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**Headline:** FCCLA Members Attend Virtual Fall Leadership Workshop

*Held Virtually* -     # of students     from     Name of Chapter     recently attended the Nebraska Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America first ever Virtual Fall Leadership Workshop. This annual event was held virtually on Monday, September 21, 2020, with over 1,000 members registered for the conference. The state theme for this year is 'The Future is Yours.' As Nebraska FCCLA celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the state association encourages members to acknowledge and learn from the past while focusing on creating successful futures.

Students at the event heard from members of the Nebraska FCCLA State Officer Team, the State Peer Officer Team, and the National Executive Council President, Supriya Patel, to begin the day of learning. The virtual format brought new opportunities, one of which was the opportunity for all participants to network with the Nebraska State Officer Team. Madeline Wittstruck, past National Executive Council Vice-President of Finance and Nebraska FCCLA intern Tyra Reardon led the New Member track. Competitive Events, Recognition opportunities, and National Program sessions focused on providing new members a solid foundation on which to build their FCCLA experiences.     Name of Students     were participants in the New Member track. In the Chapter Leader track, officer training sessions were facilitated by the 2020-2021 Nebraska State Officers for chapter officers to gain more knowledge about their newly elected offices. Sessions in the 'Build the Future of your Chapter with...' series featured open discussions about Fundraising, Community Service, Membership, Competitive Events, Parliamentary Procedure, and Partner Opportunities, along with the chance for members to share ideas and information about what their chapter does within those topic areas. .     Name of Students     were participated in the Chapter Leader track.

In the afternoon, participants had the opportunity to attend various breakout sessions presented by organization and college partners. Training for the new FCCLA National Program, Stand Up, was led by Cassidy June, Nebraska FCCLA Vice President of Programs and Ashley Pischel, Overall SPOT Chairperson. Twin River and Howells-Dodge FCCLA chapters submitted presentations about their national award-winning projects for advisers and members to learn about. Nebraska FCCLA was excited to include content from Serve Nebraska, Nebraska MADD, The S.A.F.E. Center, Drive Smart Nebraska-Teens in the Driver Seat, Nebraska 4-H Extension, and Sweet Success Health Coaching & Yoga. Northeast Community College, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska-Kearney, and Wayne State College provided opportunities for participants to learn more about the programs they offer within the field of Family & Consumer Sciences. Nebraska FCCLA alumni shared their experiences of being involved in the organization and how it has helped them thrive in their families, careers, and communities. This year's Virtual Fall Leadership Workshop provided a unique yet memorable start to Nebraska FCCLA's 75<sup>th</sup> year.



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Include a quote from your student about one of the Tracks or Sessions they attended.

“The 2020 Virtual Fall Leadership Workshop was an amazing opportunity. I had a lot of fun presenting sessions and seeing members learn throughout the day. It was a chance to connect with a lot of our members, no matter what part of the state they are from. I cannot wait to plan our next conference and provide even more opportunities like this for our members,” said Alexis Butterfield, Nebraska FCCLA Vice-President of Public Relations from Chambers.

FCCLA is a useful and dynamic national career and technical student organization that aids young men and women in their journey to become leaders and teaches them lifelong skills. It demonstrates the importance of understanding how to address important career, community, family, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. Nebraska FCCLA has over 3,000 members in 105 chapters across the state. For more information about FCCLA, please visit [www.nebraskafccla.org](http://www.nebraskafccla.org).