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Books for Kids Submitted by Emily Richards

Tift County High School FCCLA believes in the power of a book and the importance of reading. Due to this belief, our chapter began to ask how we could help promote literacy in Tift County. The simple answer - getting books in the hands of local kids. We decided that we could help make an impact by collecting new and gently used books and distributing them to elementary age students in our school system. Starting in September, we began collecting new and gently used books throughout the community. Local businesses allowed us to place book boxes in their lobbies and civic organizations donated books to our cause. The FCCLA public relations officer also pushed out digital flyers through social media so that private citizens could also participate. Our chapter worked together to organize the books by genre and reading level. We collected over 1,700 books during our book drive.

The next phase of the project involved teachers from four local elementary schools completing a Google form nominating students that would be candidates to receive the books. Teachers could recommend any student but were encouraged to recommend those who may not have many books in their home. From there, chapter members used the teacher's input to search for the perfect book for each student. Our chapter is currently wrapping the books individually and preparing goodie bags that will be delivered with the books. On February 15 as part of FCCLA Week, FCCLA members will dress as their favorite children's book characters to travel to each school, where the books will be hand delivered to the students. The different emotions when the students unwrap the books range from surprise, disbelief and sometimes tears of joy. FCCLA members will further enhance the experience by pairing up with the student and reading their new book. What better way to celebrate FCCLA week!



FCCLA Shows Nursing Home Residents Love Submitted by Julie Ruiz

Every year around the holidays, Southeast Whitfield High School FCCLA members write and design cards with joyful and warm messages for the seniors in local nursing homes. Many do not have people surrounding them during the holiday season. The FCCLA members write messages such as "I hope you have a very Merry Christmas!" or "May you be blessed with many miracles!". Southeast FCCLA believes it is important to think about those who don't have anyone to be with during the holidays, especially the elderly in nursing homes.



Special Gifts for Special Kids Submitted by Bryna McKenzie

Community service is an integral part of FCCLA. Our chapter has always believed in giving back, especially around the holidays. This year it was our pleasure to not only help with gift donations, but also to help host the Christmas party for our special needs students. Our members dressed as characters from Disney and other action movies to interact with the students as we helped with games and refreshments. The students were able to get their presents from Santa and take pictures with the characters.

How FCCLA has impacted my life as a Locust Grove High School student!

Submitted by Jade Hughes



FCCLA continues to inspire students like me to work hard and push themselves. I joined FCCLA to get more involved in my school and community. Since I've become a member I've been a more outgoing and tenacious student. It's also helped me improve my time management and become a better leader. I've forged unbreakable bonds and friendships with my fellow members in my chapter and together we accomplished so much over the past years. This semester we've devised a membership campaign, worked with other student organizations, and engaged in several fundraisers.

An example of a successful fundraiser our FCCLA chapter implemented was Socktober. During the month of October we raised money by selling socks. Our goal was to raise \$1,000 dollars and we ended up raising \$909 dollars. Furthermore, we attended the Fall Rally where Gabbi Lunsford and Kaylee Kennison were awarded 4th place in the peanut butter cookie recipe competition. Throughout the preparation for that competition they had a lot of fun. Competitive events help FCCLA members get involved in teamwork and possibly learn more about themselves and gain necessary skills for their future. Seeing FCCLA members get involved in events and in their community might inspire others to want to join as well.

We've come up with a few ways to recruit new members such as new member packets, brochures, fliers, and participating in Social Media trends. Our membership campaign consists of monthly goals that can help us keep track of what we want to accomplish. During the fall season we helped throw a party for the special education students by making halloween themed treats. We baked and decorated ghost and pumpkin shaped cookies. In addition we've worked with several organizations with our club including FFA and SGA (Student Government Association). FFA hosted a week-long camp for elementary students; therefore, we helped by making lunches for the kids. It was really enjoyable and fulfilling to help them and it encouraged me to want to do more as a member of FCCLA. To give appreciation to our teachers and staff at Locust Grove High School we made Christmas sweater cookies for SGA to give out.

FCCLA has continued to inspire and motivate me to become a better student leader and start taking action in my community.

Begin your Ultimate Journey with FCCLA!

Submitted by Jailyn Varnedore

A sophomore started his FCCLA journey when his friends encouraged him to join. His love for this organization grew as he began to go Beyond Measure, to Making it Count, to finishing his Incredible adventure with FCCLA last year as he graduated and has now joined FCCLA Alumni & Associates. Through the years...his little sister tagged along as she stayed after school while he had a meeting, participated in community service, helped with cupcake fundraisers, or even added the finishing touches to a STAR event competition piece. During his journey, his little sister slowly fell in love with FCCLA. That little sister was me. I was always excited when he would text to say we would have to stay after school for FCCLA. It was scary to begin with, but the members treated me like family.

I have witnessed FCCLA create so many friendships and help develop leadership skills in my brother. His participation in STAR Events along with community service helped him become more confident, improve his speaking skills, and mature over the years. It has also given him opportunities that others may never have. The one experience I remember best was in 2022 when he was able to travel to San Diego, California, for Nationals. My parents decided we would all go for the experience and support the chapter. Attending Nationals opened my eyes to the life-changing organization a little more and I knew that summer I wanted to begin my journey when I became a freshman. Finally, as a freshman I get to say, NOW it is my turn to begin my own ULTIMATE JOURNEY with FCCLA. To create the ultimate journey of developing leadership skills, competing, helping with community service, traveling, and developing life-long friendships. Now, my brother is the tag along as the alumni and can cheer me on. So remember, let's represent FCCLA well and enjoy creating The Ultimate Journey this year... because we never know whose Ultimate Journey we may be helping begin.



Santa is Coming to Town

Submitted by Abby Wooten

Friday, Dec. 8, 2023, Coffee High FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) hosted Santa's Annual Workshop at the Atkinson Plaza. Coffee County children were able to take a picture with Santa and take it home in a keepsake frame. FCCLA students created stations with various activities for children to do. They were able to make various ornaments, and write a letter to Santa to list all their Christmas wishes. There was face painting, and pictures could be taken with the other characters such as the Grinch. In the next few days those children will receive a return letter from Santa to remind them to be good little children and spread Christmas cheer as they await Christmas Day.



Making Christmas Better

Submitted by Kim Cary

Franklin County High School's FCCLA chapter has been busy in December. The officers and members collected toys for students at a local elementary school and baby items for a pregnancy resource center. Staff and students were generous with their donations to help make someone's Christmas brighter. After taking donations to the school and pregnancy center, members enjoyed a meal at Chick-Fil-A and went to see Christmas lights in the community.



"Yes, Please" Menus Submitted by Mary McGovern

This project was created as we studied Course Standard 6 in E.C.E. II, Identify nutrition and food-safety principles for optimal child wellness. The assignment was to create a restaurant-style child's menu to include balanced meals with accurate calorie counts. It needed to contain 3 choices for breakfast, lunch and dinner with dessert earning extra credit. Three maze or word-search type games also needed to be on the children's menu. As a resource, children's menus were collected from 7 popular restaurants to be used as examples. We looked at these for ideas on fun titles for common children's menu items and game ideas. Each of us were allowed to choose the cuisine we wanted. This resulted in several Mexican restaurants, a Sandwich Shop, Cajun food and Home Style Cookin'. We displayed the completed menus on our hallway bulletin board.

We Love the Animals of Hall County!

Submitted by Mary McGovern

While putting our "Program of Work" together at the beginning of the school year, we decided we wanted to volunteer at the Humane Society of Hall County. At that time, it was the only animal adoption site we knew of in our county. While doing some online research into the organization and interviewing a volunteer, we found out that animals who were not adopted within a certain time frame here, were moved to the Hall County Animal Shelter. Animals, dogs specifically, are euthanized every 30 days at the Shelter. We decided to refocus our efforts on the Shelter to help these animals enjoy their last days and possibly help them find forever homes. Our goals for this project were to enhance the lives of the animals in the shelter through tasty treats and volunteering. Our second goal was to help in the adoption process by word of mouth and decorative collars for adoption day. These efforts took our whole organizations involvement and fits well with our third purpose which is to encourage democracy through cooperative action in the community. Decisions had to be made on recipes, meeting dates, and volunteer days. These cooperative actions lead us to align with our sixth purpose of FCCLA: To provide opportunities for decision making and assuming responsibilities. We held two after school meetings to meet our goals as well as a planned visit to the Animal Shelter. A second visit is planned for Jan. 20th. The combined efforts at these meetings and lunchtime lemonade sales to fund our project, took the involvement of all 50 members of our organization. In this project, members used their

FCS education skills to read the directions and make/bake dog treats for the Animal Shelter. They also learned/used their sewing skills to make the bandana collars for the dogs and cats at the animal shelter. Other soft skills used were organization, research, teamwork, patience, and accountability. FCCLA, as an organization, was referenced on the Christmas card that went with the dog treats. The fact that an animal enhances family life is a large tie-in to what we represent in our FCCLA organization. Our goals for this project were to improve the lives of these animals and to help with their adoption process. We hoped to achieve these goals by providing yummy treats, companionship, and decorative collars for adoption day. Although it is hard to evaluate the success of these goals, I feel that the final effect is still coming.

Very few of the students here at JHS knew about this shelter before this project. They have talked about these animals to their families and friends and have grown in compassion through these works of service. They are even noticing the frantic messages posted on street signs letting the public know what day these animals will be euthanized each month. I think the results of this project are compassion, advocacy, and realization of personal talents that can make a difference to a being other than themselves.





Book Bingo!

Submitted by Olivia Morrison

Reading has always been my go-to way to unwind after a long day. I've come to recognize the privilege I have in finding solace and joy in books. Sadly, many children don't have access to this simple pleasure unless they chance upon a library book. Understanding this gap, our chapter at Houston County High School FCCLA decided to make a difference at one of our chapter meetings.

Our mission was to collect children's books for those in need through a creative event - book bingo. The concept was straightforward – one book donation equals one bingo card. The response was overwhelming, and the book bingo turned out to be a huge success. We managed to collect a total of 50 books, all thanks to the generosity of our members and supporters. What made the event even more heartwarming was the participation of students who weren't FCCLA members at the time.

They not only donated books but also joined in the fun, leaving with not just a prize but also a membership form to join FCCLA. While the primary goal of the book bingo was to serve the community, I quickly realized its potential as a membership recruitment initiative. It provided an avenue for students to have a great time, win prizes, and contribute to a meaningful cause. The event seamlessly merged community service with a chance to bring new members into the FCCLA family.

Berrien Middle FCCLA donates to Toys for Tots Program!

Submitted by Carly Redding

In December, Berrien Middle FCCLA partnered with the Marine Corps Toys for Tots organization. The basic mission of the Marine Toys for Tots Program is to collect new unwrapped toys and distribute those toys to less fortunate children at Christmas. Our chapter planned to sell hot chocolate during the month of December to raise money to purchase toys. We advertised the event by posting flyers throughout the school the week before the event and posted on our chapter Instagram. We raised about \$200 through our hot chocolate sales and used that money to purchase about 15 toys that would be donated to kids in our community.



Santa's HOCO Helpers

Submitted by Tiffany Tran

Houston County High School FCCLA members personalized over 500 letters from Santa for all students at Lake Joy Primary School. LJPS students wrote letters to Santa and HCHS FCCLA members followed up on those letters by adding extra Christmas cheer in the lives of those students. FCCLA members became Santa's special helpers and delivered personalized letters from Santa to all LJPS students. Each student received a special personalized envelope straight from the North Pole

with a sweet message to remind them that they were loved, cared for, and thought about this holiday season. Because some students do not have a joyful home life to go to during the holidays, FCCLA members were honored to participate in this event to bring some joy into the lives of these primary school students and help them feel extra special and loved going into the Christmas holidays.



Bonaire Middle School FCCLA Chapter Secures \$5000 Grant from Flint Energies

Submitted by Krista Smith

In a remarkable achievement for the Bonaire Middle School (FCCLA) Chapter, the organization has successfully secured a \$5000 grant from Flint Energies. This significant financial boost was the result of the dedicated efforts of two standout FCCLA members, Krista Smith and Riley Scarborough. Their initiative not only underscores the commitment of the students but also highlights the collaborative community spirit encouraged by Flint Energies. To receive the \$5000 grant, Krista Smith and Riley Scarborough undertook the task of crafting a compelling ten-minute presentation. This presentation served as a pivotal platform for the Bonaire Middle School FCCLA Chapter to articulate why the funding was imperative for the continued growth and success of their initiatives. During the presentation to the Flint Energies Foundation board, Krista Smith and Riley Scarborough



meticulously detailed the chapter's ongoing projects, community outreach endeavors, and future plans. The duo conveyed the positive impact the FCCLA Chapter has had on the local community and how the additional funds would significantly amplify their capacity to serve and support various causes. The successful acquisition of the \$5000 grant from Flint Energies stands as a testament to the dedication and passion of the Bonaire Middle School FCCLA

Chapter. Krista Smith and Riley Scarborough's articulate presentation not only secured vital funding for the chapter's ongoing success but also solidified the partnership between the chapter and Flint Energies. This accomplishment will undoubtedly empower the FCCLA Chapter to make an even more profound impact on the community, setting an inspiring example for other student organizations to pursue their goals with determination.

Trunk-or-Treat

Submitted by Tiffany Tran

Halloween brings about a time where many families want to spend time together taking their children trick-or-treating. In our community, however, many families live in apartment complexes or in neighborhoods that are not conducive to trick-or-treating. With this in mind, FCCLA members partnered with HCHS DECA to host the first ever Houston County High School Community Trunk-or-Treat event. At this event, clubs, athletic groups, and student organizations from HCHS sponsored decorated themed trunks where they gave out candy and had fun games and activities for local children of all ages. Hundreds of families showed up for this community event where children had a safe space to "trick-or-treat".



Jones County Helps at Brave Meadows

Submitted by Susan Nelson

Members of Jones County High School FCCLA volunteered at Brave Meadows Therapeutic Riding Center. Brave Meadows is a non profit organization. Brave Meadows serves the equine assisted therapy needs of people with limiting issues regardless of ability to pay. The Brave Meadows Therapeutic Riding Center mission is to provide horse assisted physical movement therapy services to the special needs community. The center uses therapeutic riding to provide social, educational, and sport opportunities in recreational horseback riding sessions adapted to individuals with disabilities. FCCLA members cleaned horse stalls, fed animals, brushed horses and assisted clients with riding horses.



EFHS Collects School Supplies

Submitted by Sharon Nizialek

East Forsyth High School FCCLA chapter collected donations for school supplies for children in need. They collected enough supplies to fill over 400 backpacks causing children all over the county to smile! Great job FCCLA!



Talk to Me!

Submitted by Maddie Wiggins, Addison Smart, and Hannah Brogdon

As part of our STAR Event project Interpersonal Communications, our team surveyed students in Family & Consumer Science classes on how well members communicate with parents. We were surprised that over 80% felt that they had good, open communication with their parents. When we dug deeper, it became apparent that this was not the case. The majority of those surveyed talked their parents less than once a week and 14% said that they never talked to their parents. This told us that there were obviously barriers and challenges to clear communication.

We developed a presentation to help teach our peers how to communicate effectively with their parents and other adults. We felt these tips would be beneficial to everyone! Here are some of the highlights:

- You have to give respect to earn respect; realize you may not always agree but disagree respectfully.
- Sometimes things are awkward or uncomfortable in a conversation; that's okay! Work through it.
- Communication takes time; make a point to talk to your parents often & each conversation makes the next one easier.
- Start off small; go on a walk and just talk about your day or favorite tv program.
- Try to look at issues from their perspective; realize your perspectives are different but that does not make them wrong.
- Value each others differences and listen actively; repeat back what you think they are saying with words like "what I hear you saying is....."; sometimes the message we receive is not the message they are sending!

Our chapter members were really positive after we presented our information on this topic. Some information was new and some was just a reminder of principles they had heard, but they said it was really good to be reminded. Hopefully this will encourage you to just talk to your parents!



Following the Roadmap!

Submitted by Emmi Warren

August 5, 2022: my first day of high school. It wasn't like the movies where you enter a new school and immediately feel like a confident, new person. No, I was nothing like that, I was more like a nervous wreck. I wasn't the quietest kid in the room, but I was definitely not a socialite. I lacked confidence, I always stuck to my same group of friends, I had no time-management skills, and the qualities that I did have were not very developed. I looked at my schedule as I sat down in my homeroom seat that first day, completely unaware that my third block, Food, Nutrition, and Wellness with Mrs. Williams, would completely change the course of my high school career. Walking into Mrs. Williams class, I noticed that I had a couple of friends in there. The four of us sat at the very front group of seats, right in front of the SmartBoard. We were introduced to the class, it seemed that it was going to be a very fun semester. Mrs. Williams pulled up a PowerPoint on the board, "FCCLA." I had heard of FCCLA before, I had a couple of classes in middle school, and I was a member one of those years. I knew that it stood for Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, but that was the extent of it. I knew nothing else about the organization. As we went through the slides and took a few notes, I finally began to get just a little glimpse



into what FCCLA was about, and I knew that I wanted to be involved. So I paid my dues, and it was on. As the year went on, I began to get closer and closer to my two amazing advisers, Mrs. Leigh Johnson and Mrs. Melissa Williams. Along with some of the chapter officers that year, they began to help me understand even more about the opportunities, and doors that FCCLA could open for me. By the end of the semester, my friend and I were working on our STAR Event. We chose Promote and Publicize FCCLA! Through this event I gained public speaking skills, I improved my time-management abilities, and my work ethic was put to the test. It was so worth it! We took our project all the way to the national level, this was one of the greatest experiences of my life. My confidence grew to the point

where I was able to make the decision that I could be a Region Officer. I put together my application and made it through the process. Another experience that helped me grow as a leader. I have continued that growth process throughout this past school year. Fast forward to today where I am preparing to run for state officer. As I reflect on my opportunities and experiences in FCCLA, I realize that FCCLA has the roadmap to leadership success. Following the directions that FCCLA has provided helps me to navigate through life-changing experiences. I am definitely not where I started and I cannot wait to see where this Ultimate Journey takes me!



Experience the Passion of Hospitality!

Submitted by Felicia Hodges

On January 18, Reynolds Lake Oconee welcomed students from Greene County High School/Greene County College and Career Academy to explore hospitality job opportunities at the resort. Reynolds Lake Oconee is a beautiful and relaxing setting in which to work. The resort features four championship golf courses, a state-of-the-art spa, a marina, and a variety of restaurants and shops. The tour was very informative, and the students and advisors learned a lot

about the different restaurants and the types of jobs that are available. I was impressed with the level of professionalism and dedication of the staff at the restaurants and believe that this is a great place to work for students interested in entering the hospitality and tourism industry. They learned about the different types of jobs that are available, such as servers, bartenders, hosts, and chefs. Students were given a personal invitation to attend a job fair on February

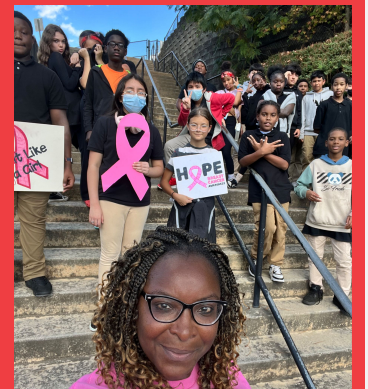
3, 2024, from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Reynolds Lake Oconee Clubhouse. I am confident that the students would be able to find a job that they are passionate about. The tour started with a welcome reception at the Reynolds Lake Oconee clubhouse.

We were then given a brief overview of the resort and the different restaurants. We then had the opportunity to visit each of the restaurants and speak with the 5 executive chefs and staff of each restaurant. As an exciting bonus on the tour, the students were able to get hands on training deboning chicken. The students were impressed with the variety of restaurants that are available, including fine dining, casual dining, and the various types of cuisines offered. "We are always looking for talented and motivated individuals to join our team," said Jessica Bellout, Director of Human Resources at Reynolds Lake Oconee. "We offer a competitive salary and benefits package, as well as a fun and rewarding work environment."

Breast Cancer Awareness Walk!

Submitted by Hope Hopkins

FCCLA held a Breast Cancer Awareness walk-a-thon event. The bulletin board in the Connections hallway is lined with pink ribbons that had names of people who donated to the cause. Members and students walking have either lost a loved one to cancer, have a family member fighting cancer, or know of someone that has previously had cancer. This event, which was held on the Paul D. West Middle School track, was able to give members of FCCLA the opportunity to help raise money for the American Cancer Society.



DHS Teacher Kid Care Fundraiser!

Submitted by Isabella Supina

A successful fundraiser for our chapter has been doing Teacher Kid Cares. These are offered during teacher workdays throughout the school year from 8am to 4pm. This allows teachers and staff at our school to not have to stress about finding a babysitter or having to pay to put their kid(s) in daycare. We charge \$25 per child,

and for additional siblings we give a \$5 discount. Our chapter officers create a flyer and google form that is emailed out to all the staff at Denmark High School. This is how we keep track of whose children will be attending and how many total. We also plan a schedule for the day(s) for what activities we will be doing and where we will be at certain times. Some examples are crafts, movies, nature walks, visiting the barn, holiday-related activities, etc. We have at least two officers at each shift, and members are given the opportunity to earn service credits for working one or all the shifts. We communicate this opportunity through social media like posts on Instagram and Remind messages to our members. This fundraiser allows those in the Teaching as a Profession Pathway to gain experience teaching in front of kids and handling a group of kids. The kids always enjoy it and love coming back every time!



How has FCCLA helped me?

Submitted by Kayla Tipton

FCCLA has helped me in many different ways in my life. It has taught me many different things such as: being a good leader, teamwork skills, and how to be outside my comfort zone. FCCLA has been a big part of my high school years and I wouldn't trade it for a thing. I have met some amazing people from all over! I have been given opportunities that I never thought were possible for me. I have traveled, competed in a STAR Event and made it to nationals 2 years in a row. If you had told me all the things I have done over the past four years with FCCLA, I would say you are lying. I have taken the information over the years and brought it back to my chapter to show others that you can do anything, even when you think you can't. I have spoken to people in FCCLA and I've never had a bad experience with anyone. It is a true family!



Shooting for the Stars with FCCLA

Submitted by Laney Davis

Every day, I strive for success through my FCCLA journey. From the very first FACS class I took to my very first STAR Event and now as a Region Officer, it has been such an amazing and unique experience. Going into my junior year of high school next year, I plan to do nothing but work harder to reach my goals. By taking all eight purposes to my heart and truly believing in them, I have become the best leader that I ever have been and will continue to grow even more.



Member of the Month

Submitted by Jake Ryan

Recognition of members can be a difficult task. Officer teams must take steps to figure out a way to ensure members feel valued and seen. At CCHS, our officer team implemented the Member Of The Month Program (MOTM). The program allows for one or two members to be recognised each month at our chapter meeting. The member(s) must be active in all chapter activities and endeavours. The member(s) will be rewarded with a gift card to the Courtyard Cafe, a school-based enterprise, and will receive a certificate to honour their accomplishment. Since starting the MOTM program last year, our chapter officer team has recorded an increase in member attendance at meetings and participation in community service projects -- showing the value of the program.



Embarking on my FCCLA Journey!

Submitted by Soha Ali

My introduction to FCCLA occurred during my freshman year when I joined because it aligned with the Food and Nutrition class I was enrolled in at the time. Initially drawn by the prospect of earning credits through meetings and service events, I quickly discovered the profound impact and camaraderie this club offered. Upon being entrusted with the role of Food Science Representative, my excitement soared. I seized the opportunity to leave my imprint on the chapter, delving into the role of managing an organization comprised of over 150 members. Inspired by fellow officers, I aspired to elevate my leadership skills. Teaming up with the vice president, we not only competed successfully in STAR Events but also forged a lasting friendship. Winning 1st place at region and state flew us out to nationals in San Diego—an experience that remains etched in my memories forever, blending my passion for FCCLA with a love for travel.

I continued to compete the year after, receiving gold at nationals and securing a 6th-place finish. Transitioning into the role of chapter president for nearly two years, I learned to guide and inspire officers, fostering positive change within our community. However, my desire to extend my impact led me to seek out the position of Region 2 Officer, where I now lead meetings, workshops, and communication with members throughout our region. This role has proven to be an incredible platform to initiate change and motivate others to discover their purpose. Participating in FCCLA activities has been a joy, fueled by my goal to ensure every member finds their purpose and kickstarts their unique journey. We cultivate lifelong skills essential for future careers, forge enduring bonds, and create a treasure trove of memories. FCCLA, for me, has been more than just a club, it is a second home. I aspire for others to find the same sense of belonging on their own FCCLA journey!



Driving our Culinary Skills to the Bank!

Submitted by Felicia Hodges

The members/students in the Culinary Arts Pathway first completed the EverFi program Venture to explore all the marketing and business planning to operate a food truck business. Next the members/students decided to invite 12 food trucks to the school to see the operations of a food truck first-hand. To promote the event, we used our social media pages, print advertising, and word-of-mouth. To set up, we provided tables and chairs, power, and trash receptacles for the community members/patrons to enjoy their meals. We collaborated with the following food trucks: Devereux Crab Shack, Big Baby BBQ, Dough Daddy Dough Pizza, Jayace Rockin Ice, Chef Boy Q, Backyard Grill, Wing King, Tacos, Travelin Toms, T&D Southern Style.

We chose to address this issue because we wanted to show the possibilities of entrepreneurship through food trucks.

Goals and objectives of exploring owning a food truck:

- To get started in the food service industry
- To gain experience in the food service industry
- To have a fun and rewarding career
- To be an entrepreneur
- To work flexible hours
- To be creative and innovative
- To provide a great experience for customers
- To make a positive impact on my community



The evaluation process was a self-evaluation, where the members reflected on their experience and how it helped them to develop their skills and knowledge through the EverFi: Venture assessment program. The results were 16 members completing their certification in EverFi. The event was a great success. We raised money for our community service event, and the students/members learned a lot about operating a food truck. The food truck event was a big hit, and people were really interested in learning more about FCCLA. We had a lot of conversations with people about what FCCLA is and what we do.

Some of the ways that members used their FCS education skills in this project included:

- * Planning and organizing the event
- * Marketing and promoting the event
- * Cooking and serving food
- * Working with a budget
- * Raising money for charity

Reaching my Ultimate Journey as a State Officer!

Submitted by Jhiriss Smith

As a State Officer, I have learned so much about myself. From collaborating with my other state officers, studying scripts, and all of the events I have attended, this past year as a State Officer has been the best! I have met so many new people along the way, that I now have connections with people from all across the State of Georgia. People may think that this is the end of my journey, but it is just the beginning. I will always cherish my memories at the National Leadership Conference in Denver, Summer Leadership Camp which opened my eyes to the beautiful nature, and the mud course that I still can smell until this day! If you are hesitant about running for state office next year, you should just do it, do not waste any time! Lastly, I want to give a big thanks to everyone who trusted me in leading the Georgia FCCLA State Association this year. Without you all, I do not know where I would be on my Ultimate Journey. Until next time Georgia FCCLA, this is your 2024, Vice President of Public Relations, Jhiriss Smith, signing off.

