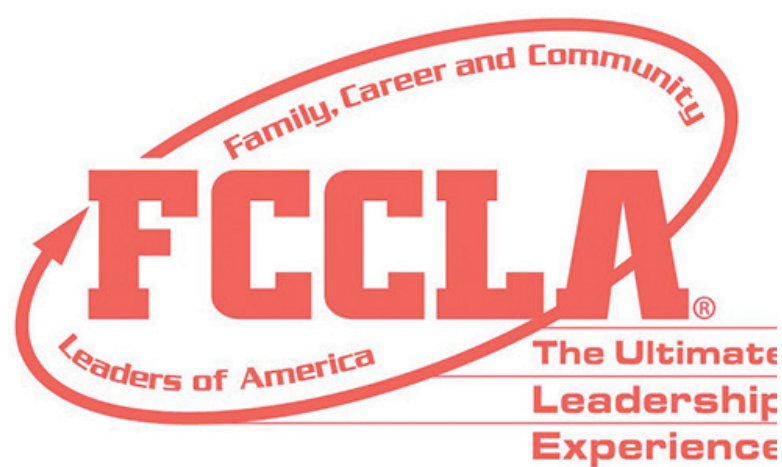


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Bacon County FCCLA Teams Up with Social Worker!

Bacon County FCCLA teams up with the Bacon County School District's Social Worker, Mrs. Teri Land to bring awareness about bullying. FCCLA chapter members asked others in the student body to help them raise awareness and be a voice for others. Students met and decided to make posters, flyers, and even a video that has received over 2,100 views and 22 shares!

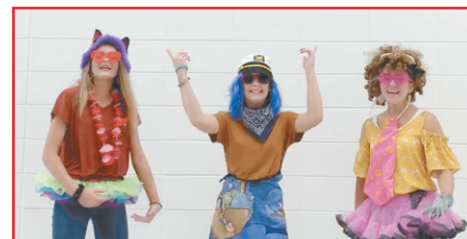
They also helped share information about the BC TipLine through a powerpoint for teachers to show and posters to hang in the hallways. The BC TipLine is an app that the school district has for students, parents, teachers and staff to anonymously report situations when help may be needed from bullying, drugs, violence, alcohol, self-harm, and/or abuse happening on or off campus.

The chapter members also made a con-



Be the "I" in Kind! Students can be the "I" in Kind and share their picture on social media (#baconcofccla), Email or show Mrs. Jessica Johnson, FCCLA Adviser to be entered in a chance to win a gift card to a local restaurant. On October 31st, a drawing will be held from the pictures posted and turned in for a gift card to a local restaurant.

One of the posters several student body members made to hang in the school.



BCHS students having fun while spreading a message through a video about how being a bully isn't cool! The video has been viewed over 2,100 times and shared 22 times through social media!



What has FCCLA taught me? – Tabitha Bodie North Oconee High School

In the six years I've been in FCCLA I have learned more about life than anywhere else. FCCLA has taught me people skills, management skills, responsibility, and leadership. When I first joined FCCLA in the 6th grade, I had no idea how to hold



Tabitha Bodie at National Leadership Conference 2019

a conversation with people outside my friend group or more importantly, adults.

In FCCLA I was able to find a place where I felt comfortable enough to even try to learn people skills. I've gained enough confidence to talk to people I've never met

before at member meetings and present in front of an audience full of strangers.

Outside of becoming more sociable, I have developed time management and prioritizing skills. Through completing tasks as a chapter officer, competing in STAR Events, and creating events for my chapter I have learned how to efficiently manage school, work, and FCCLA.

Responsibility is a characteristic I've had to obtain quickly my first year as a chapter officer. This kind of responsibility is different from just being responsible for yourself. More than just yourself is at stake. The responsibility FCCLA has taught me has helped with being in charge of an offi-

cer team and planning and executing events for my chapter.

Out of all the things FCCLA has taught me over the years, the most important is leadership. Being in charge of an event or a group of people or a plan means nothing if you're not a good leader. Being a leader means that you know how to listen and communicate to a group and doing what's best for the whole team. FCCLA has taught me how to be the best leader for my officer team and my chapter.

FCCLA has and will continue to teach me and better my life skills to help me in the future.

Perry High FCCLA Wins 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Nation!

Perry High FCCLA National award winners were recognized for receiving 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the nation at their National Leadership Conference this summer.

Students were invited to attend the State Superintendents Recognition Program in Atlanta. Each student was presented a certificate to recognize their outstanding achievement and posed for a picture with Superintendent Richard Woods.

Following the ceremony students and advisers Kama Beaumarchais and Crystal Quick were invited to a reception. Students and advisers felt extremely honored to be able to attend and be recognized at such a prestigious event. Students are working hard to gain new achievements this school year



Jalynn Sivo 2nd Place Food Innovations



Savannah McKleroy, Skyler Bullard, Tyasia Hooten and Asia Berry 1st Place Parliamentary Procedures



Jaylah Jones, Sophia DiSarli, Tionna Kendrick, TyKhia Burden, Briana Brown and Damon Negron 3rd Place Parliamentary Procedures

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Gwinnett County Schools FCCLA Officers take Oath Office at Ceremony

Mountain View High School hosted the Gwinnett County Officer Induction Ceremony on Tuesday, September 24, 2019. Nine Gwinnett County High Schools were included in the ceremony including: Archer High School, Berkmar High School, Collins Hill High School, Dacula High School, Grayson High School, Lanier High School, Millcreek High School, Mountain View High School, and Peachtree Ridge High School. The ceremony included the FCCLA Candle lighting Ceremony and focused on the Eight Purposes of the organization. Each President took on a speaking role in the ceremony and light the candles as they explained what each candle represents. The members took the stage with their advisers to receive the schools recognition for their commitment to leadership in their schools FCCLA chapter.



Mountain View Officers: Tim Booker, Dubem Duruibe, Chinom Duribe, McKenna Robbins, Emily Emmons, Madelyn Peta, Sierra Sibert, and Jalen Roberts

Pins, certificates and roses were given to the officers from their local chapter. The officers took the oath of office followed by their chapter president taking the oath of president.

The ceremony concluded with every officer meeting on the floor and passing the light of the organization to each officer's candle. The group then recited the FCCLA Creed by candlelight. McK-

enna Robbins, Mountain View President and Emily Emmons, State Vice President of Programs hosted the event. Special guests included Zubaida Adres State Vice President of Competitive

Events and her Adviser Caitlin Mitchell from North Oconee County High School and Elizabeth Clinton Region 3 Officer. Elizabeth's adviser is Ashley Carter from Loganville High School. Mountain View Principal Keith Chaney was in attendance and welcomed all of the officers and their parents and offered words of encouragement for their choice to lead in their local chapters.



Members forming a part of the candle circle

Backpack Buddies

At Union Grove High School, our FCCLA collects non-perishable items before each break to donate to Backpack Buddies. Backpack Buddies takes the non-perishable food and gives it to kids who rely on school lunches as their main meal throughout the day. Our chapter sees Backpack Buddies as one of our biggest and most beneficial community service projects every year. It is always wonderful to see how many people donate to the cause each time, even non-FCCLA members. So far this year, we have already held one donation for this year and had MANY donations. Soon we will begin collecting again and hope to get over 100 items! This community service project not only benefits our members but also the many non-members who also participate and the students who receive the food.



A few of our officers and members with our donations from our last collection!



Flowery Branch Goes Orange for Kya

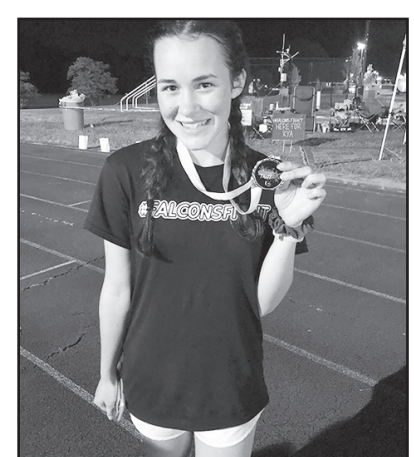
Flowery Branch High FCCLA was hit hard with the news that one of their own members, Kya Pennington was diagnosed with Leukemia a month after attending the Fall Leadership Conference. FBHS members joined together

to raise awareness as well as a fund to help with medical expenses for Kya. Kennedy Jenkins, one of our FCCLA officers designed a t-shirt to sell and members made orange ribbons to give out to our school. In May, we participated in

the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Kya's honor. We even won the t-shirt competition with our #FalconsFight shirt. We raised over \$2,000 and made a donation to the ACS in Kya's name.

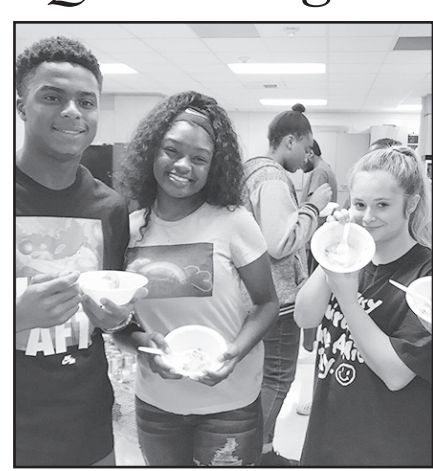


FBHS members booth at Relay for Life



Briona Bierkamp received a medal at Relay

Houston County High School FCCLA SQUASHing Unhealthy Eating Habits



Students enjoyed making and tasting a quick and easy zucchini noodle recipe which made a favorite pasta dish healthier by including veggies

Houston County High School FCCLA utilized BEAR Time, an enrichment and remediation period during the school day, to invite students to learn about the importance of healthy eating by connecting students with the FCCLA Student Body National Program and Georgia Organic's October Farm to School Month initiative: Oh, My Squash!

Throughout several enrichment and learning sessions, students were encouraged to "SQUASH" their unhealthy eating habits by implementing vegetables into their diet in fun and unique ways. Students not only learned about healthy eating tips, they also discussed healthy recipes, shared ideas for including fruits and vegetables into their diets, learned about Georgia Organics and Georgia Grown programs, and had the opportunity to prepare and taste test both zucchini pizza bites and zucchini noodles, or "zoodles".

For many students that attended these healthy, and tasty, BEAR Time Sessions, it was the first time trying squash. Several students noted that they tend to avoid vegetables or admitted to making poor food choices. However, following these sessions, students revealed an openness towards healthy eating and were eager to include vegetables into their meals more often by preparing fun recipes and attempting the tips and ideas that were shared through discussions for making healthy eating fun!

HCHS students were eager to try more healthy recipes and set goals to make nutritious eating a priority.

North Hall High School Hooked on FCCLA

North Hall High School's FCCLA participated in the annual NHHS Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 27, 2019 to raise awareness for FCCLA. The theme of our float was "Hooked on FCCLA". The NHHS officers came up with the theme to encourage upcoming and current high school students to join FCCLA. Our FCCLA members designed, decorated, and made the float come to life. It was a great way to show school spirit and FCCLA pride! As a member and officer of NHHS FCCLA, I enjoyed being a part of the parade and seeing the enthusiasm of community members as we rode past.

This school year some of our FCCLA members have shown leadership in our community by volunteering at Riverbend Elementary for a parent literacy night and "WATCH D.O.G.S." Pizza Night. Our members plan on volunteering for other community organizations throughout the school year. Our main community service goal for this school year is to host a clothing drive for WayPoint and The Hope Center.

Decorating the float: Faith Walker, Heaven Bryant, and Meg Jennings



Waiting on the parade to begin: Ruby Robinson, Meg Jennings, Faith Walker, Kara Dukes, Reece Coker, Heaven Bryant, Julianna Ware



Stuffed Animal Drive for Local Paramedics

During the month of September, the Commerce High School FCCLA Chapter held a stuffed animal drive competition between classes. Over 200 stuffed animals were collected in this drive! The stuffed animals collected were donated to local paramedics to use for children's ambulance rides to and from the hospital. The paramedics were grateful for the donations and have already started to use them for children.



CHS FCCLA members pose with the collected stuffed animals.



CHS FCCLA members enjoyed the stuffed animals each day.

Rutland High School Helps Macon Periods Easier



FCCLA and Macon Periods Easier packing personal care packages

On October 5, 2019 Rutland FCCLA helped a volunteer organization called Macon Periods Easier and the purpose of the organization is to provide menstrual care products for schools and the women or young girls in need. As a result, Rutland FCCLA members packed 101 loose zip lock bags. The individual female products packed totaled out to be 16,537. Overall it was a great experience and we learned that not every girl has access to these products. Periods are considered an embarrassing conversation that needs to be had so those in need can get the help that they need.

FCCLA Fridays!



Our first leadership meeting to plan first FCCLA Friday

Calhoun High School FCCLA is off to a great start with our largest membership ever! Each year our goal is to increase membership from the year before. We are currently up to 150 members! One way that we feel our membership is so high is due to FCCLA Fridays. 85% of our school is involved in extracurricular activities after school. This means we cannot have meetings after school. Our Early Childhood teacher and our Culinary Arts teachers have FCCLA Fridays in class. FCCLA Fridays mean that members in the class bring in food, and meet Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Atkins in the hallway to complete FCCLA activities. Students that are not FCCLA members are not punished, they complete Employability Skills activities in Google Classroom. All students get a FCCLA Friday/Employability Skills grade on this day. This has been a great success for our program!

Teen Safe Driving Initiative Project with Cross Creek High

On Oct. 9th, FCCLA members hosted a Teen Safe Driving Initiative Project. Mrs. Brooks planned everything and my peers and I assisted in giving out the 3-D glasses and the key pad. We had so much fun all day. LCE Community Education Project set up a driving simulation for us to experience what happens when we do risky driving. We had to answer pre and post assessment in which data was collected to determine our learned knowledge on safety prevention and teen driving. As a teen, even though I haven't started driving yet, I do not pay attention in the car already due to being on my phone so I understand how important it is to be aware when I do start driving. From the results, We had a risk level change as high as 50.3% and 64.7% of the students thought the program was Excellent/Good. I enjoyed preparing the drinks and snacks for students. Overall, we had 3 sessions of 90 minute each and over 400 students participated in the school.



Show Your Love

The Carroll County College and Career Academy South's FCCLA culinary members collaborated Central High School of Carrollton, GA to prepare the post game meals for the Central Lions Varsity Football team. A student poll was taken for suggestions on an easy to prepare meal that was also easy to distribute. The students decided to proceed with providing the manpower to prepare the post game meal before every away game.

The purpose of the FCCLA chapter preparing this meal is to make sure the players are not hungry after an away game on the way back home. Knowing there is a meal waiting, they are not stressing about what to eat, where to eat, what time they'll be able to eat or how much it will cost. Eating out after a game is not always affordable or time efficient. This effort is a great way for our FCCLA culinary members to show school pride by showing their love and appreciation towards the football players, but it is also a way of just lending a helping hand.



FCCLA Culinary members prepping post game meal for the Mighty Central Lions!

OCHS FCCLA Bulletin Board Bottles for Babies

In September, Fannin FCCLA helped the local pregnancy center, Her Hope Pregnancy Center, fill baby bottles with cash and change. The funds raised helps local mothers and families in need. Funds help purchase clothes, diapers, formula, food, and more. The center also offers classes for mothers who need additional support in preparing for their new role of motherhood.



Students showing 4 of the bottles filled by our FCS Classes Students showing 4 of the bottles filled by our FCS Classes

Babb Middle School FCCLA Girls Attend the Launch of the Chisholm Leadership Academy and the International Day of the Girl Event

Babb FCCLA girls received an invitation to attend the Launch of the Chisholm Leadership Academy and the International Day of the Girl. The organization is a nonpartisan organization and its program provides support to a diverse cohort of girls in grades 6 - 12. The organizations values are that every girl can become a great leader. I am my sister's keeper, and our differences are our greatest strength. The organization will provides services in the following areas: Atlanta, Macon, Columbus, Albany, Augusta and Savannah. The services will be free to all participants.



Babb Middle School FCCLA girls at the Chisholm Leadership Academy International Day of the Girl



Babb Middle School FCCLA girls participating in research activities at the Chisholm Leadership Academy

Irwin County High FCCLA Attend DISCOVER Training

Irwin FCCLA attended Developing Individual School Chapters with Vision, Energy and Responsibilities DISCOVER Training which was hosted by the Georgia Association of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America - FCCLA on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at Camp John Hope in Fort Valley, Georgia.

Over 500 members from over 80 chapters from across the state attended this day of unique opportunities that informed and motivated chapter officers and their advisers to explore opportunities available through FCCLA. They examined new ways to help them

succeed in their families, careers, and communities. The weekend meeting was intended to increase students' knowledge of what it means to lead their local chapter and ways to take this back to their own community.

Attendees participated in various sessions that included ideas to take back to their local chapter regarding membership, community service, middle school, national programs and competitive events.

Irwin FCCLA member, Jhalil Reid stated, "I really learned a lot and look forward to being in FCCLA this year."



The Whole Gang from Irwin County High Boo-king Kids To Enhance Literacy

By Lily Bates After discovering alarming statistics relating literacy and success, Tift County High School

FCCLA members decided to take action in their own backyard. According to Scholastic, children from low-income families have



Savana and Raven

access to fewer reading materials than children of middle and upper income families, resulting in a stark difference in academic success, verbal and nonverbal communication, reading and pretend reading. FCCLA members took initiative by placing book

donation boxes in various locations throughout the city. Over 150 books were collected in total. FCCLA advisers contacted local principals to gather a list of students who they know to be in need of books at home. After collecting books and gathering a



Babb Middle School FCCLA girls group photo at the Chisholm Leadership Academy

list of students in need, FCCLA members sorted the books according to reading level (Pre-K through 5th grade.) Using the theme of Halloween, students decorated bags with tags that read "You have been 'boo'ked!" FCCLA members will deliver the books, along with bags of candy, to students at elementary schools in Tift County on Wednesday, October 30th.

North Oconee's Retro Return!

Two weeks into the school year, our chapter started our annual member recruitment week. We planned multiple events to take place throughout the week to help get potential members excited for FCCLA! On Monday we gave away cookies in the commons with our first meeting date on a sticker on the bag. Our officers also were each given a big bag of dum-dum lollipops to hand out to peers. On these dum-dums we had our first meeting date on a sticker on both sides. We also made sure to advertise every-

thing we were doing on our social media to get the word around. On Wednesday, we held our first meeting. The theme was Retro Return and our peers loved it! We had soda and ice cream floats as well as fries and just about every dipping sauce you can imagine. We gave a presentation that included a little bit about FCCLA and a little about our officers, we played a game, and then most importantly, we talked to all potential members, ate food, and had fun! We recently had our September meeting and once again

we had a great turn out. We delivered letters to anyone who was in FCCLA last year but not this year and everyone who came to the first meeting but not the second. We wanted to make sure to do everything we could to spread awareness and information about our amazing organization! All in all, our first meeting as well as our recruitment week was a success. My chapter looks forward to this year and all that it and our members hold for future FCCLA events



Our officers talking to potential members and giving out cookies in the commons!



Our officers posing in front of our chapter's first meeting's poster!



Connecting with Middle Schools: Preparing Our Club for the Future!

These Northside High School students had a ball at Camp John Hope recently for Basic Training. The students participated in the low ropes course, games and archery. The great part is that they were able to network with future NHS FCCLA students from neighboring middle schools! The students also visited Thompson Middle School on another day and played games with the students during their monthly FCCLA meeting! We love our future members and cannot wait for them to be a part of our club in the coming years!

NHS FCCLA members playing team-building games with Thomas Middle School Students



Homecoming at North Forsyth High

Our school year has started with a great start, the officer team represented at our school wide club drive to recruit members. It was held on our football field and all had a great time. We then had our first meeting mixer in September to welcome new members and discuss the plan for the year. The first activity that we were to participate in was the Homecoming parade: theme Candyland. Our school community includes an elementary and middle school that are adjacent

to our campus, this allows us to participate closely with both campuses to reach out to the up and coming members from both.

Our next activity is planned for the end of October. It will be to set up a trunk at the middle school for 'TRUNK OR TREAT' to provide a safe place for the middle and elementary school students to go trick or treating. Our theme this year will be 'Day of the Dead'. We will then purchase groceries for our adopted families in November and work at our lo-

cal food bank. We look forward to our involvement for the rest of the year activities.



Meeting Mixer; getting to know you games

Feagin Mill Middle School FCCLA Sponsors a Shoe Drive

How many pairs of shoes do you own? Two? Five? More? Recently, FCCLA members at Feagin Mill came to appreciate that not everyone has a closet full of shoes. Around the world there are many who have none and are forced to make a pair out of trash such as plastic bottles or scrap fabric. Members of the Wolf Pack "stepped up" and donated gently used and new shoes to Soles for Souls. By teaming up with the Vine Church in Perry, all shoes that were donated will be shipped to Soles for Souls to be distributed to kids and adults in other nations



Feagin Mill Middle School FCCLA members with shoes donated by students, parents, and faculty.



Feagin Mill Middle School FCCLA adviser, staff, and student Caden Cook presented shoes collected to The Vine Church in Perry, who volunteered to pay shipping for the shoes.

First Academy Douglas Organized new FCCLA

First Academy Christian School organized a new FCCLA program this year. Adviser Renee Roberson retired from Coffee High then began work at First Academy. Renee stated, "I'm excited to be starting a new FCCLA program at the school." Fifteen members have joined and twelve participated in the Fall Rally this year at the Georgia National Fair. Members are excited about their new adventure and can't wait to get involved.

First Academy entered the brochure event and the fair booth earning 3rd place with their booth titled "FCCLA is Your Story & Your Power". Members can't wait to get more involved with FCCLA.



Officers recruiting new club members



Alyssa Rish and Aubrie Spears

Myers Middle How does FCCLA inspire you?

FCCLA inspires me to do my best. It has allowed me to really focus on what I want to do. This program has helped me a lot and allows me to feel like I am worthy. The people in FCCLA are not only participants but they are a family. I was a participant in the Knowledge Bowl at the Fall Rally and this inspired me to work and study hard. As a result we placed 4th in the competition. We studied with another school while we were waiting and I thank them for their kindness. FCCLA teaches me how to be kind, to be a leader and to follow the Golden Rule. It teaches me world skills that may be needed one day to fulfil my dreams. I thank my FCCLA adviser and members for this opportunity to serve as the president of this chapter.



4th winners in Knowledge Bowl---Myers Middle FCCLA

Charlton FCCLA Volunteers for Public Lands Day

Charlton County High FCCLA members volunteered to participate in National Public Lands Day on September 28 at the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge in Folkston. Members were responsible to helping clean up the Chesser Island Homestead.

Responsibilities included raking,

sweeping, washing dishes, cleaning windows, and much more. This is a yearly community service project that Charlton FCCLA takes pride in helping out with. Afterwards, members enjoyed a free lunch courtesy of the wildlife refuge staff.



FCCLA member, Andrea Fellows, helps rake the grounds at the Chesser Island Homestead.



FCCLA member, Cierra Mayer, washes windows on the historic Chesser Island Homestead building



The Charlton FCCLA members that showed up to help out with the 2019 National Public Lands Day cleanup event

Berrien High Hosts Tailgate Meeting

Not only was Friday, August 30th an exciting day in terms of a BHS football game, but it was also an exciting day for Berrien High FCCLA members. The first meeting of the 2019-2020 school year was a Tailgate Party to get members ready for the game. FCCLA members, as well as BHS cheerleaders, were invited to help promote school spirit as well as develop relationships between the

groups. There was food, games and just an overall sense of community. The first meeting brought together new and longtime members in a way to establish connections and friendships. "I enjoyed seeing every grade come together," says Maryann Rowe, a senior at BHS, "it also helped our officers and longtime members connect with new members."



Part of the story is making fun memories with other chapter members.



New friendships being made as members bond over food.

Emanuel County Institute FCCLA stives to help eliminate childhood hunger in their community

Emanuel County Institute FCCLA has been hard at work raising money for Weekend Blessings, which is a program that gives bags of food to children in need every weekend and over the long breaks. Weekend Blessings was developed by FCCLA members and 3 community members. This program is funded through donations only. FCCLA members host events and food drives to help raise money and awareness of this program. FCCLA assisted with the annual Weekend Blessings 5K to raise money and it was very successful, we raised \$2000.00 for the program. Recently, students and volunteers participated in "Bike Night for a Cause" which raised \$300.00 for the program. Jamie O'Neal provided wonderful music for the family entertainment night. Currently, State Farm is sponsoring a canned ham food drive for our

thanksgiving bags. This year Emma Mason and Taylor Flakes wanted to add care bags in addition to the food bags for our students in the community. FCCLA hosted a toiletry bag drive where community members donated bags used and new for this wonderful cause. Members have also been hosting a toiletry item drive to collect the items students may need. These items will be in a secure location at each school and students will be able to go get items that they need at school or to take home. ECI FCCLA members have been really busy this year trying to raise awareness and funds for this much needed program. Crider Foods donated \$1863.00 to Weekend Blessings this year after being educated by FCCLA members about the program. We are very appreciative of all the support our community has shown to ECI FCCLA and

the Weekend Blessings program. FCCLA member Emma Mason shopping for Social media post to help collect toiletry bags and food for weekend blessings bags.

Annual Weekend Blessings 5K
Crider Foods Donates \$1,863 to Weekend Blessings



HMMS FCCLA: Sliding in with a New Chapter

The 2019-2020 school year is the first year Haymon-Morris Middle School (HMMS) in Winder has offered its students an FCCLA chapter. To kick-off the year, Apalachee High School (AHS) FCCLA invited HMMS students to attend an FCCLA block party.

After some introductions, students ventured to meet their future Advisers and the current AHS chapter members. AHS and HMMS students held a joint chapter meeting and then turned up the music, ate a few snacks, and slipped and slid their way through a fun afternoon.

This collaborative event is just one of the many exciting ways AHS and HMMS chapters are teaming up to get students involved in all of the wonderful things FCCLA has to offer.



Members practicing their slip-and-slide skills.

BMS FCCLA Officers attended Gold Training at Camp John Hope

BMS Officers: Abby McLean, President; Mollie Mize & Caitlyn Harmon, CO-VP; Ollie Brothers, Secretary; Emma Rice, Community & Destinee Bouvia, Media took advantage of the opportunity on Friday, August 30, 2019 to help hone their leadership skills.

We were broken into three different groups and each group was able to learn that specific game. We learned great skills that we can take back to our own chapter. The weather was great! It was nice being able to get to know each other, as well as, getting

to know the other officers from around the county. We all made plans to see each other again at Fall Leadership in Covington. We ended our day with rock climbing & archery fun!



Destinee Bouvia, Caitlyn Harmon & Mollie Mize, Ollie Brothers, Emma Rice, Abby McLean



Emma Rice, Destinee Bouvia, Abby McLean, Ollie Brothers, Mollie Mize & Caitlyn Harmon

What FCCLA has Given Me

By: Destiny Daniel
Georgia FCCLA 1st Vice President

In the words of Drake, “You my right hand, you my go to.” I cannot think of any words more perfect to describe the relationships that can form on an FCCLA state officer team. Here in Georgia FCCLA, I am the State First Vice President, and my state council bestie, Keylee Phillips, is the VP of Community Service. We’ve grown from acquaintances to sisters in a short amount of time. She’s been there for me both in and outside of FCCLA, and I know she’s always got my back, quite literally when we line up in our officer order. Being a state officer has enabled me to learn about people from many different backgrounds and has given me a country sister to add to my city girl life!



Members and adviser pose at the photo station

Huntington Middle Collects Pop Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House

Huntington FCCLA participated in the Pop It and Drop It community service project collecting aluminum tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Central Georgia in Macon. RMH recycles the tabs and the money collected goes directly towards their operating budget. Since 2002, friends of the RMH have raised nearly \$112,800 worth of tabs. The HMS chapter collected over fifteen gallons of tabs. HMS FCCLA members Katie Bowen and Jazmin Heath, along with adviser Melanie Bratcher, delivered the tabs to the RMH.



Katie Bowen and Jazmin Heath deliver aluminum tabs to the Ronald McDonald House of Central Georgia.



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The Story in Me

William Faulkner once said, "If a story is in you, it has got to come out." My story in FCCLA started in freshman year of high school. I started the school year knowing I wanted to become apart of something whether that be a sport, a club, or an organization.



**Trevor Sconyers,
State Secretary**

At the time, I was interested in becoming a chef and wanted to attend culinary school, so I started the Food & Nutrition pathway at my school in hopes that I would learn more about cooking. Little did I know that Food

and Nutrition is NOT a culinary class, but I also didn't know that I would find an organization that would help me grow as a student, person, and leader.

After learning about FCCLA and memorizing the FCCLA creed in class, I decided I wanted to join FCCLA and The Ultimate Leadership Experience. As I attended meetings, participated in community service, competed in a STAR Event, and ran for chapter office, I began my journey in personal growth and leadership development through FCCLA.

FCCLA has taught me so many life lessons and skills and has helped me become a better family member, wage earner, and community leader. I would not be where I am today without this organization, and I am excited to finish my FCCLA story by helping our members write their own.

Paul D. West Middle School Shines as a First Year FCCLA Chapter

By: Tiyana McGhee,
7th Grader at Paul D. West Middle School

Last year, Chef Wilborn started FCCLA at Paul D. West Middle School in East Point, GA. Students have been joining the club to boost their confidence, make friends, and go on field trips. They sell candy after school to lower the price of field trips for their members. Some of these field trips include Fall Rally, Fall Leadership Conference, Regional STAR events, and State Leadership Conference.

During the first year of Paul D. West Middle School having FCCLA, two students won a gold medal at the State Leadership competition and ended up going to nationals! Melanie and Irma Morales are sisters and together they competed in the National Programs category for Community Service. The Morales sisters earned a gold medal at the state and national competition. Fulton County Schools and Paul D. West Middle School are very proud of their accomplishments. Melanie and Irma have been tweeted out several times by Fulton County Schools and administrators from Paul D. West. Melanie and Irma were honored at an East Point City Council meeting by Mayor Deana Holiday Ingraham for their FCCLA accomplishments. The girls were also awarded certificates at a Fulton County Schools Board meeting by the Superintendent.

Melanie is now a 9th grader at Tri-Cities High School and Irma is now a 7th grader at Paul D. West. Both girls are striving to work harder and harder to do their best while using their FCCLA story to motivate and inspire other students. Their hard work and success have really shined a positive light on Paul D. West Middle School.



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Hi Members! I am Madison Bookheimer your Vice President of Membership. This year's membership campaign is R.O.C.K. the Red. R.O.C.K. is an acronym for Recruiting Others Campaign Kraze. Our goal is to have as many members possible wearing the R.O.C.K. the Red bracelet. You get the bracelet by recruiting THREE members who have never been in FCCLA before. After that is accomplished have your adviser submit a wufoo form. This form can be found on the Georgia FCCLA website under the adviser resources tab. Also under that tab is a printable version of the membership campaign poster. Speaking of posters, we are designing a new one and want one of our chapters to be the new face of it. I will be looking for all the pictures using the #ROCKtheRed. To be on the new poster you first have to have at least one recipient of the bracelet AND use the hashtag. We will also be rewarding ribbons for chapter membership at State Leadership Conference. If your chapter membership increases by 10% the chapter will receive a bronze ribbon. If it increases by 15% the chapter will receive a silver ribbon. Lastly if a chapter increases by 20% then that chapter will receive a gold ribbon. I am so excited for this year is off to a great start. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at gafcclavpmembership@gmail.com.

The 2019-2020 Membership Poster



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