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Nebraska FCCLA Red Leader

Do More, Lead More

By: William Wilton, First-Vice President



Nebraska FCCLA is built on an amazing foundation of outstanding leaders in every chapter. Every member, ranging from chapter officer to the members that are just joining as part of the High-5 Membership Campaign, are leaders in some form. You are leaders while completing STAR Events, serving your community, and even in everyday activities not related to FCCLA.

For every chapter and member the more you do in FCCLA the more you will lead in our organization. This includes the more offices you hold at the Chapter, District, and State Level, but also the more service projects you complete, as well as the more chapter activities and events you participate in throughout your time as a member in FCCLA. For so many chapters in Nebraska, Community Service Projects are the largest events of the year.

I can still remember my first year in FCCLA completing a community service projects where I made Quilts of Valor to donate to Veterans in my community. There were so many skills that I picked up while completing the project, as well as making a STAR Events Project out of it. One of the biggest skills that I had learned from it was my ability to organize events and to work with people to execute an end result. The skills that I obtained my very first year in FCCLA are some of the skills that I use most commonly today in all of my leadership roles both in and out of FCCLA.

This style of leadership is called Servant Leadership and it features leading through helping others before yourself, whether it is other people on your team or helping people in your communities. There are so many different leadership styles and nobody has exactly the same type of leadership. The skills obtained by leading are so incredibly unique because there are so many and they are all incredibly vital to success as a leader, and they all blend together and form a number of styles of leadership. These styles can include: Servant, Charismatic, Coaching, Transformational, and so many more.

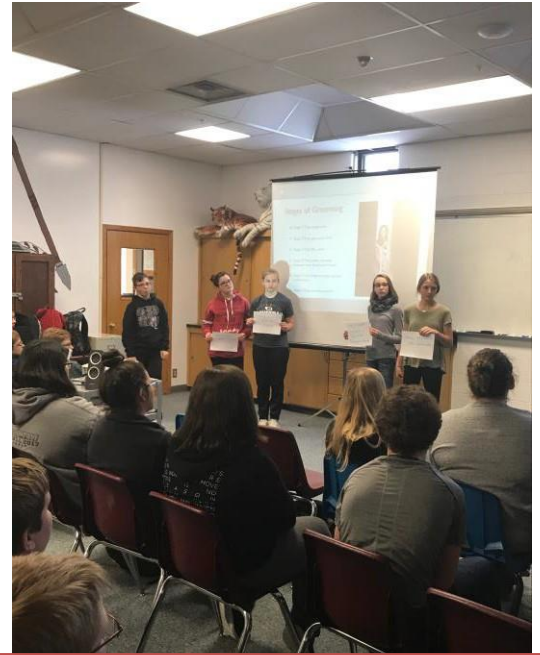
Every type of leadership is important for every group and organization to be successful and thrive. Nebraska FCCLA has an amazing balance of leadership styles and techniques used by our members, officers, and advisers that allows Nebraska FCCLA to continue to be a dynamic organization that adapts for today's needs. Though the work of our dedicated leaders, Nebraska FCCLA has been able to grow our potential and become the Ultimate Leadership Experience for Middle School and High School Students.

Chapter Spotlight: Neligh-Oakdale

By: Neligh-Oakdale FCCLA Chapter

Neligh-Oakdale FCCLA hosted sessions on human trafficking

You are valuable. That's what Neligh-Oakdale learned on January 25th, thanks to FCCLA member Kenzie Rudolf as part of STOP the Violence. Kenzie brought in speaker Stephanie Olson from the Set Me Free Project, an organization that educates youth and adults about human trafficking. Stephanie gave several presentations to separate sessions of elementary, junior high, and high school students as well as community members. Each session was age appropriate, with topics ranging from human value and social media safety to human trafficking and signs that a child might be a victim. With so many students going off to big cities after high school, it is important to inform them about the potential risks and how to avoid them. Neligh-Oakdale FCCLA is dedicated to making our school - and community - a safer place.



Neligh-Oakdale FCCLA Chapter hosted sessions about human trafficking as a part of STOP the Violence.

National Program Highlight: Families First

By: Brandon Caha, Vice-President of Programs



The FCCLA Families First national peer education program through which youth gain a better understanding of how families work and learn skills to become strong family members. Its goals are to: help youth become strong family members and leaders for today and tomorrow and strengthen the family as the basic unit of society.

-National FCCLA

Families First has five units to the national program which are families today where members understand and celebrate families, You-Me-Us where members strengthen family relationships, Meet the Challenge where members overcome obstacles together, Balancing Families and Careers where members manage multiple responsibilities, and Parent Practice where members learn to nurture children. These 5 units are what make Families First the strong national program that is it.

There are means of recognition on both the State and National levels for Families First. All you have to do is submit your application to the state by March 1st and you will receive recognition at State Leadership Conference. You can also send in your application to Nationals and the Runner up would get \$500, Middle school winner would get \$1,000, and the High school winner would get \$1,000. If you need any more information on Families First or want the application please visit www.FCCLAinc.org for nationals and for state visit www.Nebraskafccla.org



Waverly Girls on the Run team raced at the Girls on the Run 5K that was hosted by the Waverly FCCLA Chapter.

Chapter Spotlight: Waverly

By: Waverly FCCLA Chapter

Waverly FCCLA is On the Run!

The Waverly FCCLA Chapter is passionate about holding events not only benefiting our members but more importantly the community. One of our favorite events is our annual Girls on the Run 5k. It's particularly special because it aims to inspire these girls to be healthy while being confident in who they are and what they can achieve. The Waverly Cross Country team helps every year which adds a fun challenge for all the girls. It's amazing to see the level of competition and determination on their faces as they try to beat the high school runner throughout the race!

Calling all Red Jacket Sponsors,

By: Hannah Pearson, Vice-President of Competitive Events

If you are interesting in donating to Nebraska FCCLA consider donating to \$70 for Red. You have the option to donate \$70 dollars to go towards Red Jackets for new FCCLA Officers. When an officer gets selected for a position they have the opportunity to rent an official red FCCLA jacket. This program is to help give everyone the opportunity to run for an office and not have to worry about the expense of buying a jacket. The money also goes towards buying new jackets and the upkeep of the jackets. All you have to do is go to www.nebraskafccla.org choose the tab Support FCCLA and under that tab go to 70 Years of Red: \$70 for Red.





#JuanSquad Presenting the check to Juan's family are FCCLA members Makayla Messenger and Evan Landauer who helped organize the fundraiser along with three senior members who helped with the bake sale.

Chapter Spotlight: Sutton

By: Sutton FCCLA Chapter

The Sutton FCCLA chapter raised \$3,856. for an 8th grade student that was diagnosed with leukemia. The money was raised by hosting three bake sales, and by designing and selling #juansquad leukemia t-shirts. The Chapter also hosted an "Orange Out" at a volleyball game to raise awareness about leukemia. Students wore their #juansquad t-shirts and was able to pose for pictures in a photo booth. Juan and his family really appreciated the money we were able to give them. #JuanSquad

Chapter Spotlight: Lincoln Southwest

By: Lincoln Southwest FCCLA Chapter

Adopt a Hawk Craft Fair



The Lincoln Southwest FCCLA Chapter hosted a craft fair that provided donations for 32 LSW students and their families.

People would never guess at the "Von Maur" High (Lincoln Southwest) that we have 19 percent of our students on free and reduced lunch, but we do. Therefore, for the second year in a row, SW FCCLA has partnered with Pork Producers, school counselors and the music department to have a craft fair benefiting students in need. Dee Simpson Kirkland, one of our school counselors, provided piano music. The show choir and jazz bands had a concert that evening which helped to bring people to the craft fair. Fortunately, over 20 vendors offered a variety of craft items. With the required 25% of the profits from each participant in the craft fair combined with donations from the SW Booster Club, and LSW Cheerleaders, \$3515 was used to provide gift cards to 32 students and their families during this season. In addition, an amazingly generous gift from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

Chapter Spotlight: Franklin

By: Franklin FCCLA Chapter

According to the Oxford Dictionary, community service is defined as voluntary work intended to help people in a particular area. The Franklin FCCLA Chapter used this definition and their knowledge about the Franklin community to identify and address problems in the Franklin community. The chapter was concerned about middle and high school students' use of tobacco and the failure to use seat belts when traveling. They were also concerned about the elderly citizens of Franklin who need help or don't receive visits from family members. To overcome the struggles, Franklin FCCLA members cleaned windows at the Senior Center in downtown Franklin, cleaned up litter along Highway 136, educated middle and high schools students about the dangers of tobacco use and the positive outcomes of using seat belts, visited citizens at the Franklin Care and Rehabilitation Center, cared for children at the Parent/Teacher Conference daycare, and helped at the Rose Bowl Movie Theater in Franklin. These achievements helped multiple age groups in Franklin and helped decrease problems in our community.



Franklin FCCLA encouraged their fellow high school drivers to wear a seatbelt by providing incentives as they drove into school.

Chapter Spotlight: Hemingford

By: Hemingford FCCLA Chapter

On January 24, 2018, Hemingford hosted the 2018 STAR District 12 STAR competition at the St. Bridget's Parish center. FCCLA is a student led organization which focuses on family, career and community leadership projects. STAR which stands for Students Taken Action with recognition is FCCLA's competitive event. Students from Scottsbluff, Alliance, Hemingford and Creek Valley were in attendance. Students presented projects such as Focus on Children, Food Innovations and Life Event Planning.

Congratulations to the following FCCLA members.

The following students have advanced to the state competition in their events:

Food Innovations, Rashell Neefe and Emma Gomez- Silver

Life Event Planning- Rebecca Hanson- Top Gold

Illustrated Talk- Landrie Nelson- Silver

Teach and Train- Madison Glendy- Silver

Sports Nutrition- Alex Neefe- Gold

Focus on Children- Rylie Wright-Gold



Pictured Above: Mrs. Neefe, Hemingford advisor/District STAR coordinator; Rylie Wright, Landrie Nelson, Alex Neefe, Rebecca Hanson, Madison Glendy, Rashell Neefe and Emma Gomez.

Chapter Spotlight: Perkins County

By: Perkins County FCCLA Chapter

Perkins County High FCCLA has a great January! The January 8th meeting program focused on "Families First" and members got to experience an activity to show how families can be broken apart in a split second by various problems encountered but can be put back together with patience and love. The clay pot experience was a great learning experience. All members also had a chance to define what family meant to them and were encouraged to share family time and thank family members with notes or activities at home.

On January 17, 2018 six members competed in District 11 STAR Competition at Cambridge. All six members who competed qualified for State Competition. The groups qualified by earning two top golds and one top silver in their Senior STAR events.



Above: Seniors Kadie and Jessica lead the Families First program activity at the January 8th FCCLA meeting.

Below (Left to Right): Karen Ruiz, Jacob Woodmancy, Jessica Klingelhofer, Kadie Hanson, Matthew Wendell and Valerie Perez.



Supplies for Success: SLC Outreach Project

By: Mia Kegley, President



This year, the Nebraska FCCLA is focusing on helping students to strengthen their educational base so that they can achieve at their full potential! We are collecting pencils, pens, crayons, colored pencils, markers, scissors, erasers, notebooks, and gently used backpacks this year to reach that goal. Items will be collected during the State Leadership Conference at the registration table. We are excited for your contributions to help grow the potential of future FCCLA members! Please see the attached flyer to share with your members

Chapter Spotlight: Cozad

By: Cozad FCCLA Chapter

January 5th was a memorable day for many desperate families and the Cozad High School FCCLA. The FCCLA teamed up with the CHS Parenting class to host a community baby shower. All of the money and items they collected went to the Parent Child Center of Dawson County in Lexington. The Parent Child Center dispersed the items to families that couldn't afford the necessities for their child. With more than \$700 raised, the FCCLA bought a variety of baby items that families may need including diapers, toys, hygiene products, formula, bottles, and more.

Members of the Cozad FCCLA Chapter held a Community Baby Shower to raise money for the Parent Child Center of Dawson County.



Chapter Spotlight: Chase County

By: Chase County FCCLA Chapter

The Chase County FCCLA Chapter has been hard at work on their STAR projects since early November. Our chapter has spent two hours every Sunday since November working on helping each other complete our projects. The Sunday afternoon "lock-ins" have given our members the time to ask questions, get advice, and even time alone to work on our projects. This is a new tradition our chapter has started and it continues to help motivate members to not only finish their projects, but to be more self-confident when competing.



Members of the Chase County FCCLA Chapter held a STAR Event "Lock-Ins" to help prepare STAR Event competitors for District STAR Competitions.

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.

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SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Join us in growing the potential of future **FCCLA** members and state leaders by donating the following:

- ~ Writing utensils
- ~ Notebooks
- ~ Erasers
- ~ Colors
- ~ Gently used backpacks

Donations will be collected at State Leadership Conference registration and donated to students in need.

April 8-10, 2018