

Your 2010 FCCLA State Officer Candidates



Ashley Stelling
Region A, District 1

Although I undertake all my responsibilities with determination and passion, I do not overlook the need to be compassionate, fun, and friendly. Through FCCLA, I have had the opportunity to participate in multiple activities. Volunteer work, concession stands, leadership conferences, and other fun activities are all part of my FCCLA experience. These activities have helped me to strengthen the qualities I already possess, and develop other desirable qualities, such as charity and commitment. FCCLA has encouraged me to be a more giving person, and to enhance the well-being of others with my time and abilities.



Nicholas Dobesh
Region A, District 3

Nick joined FCCLA in 9th grade, and from the beginning he knew that he could make a difference in the environment around him. Nick has always set high expectations for himself, in FCCLA and everything else he does. His brother Joe, who has helped him along the way, also motivates him. Previously Nick has been a district officer, and is very active in FCCLA. Aside from FCCLA, Nick is a quite unique person. He participates in the NASA INSPIRE program and loves to learn. He also enjoys running and doing activities outdoors.



Heather Cazahous
Region A, District 3

My name is Heather Cazahous and I am proud to be representing the Elkhorn FCCLA Chapter. I believe in the Power of Passion and that passionate teens working together can make a difference. As a chapter and district officer, I have been working with other FCCLA members to change the image of FCCLA in the Metro area and to help families and children in need within our community. My experiences in STAR competitions and at leadership conferences have given me the organizational and speaking skills I need to enlist other FCCLA members in this mission.



Patrick Colgan
Region B, District 4

Enthusiasm and motivation are two words that best describe my leadership style. I helped to nearly quadruple the membership in our local chapter by showing them how they can get involved and emphasizing their personal strengths. I have learned through FCCLA that everyone has talents and is teachable. All it takes is enthusiasm and patience to put their excellence to good use. The planning process helped me to work with career exploration, community service, and family issues. My major success has been getting members to work together and accomplish a task while learning life skills and having fun!



Brooke Ellerman
Region B, District 4

I want to help others make a difference in FCCLA the way it has helped me become a bigger part in my community. Through opportunities in STAR and other FCCLA leadership activities I have gained many skills. These skills include: creativity, interpersonal communication, critical thinking, and general knowledge about FCCLA. I am a dependable person because when I set my mind to do something I use my time and resources to go accomplish it. I am also personable and able to handle stress with poise. When I hear FCCLA I hear leadership, opportunities, and kids making a difference. I would --rest of description exceeded the 100 word maximum



Ceiria Moravec
Region B, District 6

Hi, my name is Ceiria Moravec. I am from the Humphrey High FCCLA chapter. I am a junior at Humphrey Public where I am involved in One-Act, Speech, Track, and FCCLA. I have had many experiences in FCCLA. I have become a better public speaker and a better leader. In FCCLA I have learned the value of teamwork and I have met many people who have become my best friends through FCCLA. I have gotten travel experiences in FCCLA that I wouldn't have been able to otherwise.



Dalyce Sherman
Region C, District 7

Joining FCCLA was one of my smartest decisions. I have gone farther in this organization than I ever thought I would. When I first started, I was shy and quiet. Participating in STAR and running for a Peer Ed. Office, helped me gain confidence in myself. FCCLA has helped make me the leader I am today. I have an enthusiasm for FCCLA that I want to share with everyone!



Michaela Throener
Region C, District 7

I have grown through FCCLA from an uncertain, confused 7th grader into a confident merging adult. My experiences have been varied, educational, and exciting. I have been able to set a direction for my future because of the Leaders at Work and Career Investigation programs. I have used Peer Education programs to better myself and my family. Power of One gave me a better insight into who I am, what I want to do, bond with my family and spread the news about FCCLA to others. I know that the person I am today is the result of being a --rest of description exceeded the 100 word maximum



Hannah Wright
Region C, District 8

Hello Nebraska FCCLA! I'm Hannah Wright a sophomore from Neligh-Oakdale. Throughout the last three years, FCCLA has helped me strengthen my family through the national programs such as the Families First Peer Education Team. Making the team was an AMAZING experience! Not only did I gain confidence and speaking skills, but I also learned more about the family! With the help of FCCLA my family has survived the ups and the downs. FCCLA has also encouraged me to become a chapter officer, compete in STAR for two years, and place first in district creed speaking.



Rebekah Kuhfal
Region C, District 8

I am a junior from the Neligh-Oakdale Chapter. I have been a part of FCCLA for four years. I have served as a Chapter Officer for three years. Currently I have the honor of serving as District 8's President. I also serve as the Student Body Chairperson and Joint Teams' Chairperson. I have also been involved in Creed Speaking, STAR and have presented multiple sessions at FCCLA events. I have participated in five STAR events and competed at Nationals. Through FCCLA I developed organization, leadership, and time management skills. I enjoy FCCLA and the relationships I have developed through it.



Shelby Myers
Region C, District 9

As a junior at Stuart Public School, I am active in FCCLA, One Acts, Speech, and National Honor Society, as well as basketball, volleyball, and softball. As an FCCLA member I have participated in many activities. I have attended Cluster meetings, qualified for state in STAR events, presented sessions as a Peer Education officer, and much more! I have also served as President of the Stuart chapter and the Historian of the Financial Fitness Peer Education team. FCCLA has been a very rewarding experience and has introduced me to many new people and opportunities.



Samantha Burtwistle
Region C, District 9

Samantha Burtwistle is a junior from Chambers High School. She loves living on a ranch with her mother, father and thirteen-year-old brother. She keeps her schedule busy with lots of extracurricular activities and volunteer work. Since joining FCCLA as a seventh grader, she has developed her interpersonal, job, and organizational skills and went outside of her comfort zone to become a strong leader in her community.



Kathryn Woodside
Region D, District 11

Life is a learning experience, and FCCLA has given me many opportunities to grow and make an impact in the community. Working on the STAR community service project and Chapter Showcase Manual were great ways to maximize my involvement in the organization. Also, District and State conference have expanded my horizons. I am an active advocate for families and FCCLA, and I have had the opportunity to promote FCCLA at the Legislative Workshop. As a state officer, I would work to make sure that truth, love, security, and faith are realities in this organization.



Noah Hubbard
Region D, District 11

I'm the type of guy who likes to get things done. I am willing to make sacrifices for the good of the team. I am at ease with people whether I know them or not. I can assume a position of authority yet respect higher authorities. I have a natural ability to be encouraging to others. During my time in FCCLA, I have become a completely different person. I no longer procrastinate or fail to be on time. I would be a great asset to the state officer team because I have the ability to get things done.



Jennifer Grindle
Region D, District 12

Through FCCLA I have had many life changing experiences. Since joining in the eighth grade, holding a chapter office, presenting STAR at districts, running for a State peer office, and attending nationals in Nashville, TN, FCCLA has made me a stronger, more dedicated leader. Through this organization and all it has to offer, I have grown as a person. I have made memories, developed friendships, and taken part in many activities that have changed me into a more responsible, honest, hard-working individual. FCCLA hasn't just provided me with skills for today and tomorrow, but has provided me with skills for --
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Makayla Wendland
Region D, District 12

**“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader”
– John Quincy Adams**

This quote has inspired me to be the best leader I can be. FCCLA has become a way of life for me and helped me to achieve many great accomplishments. Holding offices on the chapter, district, and state level have pushed me to inspire and educate my peers and help them to believe anything is possible. Competing at SLC in STAR for three years has prepared me for public speaking and in pursuing my dreams. National Cluster Meetings --rest of description exceeded the 100 word maximum



Lane Swedberg
Region E, District 13

I have been very active in the Wallace FCCLA chapter for three years. FCCLA has opened my eyes to all the possibilities of leadership not only in my school but also the community that I live in. I have been fortunate to attend District Leadership Conventions, State Leadership Conventions and even National Leadership Conventions for the past two years. I have competed in Parliamentary Procedure the past two years and received a gold medal at nationals both years. I have learned many new things about myself in FCCLA. I can truly say the FCCLA has changed my life.



Dakota Whisenhunt
Region E, District 14

What am I? Hard worker? Dependable? A Leader? Hi, My name is Dakota Whisenhunt. I am 16 years old and currently attending Maxwell Public School where I am a sophomore. I have been in a variety of clubs, including 4-H, FCCLA, FPS, and Band. I have volunteered with many projects including Feed the Children, Walk a Mile, Hugs for Heroes, Pawsitive Partners, Volunteer Fire Department, Save FCCLA project, Habitat for Humanity, and many other community fundraisers or activities. I have shown leadership qualities in all aspects of my life. I am dependable, hard working, and above all else, a leader.



Gabriel Connealy
Region E, District 14

Passionate-I would describe myself with this word. I'm committed to putting forth 100% effort in all of my endeavors. Dedication, perseverance, and adventure are also concepts that I embrace. I appreciate that FCCLA is a great vehicle for implementing these virtues. Participating in STAR Events these last 5 years has been instrumental in honing my skills of idea presentation, meeting etiquette, and public speaking, as well.



Brianne Hoelsing
Region E, District 15

My experiences as a member of Laurel-Concord's FCCLA have helped me adjust to being a new student at Alliance High School. My FCCLA experience has taught me that you can affect others and your own life anywhere, it just takes courage to step forward and lead. As a leader, I have held offices for three years in my local chapters as well as the District 7 presidency. Speech and drama are my other loves and I have used those talents in four years of STAR projects, competing at SLC three times and NLM once.



Amber McNurlin
Region E, District 15

As a Junior at Leyton High School in Dalton, I'm enjoying my third year as a member of our Leyton Chapter. I participated in STAR the past two years and am looking forward to this year. I completed all five Power of One Units last year. I serve Nebraska FCCLA as Secretary of the Families First PEER Team, my District as Middle School Representative, and my chapter as Vice President and President Elect. One of my greatest rewards as a leader in FCCLA is not the personal growth I've experienced, but watching my peers grow, lead, and achieve through FCCLA.

