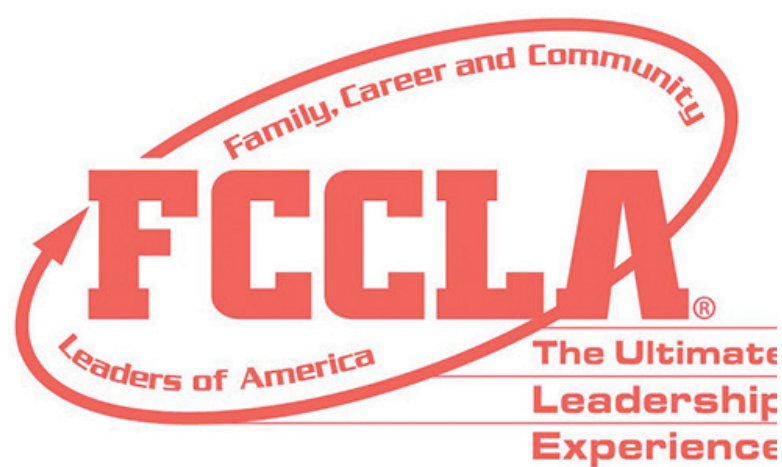


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Earbuds Coming Out of our Ears!

Lumpkin County High School FCCLA members were asked to brainstorm possible needs that might be met by our club during the week of August 10, 2020.

Students began with our most local community, LCHS. After some discussion, it was determined that students at LCHS seemed to have what they needed to be successful during these most unusual times.

We expanded our definition of community to the Lumpkin County Schools System and reached out to the closest Elementary school, LCES's principal, Stacie Gerrells by email, who was able to quickly identify a need that we could fill. This need was multiple sets of inexpensive earbuds. Since much of our instruction is online this year, our younger students are listening to lessons and directions on the computer. When everyone is online in a classroom, the need



Earbud Collection Underway!

for earbuds becomes vital to effective instruction.

A drive to collect earbuds began with a goal of 80 pairs in mind. Mrs. Hunsinger sent a message on SchoolStatus to all students and parents asking them to participate and the interest was extraordinary. A running count was kept on the classroom board and multiple sets started coming in



FCCLA Members helping distribute our donations

each day.

A membership breakfast for FCCLA was held at which collection was promoted as well.

On September 11, 2020, a handful of students and FCCLA members were able to deliver over 130 sets of headphones to LCES. We distributed the first sets to Mrs. Autumn Garrett's 5th grade class.



Earbud delivery to an excited 5th grade class

The club will continue to collect earbuds should anyone wish to contribute. We will deliver those as they come in and make sure they reach a student in need.

We were recognized on the LCES Facebook Page. Mrs. Hunsinger also submitted pictures and an article to Mrs. Paula Cooper for use on the LCHS Social Media pages and the website.

Shining Through Competitions

I have always been competitive whether it be through sports or grades, but FCCLA competitions are the best outlets I have found for channeling this energy into something positive.

Through these competitions, more specifically STAR Events, I have not only benefited by developing real-world skills and leadership growth but I have also benefited on a personal level.

Starting FCCLA in the 6th grade I was very shy, with little friends. It wasn't until my 7th grade year my advisor pushed me to compete in National Programs in Action with a partner.

At this point in time I wasn't completely out of my shell yet, and the thought of public speaking was very uncomfortable.

Although I unexpectedly enjoyed competing my first year it wasn't until my 8th grade year that my love for competing in FCCLA stemmed after competing in Focus On Children. I realized that I could combine two things I loved: Nutrition & FCCLA, while competing with my best friend at the same time.

My 9th grade year competing took an unexpected turn at the State Leadership Conference. After finally feeling comfortable with public speaking I completely blanked on my speech and had a panic attack in the middle of our presentation. I thought our chances at nationals were completely ruined but luckily my partner knew my parts

of the speech and was able to finish out our presentation.

Going into the awards session we were expecting and planning for the worst



Madeline Hagemann & Emma Owens at the 2019 State Leadership Conference

knowing that the best we could do was bronze. Somehow that bronze turned to gold and a Ticket to nationals in Atlanta, Georgia. From there we won at nationals with a gold medal and a nearly perfect score of a 99.

I continued competing in STAR Events through my junior year where I then decided to run for state office. Without the experience gained through competing I would not have received the self-confidence or cooperative skills I now possess.

Even through my faults in competing I was able to learn how to adapt and over-

come unexpected situations and environments, in which the old me would have never been able to. My involvement in competing eventually allowed me to have the confidence to run for a state officer position.

Currently I hold the position of Vice President of Competitive Events. Through



Advisors: Shonda McFadden & Brittany Tolleson; with State Officer: Madeline Hagemann

this position I want to be able to inspire and be a resource for members especially those competing. I hope to see other members benefit from these events as I have and be able to shine through competitions!

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Thank You from the Georgia FCCLA State Secretary

I would like to thank the amazing members of Georgia FCCLA for electing me to serve another year on the Georgia State Executive Council!

This year has been like no year any of us have experienced. However, one thing that has stayed the same is how great FCCLA is. Although this is my 3rd year participating in FCCLA, it never fails to teach me something new.

Through my time in FCCLA, it has pushed me out of my comfort zone. I was a very shy person who was afraid of being on stage but, who doesn't have stage fright?

FCCLA has given me opportunities that I would have never



Joshua Garcia-Barreto

thought were possible. This is something that shouldn't be taken for granted; it's something to cherish. Whatever you do, continue participating in FCCLA and you'll reap the benefits!

Joshua Garcia-Barreto

Congratulations to the winners of the Statesman Exam at the 2020 Fall Leadership Conference!

Georgia FCCLA proudly announces our Fall Leadership Conference Statesmen Exam Winners


Alison Roberts	Berrien High FCCLA
Gueni Gaskins	Berrien High FCCLA
McKinley DeCosta	Berrien High FCCLA
Laia Johnson	Berrien High FCCLA
Om Patel	Berrien High FCCLA
Laura Daly	Charlton County FCCLA
Kara Dean	Charlton County FCCLA
Callie Brumfield	Collins Hill High School FCCLA
Briana Franklin	East Laurens High FCCLA
Landon Sims	East Laurens High FCCLA
Caroline Stewart	Fannin County FCCLA
Linsey Shockley	Georgia FCCLA
Andy Lu	Houston County High School FCCLA
Maggie Duke	Houston County High School FCCLA
Julianne Turner	Loganville High School
Makylah Thurman	Loganville High School
Sarah Arevalo	Loganville High School
<i>And Receiving a PERFECT SCORE on the Statesmen Exam...</i>	
Tess Akuoko	Lowndes High FCCLA
Aiza Ahmad	Mountain View High School
Dylan Phommahasay	Mountain View High School
Judah Creepy	Mountain View High School
Madelyn Peta	Mountain View High School
Chielotam Akabueze	Mountain View High School
Chinom Duruibe	Mountain View High School
Dakayla Fulton-Johnson	Newton High School
Bailey Barrett	North Hall High FCCLA
Sydney Dirst	Screven County High School FCCLA
Emma Webb	Screven County High School FCCLA
Meredith Zierten	Sequoyah FCCLA
Jayra Stansell	Sonoraville High School
Kaleb Tatum	Ware County High School
Alexis Keene	Houston County High School FCCLA
Priya Dehaney	Mountain View High School
Christian Gooding	Mountain View High School

A Fun New Experience!

My name is Evelyn and I am a FCCLA member. I joined FCCLA to try something new, but also because Early Childhood is something I am interested in!! I think FCCLA will help me find a career I would absolutely love!

I love working with kids so a good job as a teacher would be great, or even something in the medical field that has something to do with kids or unborn infants such as a OB-GYN or a Pediatrician!

I can't wait to go on trips and do competitions,it's gonna be an unforgettable life changing experience. I want to make a difference in the lives of children as well as make new friends. I look forward to doing the Teach and Train Star Event and hope it will take me all the way to Nationals!!!



Evelyn is ready to go in her FCCLA colors!

How I Became Involved in FCCLA and Became a State Officer

By: Alyna Martinez

Unlike a lot of members, I knew about FCCLA since I was in second grade. I got involved in FCCLA because of my brother, Uriel Martinez, a past National FCCLA Officer.

As a younger child, I observed my brother going to the conference, speaking in front of thousands of people, he would send me photos and videos or their national conferences, to me, it looked like a dream come true to speak about something that you are passionate about to thousands of people.

I wanted to follow in my brother's footsteps so I decided to join FCCLA in my 6th-grade year. That same year I got to be part of the Babb Middle school parli pro team, and that same year I decided to run as a State officer.

I was very motivated to join and become a state officer in this organization. So I told my advisor and she decided to support me. I had to go through all the steps of being a candidate, I had to make through all the phases. My first time running I made it through all the phases and was able to become a State Officer. I was



Alyna Martinez

shocked that I was able to become a state officer at such a young age, but I was confident that I would do the best of my ability to serve as a state officer for GA FCCLA.

My first year as a state officer was very fun and a lot of work sometimes but I never regret becoming a state officer. My first year as a State officer made a giant impact on my life. It helped me grow as a person and a leader, it also helped me see how this organization helps so many students including myself.


I am now serving my second term as a state officer, and although it started on a bumpy road due to covid, my journey in FCCLA is now running smoothly and I would not change anything that I have done in my FCCLA Journey.

Feagin Mill Middle Turnip the Volume


Feagin Mill Middle School FCCLA collaborated with the FACS and Ag classes to celebrate October Farm to School Month. The Ag classes planted, fertilized, watered, etc. the seeds sent from Georgia Organics.

The FACS classes cooked and taste tested the turnips, as well as learned the history of turnips using the lesson plans from Georgia Organics. Many students had never tasted turnips, but were pleasantly surprised how much they really liked them.

They all had a great time, and learned how great it is to be a small part of FCCLA.



FACS and Ag collaborating with FCCLA to Turnip the Volume. From planting the seeds to enjoying the bounty, we had a great time learning all about turnips



Taking Virtual Connections Beyond Measure

Officers from the Houston County High School Chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) hosted two “FCCLA Fridays” where FCCLA chapters across Houston County were connected virtually for a day of strengthening connections and inspiring students to take their leadership with FCCLA “Beyond Measure”.

FCCLA National Vice President of Public Relations, Brynley Jones, State Vice President of Competitive Events, Madeline Hagemann, and Region 7 Officer, Aspen Mitchell, led middle and high school FCCLA chapters and Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) classes in virtual visits where these officers shared with students the benefits of being involved in FCCLA and how FCCLA can help students gain personal growth and leadership development by discovering and maximizing their potential. These officers also spent time speaking to students about their experiences as officers and their individual roles serving FCCLA and

encouraged membership recruitment within schools by offering a membership challenge to recognize the middle and high school that recruited the most FCCLA members within the weeks following the FCCLA Friday.

Regarding the FCCLA Friday, Brynley Jones, FCCLA’s National Vice President of Public Relations, stated, “Although these unprecedented times we are in makes it challenging to meet face-to-face and stay connected, we found it to be important to find a safe way to meet with FCCLA chapters to continue encouraging members, promoting FCCLA, and strengthening relationships. Having virtual chapter visits through the format of Virtual FCCLA Fridays has allowed our schools to feel connected and supported as they discover how the impact of FCCLA is just as important now as ever before.

Madeline Hagemann, FCCLA State Vice President of Competitive Events, remarked on the FCCLA Friday, as well, by stating, “FCCLA Friday was an in-

credible opportunity to bring together all of our FACS programs and FCCLA chapters in Houston County in a safe and engaging virtual format to remind us that we are all connected and able to support each other. This experience impacted me as an officer as I was able to connect with several of our Houston County FCCLA chapters in one connected virtual format which allowed me to spread encouragement and ignite passion for FCCLA within students by using virtual platforms to expand our reach and bring us closer together, even while virtually apart.”

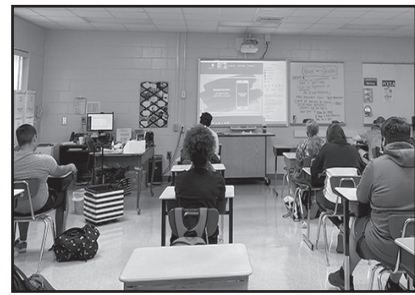
The Virtual FCCLA Friday received several positive remarks from the middle and high school chapters within the county and several programs noted an increase in membership and involvement as a result of the event and how Brynley, Madeline, and Aspen inspired their students. Perry High School and Bonaire Middle School won the membership recruitment challenge and will be receiving a special prize

from the FCCLA Officers and Houston County High School FCCLA. Brynley, Madeline, and Aspen hope to take opportunities like this further and continue to think creatively about how virtual

chapter connections can be taken “Beyond Measure” this year to inspire leaders and continue growth within “The Ultimate Leadership Experience”: FCCLA.



Through the use of technology, Houston County High School FACS students were able to connect virtually with FCCLA officers



Houston County High School FCCLA hosted a Virtual FCCLA Friday for middle and high school FACS programs in Houston County to connect with FCCLA officers and unite in a safe, virtual format to grow FCCLA

Love for the Lonely

Many residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities are suffering during this pandemic from more than just the coronavirus. According to personal experience with family members and reports from facilities, some residents in elderly care facilities are dying from loneliness and depression due to having no interaction with guests and fellow residents since March.

While we would much pre-

fer to visit the two facilities in our community to interact with the residents, social distancing guidelines have made that impossible. Instead, our chapter collected donations during the month of September for the residents. Donations included crossword puzzles, books, knitting supplies, and cards. We are hopeful that this small act of kindness brought a sense of hope and joy to the residents!



Delivering Items to local nursing home

We Come Together to go Beyond Measure

Several chapter affiliates attend the virtual Discover Training held in the FACS classroom at ICHS at 3:30 pm on Wednesdays, September 16th. We discovered a lot about FCCLA that we did not know and we also learned a lot about our chapter members

that we did not know. We had a fun time together playing a “Get Acquainted” Game and tuning in to the Georgia Discover training virtual meetings. Our meeting was called to order by our President, Cassidy Green. Jada Walker, our Vice President, led us in

the game and our adviser, Mrs. Hamby, served us some delicious snacks of Pizza Rolls, Popcorn Chicken, Ranch Dip and Chips, and she also baked us a Pineapple Angel Food cake. The meeting was adjourned by President Green at 5:30 pm. A good time was had by all in attendance.



Through FCCLA I...



The first picture I took while running for a state officer position.

Serving on the State Executive Council has been one of the greatest experiences of my life! Through FCCLA I have learned many things to prepare me for my future and everyday life. FCCLA has taught me time management skills especially being a State Officer.

Before FCCLA, I had no time management skills at all. Through FCCLA I have learned public speaking skills. I never even like to read out loud in class. Through FCCLA I now have the confidence to not only speak in class, but I can now present in

front of groups of people.

Through FCCLA I have completed the Power Of One (Families First). Families First has allowed me to build a better relationship with Dad who lives 6 hours away. Before completing the Power Of One, me and my dad only talked here and there. Now, we are in the habit of calling each other every night.

Although I don’t plan to go into the teaching field FCCLA has still given me the skills I need to prepare for my future career. There’s no doubt that joining FCCLA was the best decision I could make.



Rome High FCCLA Pancake Breakfast!



Heba S., our new member, is helping make pancakes.



Nathan M., our new member, enjoying his pancake breakfast.

Rome High’s FCCLA Chapter, as a part of the new school year recruitment campaign, offered a (social distancing) pancake breakfast during the month of September. This was a perfect way of encouraging students to join FCCLA! Everyone had a great time getting to know each other. Go for the Red!



Our advisers are happy to see many new faces.

Elementary Winner Crafts Event

Peachtree Ridge High School is excited to announce that for this upcoming holiday we are planning to host a virtual winter crafts event for all PRHS cluster elementary students. On December 10 from 5-6 pm, we will open a virtual Zoom meeting where these students will create winter-themed crafts such as Gingerbread Houses, marshmallow snowmen, colorful cutouts, and more! Our FCCLA chapter officers worked diligently to actualize this plan in a virtual platform and make it accessible for our ele-

mentary school students. We will be providing all the necessary materials to participate in this free event by delivering them to the students in the school cluster. The objective of this event is to engage with the people of our community while encompassing the holiday spirit. We believe it is a safe and meaningful way to spread compassion during this season. We have high hopes for a successful winter crafts event and a warm bonding experience for the officers of PRHS FCCLA.

Peachtree Ridge High School
Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America

invites you to

Children's Winter Crafts

A virtual arts and crafts event for all PRHS Cluster Elementary Students

Thursday, December 10 from 5:00 PM 6:00 PM on Zoom

Use the QR code above to register and find more information.

FCCLA Fall Social at Screven County High School FCCLA

Screven County High School FCCLA hosted an after school social on September 18 from 3:15 until 4:30. The members participated in a Scavenger Hunt and then participated in a dodgeball tournament. After the tournament, the members enjoyed an ice cream sandwich.



Members participating in the scavenger hunt



Members at the Social



Senior FCCLA Members



Sophomore FCCLA Members

Rutland High School’s First Creed Speak and Interpretation Competition



Rutland High School’s Creed Speak and Interpretation Competitors from Left to Right: April, Kenziyah, Ciera, and Alex

Competing in the first ever Creed Speak and Interpretation Competition at the Region Leadership Conference was a reinvigorating challenge that I had never experienced before. My whole FCCLA journey has been full of in person events and competitions. However, this past year when Covid-19 hit the U.S., everything was canceled and we went into a national quarantine. Since then, many things have changed, including the way we do FCCLA Competitions. This year’s Creed Speak and Interpretation Competition was the first ever virtual competition that I have ever competed in. I studied my creed and the questions I was to be asked. I thought the fact that I wasn’t going to be in front of a judge would help calm the nervousness. However it did not at all. Presenting my creed in front of a camera was pretty weird. It took a couple tries to get used to being on camera. Participating in this competition was very rewarding. The most rewarding part was being able to come to school and see my adviser in person for the first time since March. I also got to see three other of my fellow FCCLA members. Even though we had to stay socially distant and wear a mask, we still got to help each other improve our speaking voices. This year of FCCLA will be different than any other. We will need to face our challenges head on while still staying safe.

Show Appreciation Beyond Measure

On October second ,our FCCLA chapter provided cupcakes to our custodial staff for National Custodian Appreciation Day! Our chapter loves to show appreciation to those who make our school a better place. It doesn’t have to be a big gesture to make someone’s day, it can be the little things that make an impact. Appreciating people in our school makes morale stronger. The little ways we show appreciation reaps goodwill Beyond Measure. Another way we have shown appreciation to those in our school was hosting a teacher breakfast. This included every teacher in our school from teachers as well as lunchroom staff. This made the teachers and the members of our FCCLA chapter bond more and make new memories. We also prepared a special dessert for our lunchroom staff. We thought why couldn’t we whip something up from the kitchen to those who do this everyday. We presented our highly fashionable chapter t-shirts to our administrators. Who doesn’t love a free t-shirt? This gave a lot of advertisement for our chapter. These shirts are even designed by our own very members within our chapter. This ensures perfection and more of a local point of view that we take pride in. We also write personal notes to teachers who help review FCCLA projects or listen to our STAR Events presentations. A simple thank you makes everyone feel appreciated. These ideas are very affordable and easily accessible to any chapter. Maybe one of these ideas will inspire you to show appreciation to the people who make our lives better everyday from custodians to administrators. Our chapter wants to be remembered for showing appreciation Beyond Measure.



Sarah Forehand, State President, Jessica Willfork, BHS Custodian, Jaden Barnett, Chapter President

Brynley Jones from Houston County High School Elected as a National Officer



**Brynley Jones,
National Vice President of Public Relations**

Brynley Jones, a Senior from Houston County High School, was one of ten national officers elected to serve on the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America's (FCCLA) National Executive Council at the 2020 Virtual National Leadership Conference. Brynley, a current State Officer and former Region 9 Officer, will be serving as FC-

CLA's National Vice President of Public Relations throughout the 2020-2021 year. The 2020 Virtual National Leadership Conference had record breaking attendance with more than 5,400 attendees present. 33 National Officer Candidates took part in the National Executive Council election process as they underwent intense interviews, an FCCLA knowledge test, and presented a prepared speech during the three-day conference. As a National

Officer, Brynley Jones will be accompanying her team of nine other members, which make up the National Executive Council, to FCCLA National Headquarters in Reston, Virginia for a planning meeting to prepare for the year. The council will build off existing goals to prepare a program of work and as well as develop future goals for the organization. Additionally, the officers will

prepare for future workshops and meetings on the local, state, and national level. During the year, she will also assist in planning the focus and content of FCCLA's 2021 National Leadership Conference in Nashville Tennessee, June 27 – July 1. Mrs. Brittany Tolleson, a Food and Nutrition Teacher at Houston County High School will be mentoring Brynley as her National Executive Council Adviser. The highest leadership honor an FCCLA member can achieve is being elected to serve on the Na-

tional Executive Council. FCCLA continues to provide students with employability skills with relevant youth issues of career preparation, financial literacy, environmental education, traffic safety, community service, and leadership development.



Brynley Jones, National Vice President of Public Relations

Taking the Path to Leadership

A famous quote by Robert Frost states, "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I - I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." Students study this quote throughout elementary and middle school without ever fully understanding the meaning behind it. The biggest takeaway I had from this poem was in fifth grade, where I said "A man is standing in the woods. He takes a path that no one has walked down before. What is making all the difference here?" My younger mind didn't understand the use of figurative language that much, but looking back, this quote describes my leadership journey perfectly. My high school in Effingham County houses multiple CTSOs, but not many students take advantage of the clubs and what they offer. Most members of FCCLA at my school hadn't competed past RLC, simply because we weren't that active. When I joined FCCLA in 9th grade, I was very shy and wasn't

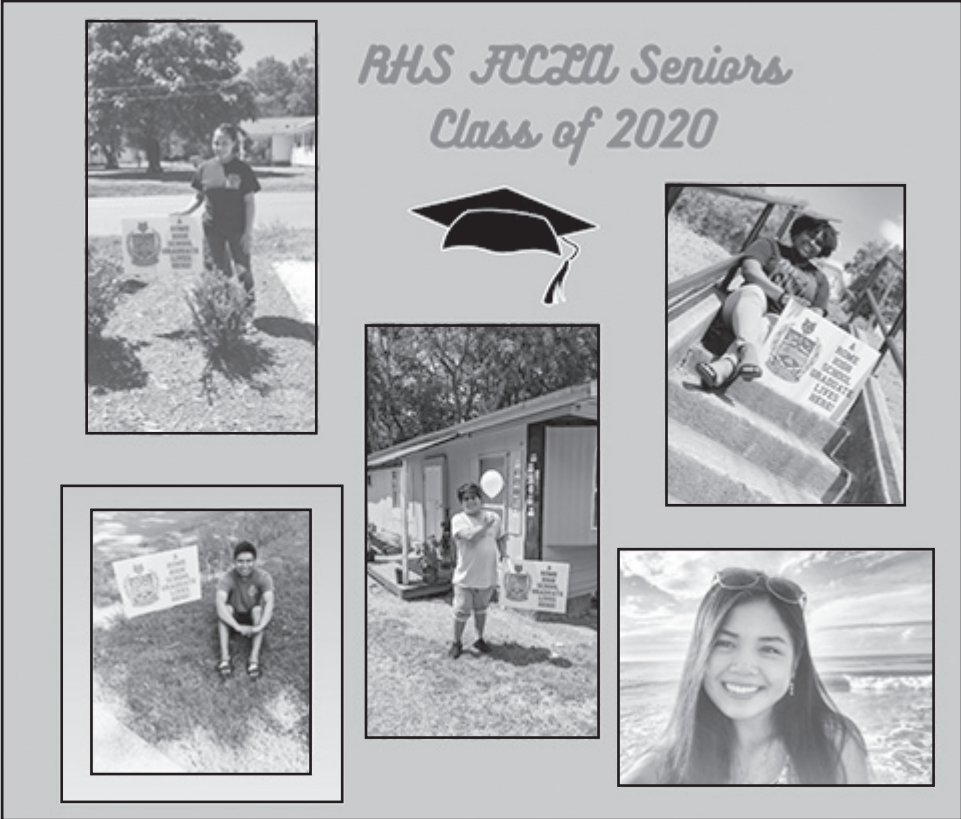


Georgia FCCLA Vice President of Public Relations, Jessica King, and her adviser, Mrs. Charity Masters

completely out of my shell. Joining this organization and actively participating encouraged me to take a path that many hadn't before. I was journeying down a road that was untrodden, at least in my community. Competing at the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California was the main turning point in my FCCLA journey. Seeing so many people from across the nation be active in this organization and represent it so well encouraged me to do the same. I was inspired by past SECs and the National Officers during the 2018-2019 school year. Watching students just like me accomplish huge goals and take their ideals to the next level encouraged me to reach for my highest potential. The following school year, I became even more active in my chapter, and submitted my application to be a State Officer for Georgia FCCLA. Since our State Leadership Conference was cancelled, I was elected virtually by members across the state as the

Vice President of Public Relations for Georgia FCCLA . Taking the path less traveled on was all the difference in my life, and I hope that others can realize what their true potential is find a way to accomplish their biggest goals. **How Southeast High Students Saved Christmas** Southeast High is a school that enjoys being involved in the community and highly encourages students to do so as well. It is a school where students try to do as much good as possible because we know that situations can be tough, especially on families during the pandemic. SHS annually holds many donation drives. This year, we have had a food drive. Hygiene drive, and sponsored a Salvation Army Christmas Angel, which is where we sponsor a child for Christmas. We believe that every child has the right to have a happy Christmas, so we try to make it happen. I personally love that the school is really involved with the community because the amount of families that reach out for help is pretty high.

Congratulations to Rome High School FCCLA Seniors Class of 2020



Rome High School FCCLA Chapter would like to recognize FCCLA Seniors Class of 2020: Alex Mende-Paiz, Deysi Gonzalez, Ivy Whitaker, Jenny Tran, Mike Gonzalez, Valeria Cruz Antonio. Congratulations on your achievements and best wishes on your new adventure. Stay in touch, support FCCLA, and Go Wolves!

FCCLA Has Changed My Life



Sabrina Rutledge, Vice President of Membership
Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America has truly brought me the ultimate leadership experience. Looking back at my freshman year of high school, I can still remember the day I decided to make my high school pathway Family and Consumer Sciences Education. I thought it would be a fun class to sit back, cook in class, and spend time with my friends who were also making that their pathway. During the first couple of weeks of school, my advisor continuously encouraged me to join FCCLA. I decided to just fill out my membership form, compete in a STAR Event, and be done. As soon as I started to sit down and work on my project, my passion for FCCLA grew more and more. I started to attend conferences, involve myself within our community service projects, and attend chapter meetings. When I went to the State Leadership Conference in March,

I knew that my journey was not over. I ran to become the Region 7 Officer, and sure enough, I was Rutland High Schools first ever student to hold a state position in an organization. Soon enough, I ran for state office and have since then held two State Executive Council positions, and even became the state officer elect on the Georgia FCCLA Board of Directors. All because of one simple decision to join, this organization has brought me a clear and concise vision of my future. When I graduate, I want to major in Social Work, and run my own

non-profit for foster children and birth mothers. Thanks to FCCLA, I have gained skills such as public speaking, confidence, and leadership potential that will all provide me with assistance with my career. Thanks to FCCLA, I now have tons of scholarships to help me set my future vision. Thanks to FCCLA, I now have a large resume for college applications to carry out my dream. To any student who is considering joining FCCLA, I strongly encourage you to do so. This organization has truly changed my life, and it will change yours too!

Knowledge Bowl 3rd Place Knowledge Bowl Winner

Northwest Whitfield High School's Knowledge Bowl Team placed 3rd in the state. The team consisted of Hannah Eaton, Daisy Vega, Rylee McBrayer and Luke Giles.

The team studied from the guide but also used practi-

cal knowledge that they have learned through Family and Consumer Sciences Classes. The team wants to encourage other schools to join in the competition next year. They can't wait to go even farther in the competition next year.



Northwest Whitfield Knowledge Bowl Team

Feagin Mill Middle School Knowledge Bowl Team Places 3rd in the State

The Knowledge Bowl Team met at FMMS to compete in the single elimination competition virtually against the other qualifying middle schools, and placed 3rd overall in the state. Job well done!



Pictured are the Knowledge Bowl team participants from Feagin Mill Middle- Ashlyn Bernstein, Laney Davis, Bryson Carter, and Stone Desilets


PB&Jammin' Drive



HCHS FFA & FCCLA Members

In September, the Haralson County High School FCCLA teamed up with HCHS FFA for a community service project: collecting Peanut Butter and Jelly as well as individually-wrapped snacks for a community service project benefiting the school's counselors to distribute to students and neighbors of the community in need. Before the drive, creatively called PB&Jammin', ended, there were 71 items collected. The Haralson County High FCCLA chapter strives to help the little towns that surround it by doing the following activities in the community by hosting canned food drives such as this, volunteering at the Buchanan Pie Festival, and even donating money to many worthy causes. While participating in these projects, members have opportunities to

get a sense of urgency for how much their help, service and donations are needed in this little community, ultimately helping them learn their roles in society as a whole. So, no matter which school you attend, we highly recommend you volunteer your time to help create a better environment for now and many years to come.



HCHS FCCLA AND FFA PRESENT:

PB&JAMMIN' DRIVE

Bring your donations of unopened Peanut Butter and Jelly to either Mrs. Ward or Mrs. Holloway in the CTAE building!

September 15-25

Marketing the Drive.

Visit us at www.gafccla.com
or www.fcclainc.org

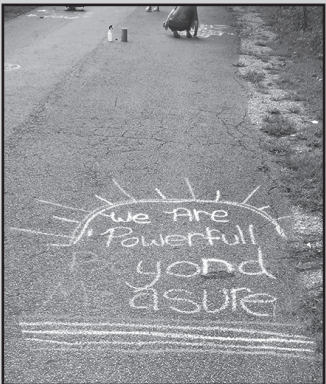
COVID19 Inspires Lead4Change at North Hall High School

Community service is very important to North Hall FCCLA not only as community members but also to boost our sense of well-being. On September 10th, NHHS FCCLA kicked off our year-long community service project with positive message sidewalk chalk drawings. This kickoff project was inspired by Lead4Change, a leadership program that inspires students to do great things. We wanted to use the sidewalk drawings to inspire students to think positive in a time when there is not much positivity. The feedback was great! Several students said that it made their day and they wanted to pay it forward.

Community service has proven psychological, social, and cognitive benefits. It can also help with character development and solving real-world problems. Many students are wondering if they can still do community service with the threat of COVID 19, the answer is yes. We plan on helping the elderly in our community, individual donations to food banks, picking up trash around our school, and donating supplies to local animal shelters. Our main goal for this year's community service is to think outside the box when it comes to community service and inspire others to Lead4Change.



Lead4Change in Action!



Students social distancing while going "Beyond Measure"

Caring Custodians

During this school year with face to face learning, our building demands extra cleaning and sanitizing on a daily basis. The custodians at Mossy Creek Middle School have exhibited dedication in this area.

Our FCCLA members took notice of the custodians doing tasks that were not routinely done before COVID 19, such as spraying tables, desks, chairs, and wiping

down door knobs, just to name a few.

Our chapter decided to take time out and do something special for them. FCCLA members made posters of gratitude, wrote thank you notes, and left treats in the custodial work room.

The custodians were very grateful as we are for them! We are all in this together, and together we will make this a great year.



FCCLA members assembling thank you notes on a banner, Vianey Santiago Reyes, Raelee Brown, Katelyn Thigpen, Sophie Jarnett, and Cara Hall.

Montgomery County High School FCCLA's Chocolate Factory

Montgomery County High School's FCCLA participated in the Montgomery County High School's Homecoming Parade on Thursday, October 22, 2020, to raise awareness of FCCLA.

The theme of our float was

"FCCLA's Chocolate Factory." The MCHS officers and members decided on the theme based upon the Homecoming theme for this year. The students designed and decorated the float the week of homecoming. The float showed

great school pride and spirit! The community came out in full force to show their MOCO pride and the students were excited to participate in the parade for the first time in many years! Students are already planning for next year!



"Charlie," "Violet," "Veruca," and the Oompa Loompas were waiting for the parade to begin!



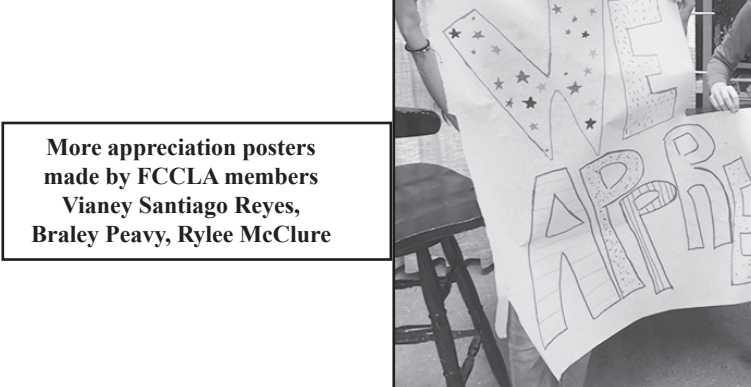
The Golden Ticket Winners!



Riding in the parade floating down the chocolate river



Welcome to FCCLA's Chocolate Factory!



More appreciation posters made by FCCLA members Vianey Santiago Reyes, Braley Peavy, Rylee McClure

Treats left in the Custodial Work Room to enjoy



Our Virtual Trip to Nationals

By: Mia Carver and Triniti Crosby

Stop 1: Our first stop on our trip was joining FCCLA. While Mia had already joined, Triniti took a little convincing. Triniti had always been quiet and was a little worried about getting involved and presenting in front of other people. We began investigating the areas of competition. We decided we would compete together in Event Management and prepare a pageant for our special needs students of our community. We had a concern that our special needs children in our community do not have enough activities they can participate in. Even though we are only competing at level two and the actual event doesn't have to be carried out, we had decided as a chapter we would still carry out the event until COVID-19 happened. After a while of practice (and breathing exercises) we were finally prepared to give our presentation. Mrs. Johnson arranged for us to practice with our CTAE Director, Mr. Clint Johnson and our principal, Mrs. Traci Martin. Our portfolio and planning took a lot of hard work



Mia Carver and Triniti Crosby 1st Place in National STAR Events - Event Management of their project, Under the Sea Pageant for special needs children in their community

but we are so glad we did it together. We learned so much about event planning and learned a lot about ourselves. We cannot wait to carry out our pageant for special needs students (after COVID-19...of course).

Stop 2: After many months of planning and perfecting our competition piece, it was finally the day of Region 9 STAR Events Competition in Statesboro! We remember getting up early that Saturday morning to travel with Mrs. Johnson and other chapter members competing. We were so nervous waiting for our competition time. We were pacing the hallway waiting on our judges to review our portfolio. The breathing exercises and taps we learned really helped calm our nerves. It was our turn to give our speech and we took a deep breath and walked into the room and all the nerves just

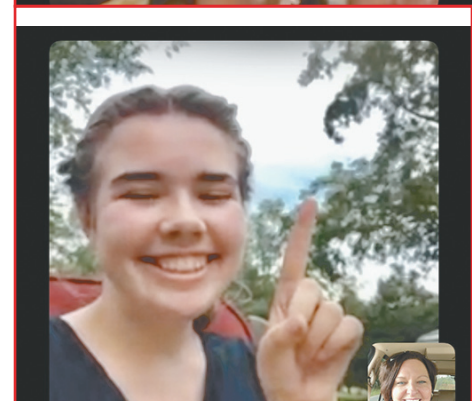
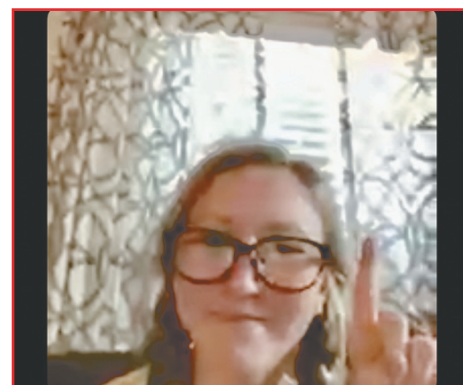
melted away. The judges in our room were very comforting and made us feel very confident in our presentation. We really appreciated their feedback and we knew it would help prepare for state and nationals. The scores were posted on the FCCLA website and we were on our way to the State Leadership Conference by placing 1st in Region 9 Star Events.

Stop 3: This is when we hit a "roadblock". The "roadblock" was COVID-19. Life as we knew it changed in an instance! We went to virtual learning at our high school and our next FCCLA event/competition was up in the air. We didn't know if we would be able to attend the FCCLA State Leadership Conference for competition much less the National Leadership Conference (which was our goal). Not long after that we received the sad news

that SLC was canceled. FCCLA determined our state placement with our region scores. We were a little saddened by this because we wanted to take all the feedback from the region competition and apply it to our state presentation. We ended up placing 3rd at state. With this placement, we knew we couldn't go to NLC and compete. However our advisor, Mrs. Jessica Johnson later informed us that one of the other teams that placed 1st or 2nd decided not to go to nationals! We decided then we were ready to compete at nationals and began to prepare by improving our speech, our portfolio, and our presentation. We were so excited! Plans began for fundraisers to help us pay for the trip and all the exciting things we would do while in Washington, DC. Then the news of the nationals moving to a virtual mode was delivered, however, we didn't let that dampen our spirits...we wanted to win at NLC. We learned that we would have to record our competition piece and create a Google Site!

This is where we knew we would have to get assistance from our Media Specialist, Mrs. April Taylor and another CTAE teacher Mr. Brent Johnson. We went to the school one Saturday morning dressed in our FCCLA red jacket and filmed our presentation for Event Management for nationals. We uploaded and submitted the video and portfolio, enjoyed the first FCCLA Virtual National Leadership Conference and waited for the results. We were so excited to find out that we had scored Gold! But the real excitement came when Mrs. Johnson Facetimed us both. Mia was spending time with her nana and Triniti was at home enjoying quarantine life. The news of placing 1st in our category was a complete shock and could not believe we had won in our category out of the nation! This was our first year in FCCLA, our first

year competing, our first win at region, and



Adviser, Mrs. Jessica Johnson FaceTimed Mia Carver and Triniti Crosby with the news of them placing 1st in the Nation in Event Management at the NLC!

our first win at NLC!

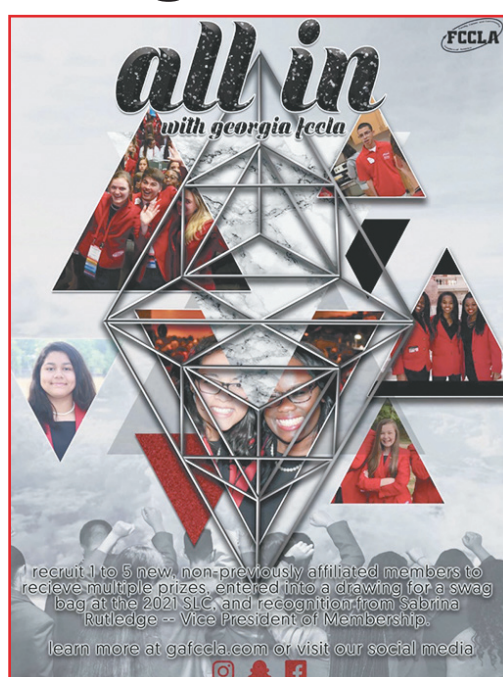
Where we are now: Winning nationals has encouraged us to become local FCCLA chapter officers. We are even mentoring the new members in our chapter who plan on competing in Event Management (just like we did). We have encouraged three young men to join FCCLA as well. This trip to nationals may not have been the traditional trip with all the experiences and growth FCCLA offers at their events, but we have experienced success, overcome obstacles and cannot wait to compete again and help our FCCLA chapter grow! So we encourage you all to join FCCLA, volunteer your time to community service, give a try to competing and see where it leads you. We promise you won't be disappointed!

BEYOND MEASURE

All In With Georgia FCCLA -Membership Campaign

Are you ready to go All in with Georgia FCCLA?! This year's membership campaign is like no other, as it has many opportunities for prizes and recognition! The 'All in with Georgia FCCLA' membership campaign is devised into five levels of recruitment – bronze, silver, gold, platinum and diamond! Bronze, recruiting one member, you will receive a limited-edition trading pin and a rock the red bracelet. Silver, recruiting two members, you'll receive an FCCLA pen and a FCCLA sticker! Gold, recruiting three members, you will be given an FCCLA pop socket. Platinum, recruiting four members, you will receive a FCCLA notebook. Finally, for the diamond level, you will receive an FCCLA water bottle! As you go up in levels, you will receive all of the previous level prizes as well!

This campaign also has many opportunities for recognition. At any level of recruit-



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**The 2020-2021
Membership
Campaign Poster**

recruit 1 to 5 new, non-previously affiliated members to receive multiple prizes, entered into a drawing for a swag bag at the 2021 SLC, and recognition from Sabrina Rutledge -- Vice President of Membership.

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ment, your name will be on the Georgia FCCLA state website, social media, and at the State Leadership Conference! Also, corresponding with the number of people that you recruit, your name will go into a drawing that many times for your chance to win additional prizes. Two winners will be selected at this year's State Leadership Conference, at random, to win a red blazer, or a FCCLA book bag filled with extra FCCLA goodies!

Once you gathered all of your recruits into your chapter, visit <https://gafccla.wufoo.com/forms/2021-ga-fccla-membership-campaign-application/> and fill out the form to make sure you receive the recognition and prizes that you deserve! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sabrina Rutledge at gafcclavpmembership@gmail.com. Happy Recruiting!