at "nebraskafccla.org" for more information.

We cannot wait to see what this year holds for FCCLA and what amazing work our members and chapters will do. There will always be circumstances we can't control but making the most of any opportunity we are given is what matters. Stay positive and have a great start to your year, Nebraska FCCLA!

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## Program Highlight: Community Service

By Cassidy June, Vice President of Programs

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?” - Martin Luther King, Jr.

One... Two... Three... RING! When the school bell rings at the start of the school year things start getting busy. People all over America are going to school, staying late for extra curricular activities, and then going to bed to prepare for another day. Sometimes it's hard to find time for other things in your life. Sometimes doing things for others gets lost in the crazy.

FCCLA’s National Program, Community Service, lays out a plan for members to make things easier. It encourages members to go out and learn more about themselves while identifying local concerns and working within your community to improve quality of life. Community Service has three different units:

- **Learn:** During this step members learn more about themselves, and how they make decisions while exploring their communities needs.
- **Lead:** Next you take your leadership skills that you have learned and lead your fellow members in taking the steps towards bettering your community. You can also learn how to take those traits and apply them to other aspects of your life.
- **Serve:** This step is all about taking action and working with community partners to connect with established services or creating your own program to do good for others.

When you get down to the core of everything, community service is about helping others, it's about seeing the world in a way that always makes you think, “What can I do?,” it’s about doing the good you want to see in the world, and it allows you to grow your leadership skills, to take initiative. Overall it gives you a warm fuzzy feeling in your heart.

Through FCCLA’s National Program, Community Service, your chapter has a chance to improve your community and get recognized by the State and National FCCLA Associations. The State Community ServUS award is presented to the chapter and the individual who clocks in the most service hours. There are also National Program Awards that you can apply for at the State and National level. So the answer to what you are doing for others is, whatever you’re willing to do.





## Theme Intro: The Future is YOURS!

By Alexis Butterfield, Vice-President of Public Relations

The sound of first period bell ringing, locker doors slamming, and feet pattering through the hallways. School is fast approaching and the State Officer Team is happy to announce that we have a theme

that embraces all that we want this year to hold. The Future is YOURS! This year Nebraska FCCLA is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We wanted a theme that recognizes all that FCCLA Alumni has contributed in making this student-based organization successful. We can look into the past to gain inspiration for ways to better OUR future. The State Officer Team wanted to honor our past successes, but also wanted to encourage our members to grasp onto their tomorrow. We wanted this year's theme to inspire our members to take action, not only to better their futures, but aid in the growth of Nebraska FCCLA. I know that this past year has not been "normal", but we should use this as motivation to work harder. This is just another step in the timeline of OUR FCCLA lives. I think I hear the bell. Better not be late for my FCS class! As the school year begins, now more than ever is the perfect time to create YOUR ideal future. We look forward to seeing what you all do to build the road toward another great 75 years!



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NEBRASKA FCCLA  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
VIRTUAL FALL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP



We are excited to announce our **Virtual** Fall Leadership Workshop! Although we cannot be in person right now, we can still grow as a leader. Nebraska FCCLA is offering several leadership sessions as well as sessions to help members look forwards to their future! We can't wait to "see" you there!

# Putting the Fun in FUNdraiser!

By Sophia Birch, Vice President of Development

Picture this- it's lunch time, the bell has just rung, and students are charging out of classrooms toward....the FCS room? That's right, FCCLA is putting the FUN in Fundraising, and everyone at school wants to be a part of it.

The start of the school year is here, and with it an opportunity for FCCLA chapters to start planning out the year's work. It is also the perfect time to start learning about the different types of fundraising opportunities available to chapters. Today, we'll go through some different fundraising ideas for you and your chapter.

Starting off our list of fundraising ideas are a group of fundraisers very near and dear to my heart- food related fundraisers. The most well-known of these is the bake sale, because everyone loves food, even more so if the food is delicious sugary desserts. To stage a bake sale, enlist the help of chapter members or a cooking class, and sell treats during breaks in classes. Bake sales are a good way to raise money because not only are they relatively inexpensive, but they can be put on whenever, with any amount of participation from chapter members. Another great food related fundraiser is cake or cupcake decorating. Have your chapter make unfrosted cakes or cupcakes, then let people decorate them for a small sum. There are many more of these food fundraisers, but these two are both fun and easy to do either in FCS class, or during an FCCLA meeting.

For the more competitively-inclined chapters, competitions that double as fundraisers are ideal. Given proper promotion, these serve as a fun way to involve members and non-members alike. The first competition, pumpkin painting, is very seasonal, and would be best held during the months of October and November. Participants would either pay to enter a pumpkin in the contest, or pay to cast votes for their favorite squash. The second competitive fundraiser is a little more timeless. Best submitted via videos, a karaoke/lip sync contest is a great way to showcase creativity and break people out of their comfort zone. Again, participants would either pay to enter a video, or pay to cast their vote for the best singer. The possibilities for competition fundraisers are only limited by the size of your imagination.

The final category of fundraiser that we'll cover today is something a bit different. I like to call it "Teacher Cooperation Required." The first of these is the classic Pie Throw. To do this fundraiser, all you need is a pie tin, whipped cream, and a teacher with a sense of humor. Also, a janitor. First, get a teacher who is willing to have a pie thrown at them agree to help your chapter. Then, have students donate until you reach your goal. Finally, gather an audience and throw the pie! The second "Teacher Cooperation Required" fundraiser is the Principal Challenge. This works much the same way as the Pie Throw: Enlist the principal's help, raise money until your goal is met, and then put your challenge in action. The twist on the Principal Challenge is that you can ask your principal to do anything if your donation goal is met- dye their hair a crazy color, publicly breakdance, or allow everyone to leave school twenty minutes early. Of course, these all depend on gaining teacher approval, and may be more difficult to put together than other fundraisers.

Hopefully you gained some ideas about different types of fundraisers that you and your chapter can put together this school year. By putting the FUN in Fundraising, you can raise money for cool initiatives and new goals!

P.S.- The State Association would love to see what you do, whether you use these ideas, or come up with fundraisers of your own. Email pictures or videos of your projects to me at [vpdevelopment@nebraskafccla.org](mailto:vpdevelopment@nebraskafccla.org) !





## NATIONAL STAR EVENTS AWARDS

105 Gold Medals awarded  
84 Silver Medals awarded  
18 Bronze Medals Awarded

NEBRASKA STATE ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to all of our National STAR Event Competitors! We are so proud of your work and flexibility during this virtual STAR Event Competition!

## Flash to the Past: Mullen Chapter



September, 1967— District III FHA officers are shown, just after the installation of officers at the District III FHA Convention held in Stapleton, Nebraska. Chapters present at this convention included Mullen, Ogallala, Broken Bow, Callaway, Cozad, North Platte, Arnold, and Stapleton. The theme of the convention was “Dreams Today, Homes Tomorrow”.

*Article found in the Mullen Chapter Scrapbooks*

## Nebraska FCCLA

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.



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