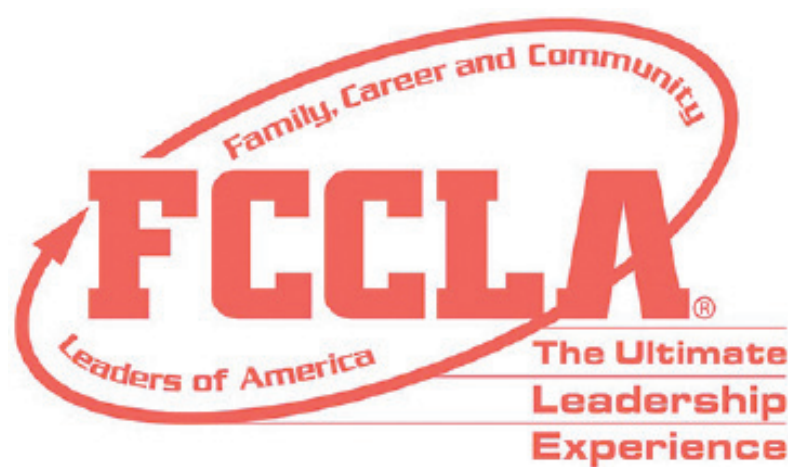


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Perry High School FCCLA Gives Back to Show Appreciation to School Custodian

Perry High FCCLA officers created a gift to give to custodians on custodian appreciation day. Each custodian received a special cup filled with treats. Inside each cup the custodians found an “extra payday” candy bar, some “extra energy” flavor packets as well as a couple of FCCLA’s famous chocolate chip cookies!

Each cup had a sweet tag with a message of appreciation and gratitude for the hard work and dedication that the custodian crew display through their work each and everyday. Perry high school would not be able to shine without this special group of individuals.

The custodians were ex-



FCCLA Officers Jersey Wright and Amelia Kelly pictured with Perry High School Custodians.

tremely grateful and felt special on their extra special day.

Perry High FCCLA officers were glad that they spearheaded the project and felt rewarded in their own way for investing in the lives of others.

Morgan County Experiences Fall Rally

On October 13, 2021, Morgan County High School FCCLA attended the FCCLA Fall Rally in Perry, GA. The Fall Rally gave us all an opportunity to join with others who were interested in some of the same things we all are. We had the most amazing experience meeting others from my region while waiting to go across the stage as my school’s FCCLA representative.

The FCCLA Fall Rally also gave us all the opportunity to hear an amazing speech from ‘Deadliest Catch’ cast member ‘Sunshine’. Attending the FC-



Members of the Morgan County High School FCCLA Chapter enjoying the Georgia National Fair



Kayla McDuffie, Bailey Waldroup, and LilyAnn Bruce are excited to meet Nick “Sunshine” Tokman.

CLA Fall Rally is something we will never forget.

Making Connections Count!

By: Susanna Whidden

As I closed the lid on my computer at 8:45pm on a Thursday night, I knew I had chosen correctly when I chose FCCLA as a freshman. I was just getting off FaceTime with friends from Oklahoma, Alabama, Wyoming, Florida and Kansas, all of whom are State Presidents of their respective associations. What would I be doing on a Thursday night if it weren’t for FCCLA?

When I joined FCCLA as a freshman, I had no idea how many friendships I would make or how many people I would meet. This started for me at chapter meetings. I met people from my own school that I had never seen before! It only grew as I progressed through my FCCLA journey.

As a chapter officer during my sophomore year, I became close with officers who were seniors. I still talk to them today two years later! Last year I served as a member of the Region 8 Officer team, and my connections expanded even further. I was able to connect with members of the 2020-2021 State Executive Council and other Region Officers from across the state. They helped encourage me throughout my time as a Region Officer. Now, I serve on the State Executive Council alongside some of those very same region officers!

Sharing my journey with Karolyne Gilleland, Desirae Cannon, Diana Aguilar, and Aspen Mitchell has been an amazing opportunity that I do not take for granted. And now, I continue to build connections with my team, the National Executive Council, and State Presidents and State Officers from across the country.

As a member of FCCLA, you too have the opportunity to make your connections count. Attend as many conferences and meetings as possible. While there, I encourage you to make the most of every opportunity you have to meet new people. Share a smile, ask for their name, trade social media handles, and stay connected! Now more than ever, let’s make our connections count!



Susanna Whidden pictured with Mary Katherine Gunn, Alabama FCCLA State President, and Diana Aguilar and Jessica King, Georgia FCCLA Vice Presidents of Leadership Development.

Calling all 2022 Seniors!

Are you a graduating senior in 2022??? Are you feeling sad about this being your last in FCCLA??? Well don’t we have some GREAT news for you! Believe it or not, FCCLA has an amazing program that allows you to stay connected to FCCLA, even after your glorious Graduation day! This is called the Alumni and Associates Program! This program offers members just like you the opportunity to go Beyond Measure and continue your dedication and loyalty to FCCLA, and you can join as soon as you graduate!

All you need to do is talk to your adviser, and you can join me and thousands of others as we continue our journeys within FCCLA! If you have any questions don’t be afraid to reach out to your adviser, region officers, or state officers to find more!



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North Forsyth High School Makes Clubapalooza Count!

At North Forsyth High School, we have a tradition every year that introduces all our students to different clubs and activities they can participate in, it's called Clubapalooza.

NFHS FCCLA participated in this fun and informative event this year and met tons of different students from 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade at North Forsyth High School.

We had an amazing table set up with balloons and mints that students were able to visit in order to join our CTSO. Our FCCLA members and officers want students to know all about FCCLA and how FCCLA can help students maximize their full poten-

tial. Our FCCLA booth had this year's FCCLA theme clearly displayed, "Make It Count". We will strive to embody this year's theme and truly make this year count!

Students only have four years of high school and the past two years have taught us that it is very important to make everything count!



Officers recruit new FCCLA members.



NFHS FCCLA Clubapalooza Booth

How FCCLA has helped me build a successful future!

By Lauren Trombino

My FCCLA story started in my freshman year food and nutrition class. Our chapter president was giving a presentation on FCCLA. She explained that members could compete in STAR events, participate in community service projects, and develop leadership skills.

Competitions are the main reason I got involved in FCCLA, but little did I know that competitions would lead me to become a part of the state executive council. Competitions, community service, and leadership development have all helped me become the person I am today. I have competed at nationals three times, each year scoring a silver medal or higher.

Through competitive events, I gained knowledge on current issues, and experience in presenting. I now can present to classes with no fear and speak to new people. Community service has helped me gain an appreciation for the support system that organizations have to make them successful. I planned a charity walk to support the Make-A-Wish foundation. It took hard work and a passion for giving back to make the event a success.

Leadership development has also allowed me to break out of my shell and strive as an individual. While attending FCCLA workshops and participating in national programs, I have learned skills such as time management and interpersonal communication skills.

All of these things have led me to become the Vice President of Community Service for Georgia FCCLA and helped me gain skills that will assist me in creating a successful future. My competition partner, Cindy (Xiao) Guo and I at Fall Rally!



Ware County High School FCCLA Takes On School

This fall, the Ware County School District transitioned to a hybrid learning model on an A/B schedule that would get all their students back in school.

Everyone was so excited to get started, but the A/B schedule presented two problems: 1. The high school teachers needed care for their own younger children. Their children would go to school every other day, too. How were they supposed to teach their students and their children at the same time? and 2. Ware County High School Early Childhood Care and Education Pathway is industry certified and the students needed to meet their practicum and observation hours accordingly.

Ware County High School FCCLA students in the ECE Pathway heard the call to action and jumped on an answer. Enter the Gator Den Play School. With the permission of Dr. B.T. Kellogg, Ware County High's principal and Dr. Lynn Barber, Ware County CTAE Director, FCCLA students in the ECE Pathway started the Gator Den Play School. These

students instantly became the teachers of twelve children between the ages of 4 and 10. Using child-sized equipment purchased with funds granted through the C.A.R.E.S. Act recently passed by lawmakers, ECE students were able to set up learning centers for children to learn through play.

For the children, the day included developmentally appropriate activities planned for each of the developmental domains. Creativity was a large part of the program. For instance, the children used big boxes to build a giant spaceship and pretended to fly through space as astronauts. This shared activity taught the children to collaborate in dramatic play. Another day, the children created planets from different colors of playdough.

For the ECE students, each day presented an opportunity to use their new skills learned in the pathway classes. Every day was great fun. Another part of the play school was real school. Each day, the children came with learning

packets sent by their preschool and elementary school teachers.

The FCCLA ECE students each paired with a child to help them complete the packets and to teach them academic skills they did not know. The ECE students learned the importance of professional relationships with children with this one on one experience, and the children were able to avoid any learning loss. The program was a great success and a big help to those teachers who needed care for their children. Moreover, it met the promises of FCCLA to develop real world skills that prepare students to be college- and career-ready.



Jack and his student teacher, Savannah, finish a project.



FCCLA ECE student teacher Shaniah, tutors John and Walker.

Fundraising at the Fair

When the North Georgia Fair came to town in September, some of the fair organizers approached our school and asked if any clubs wanted the opportunity to raise money. Of course our FCCLA members jumped at the chance.

The fair organizers offered to make a large donation to our FCCLA chapter if our members would direct parking at the fair. In addition, we were allowed to ask for donations from people who were parking in the lot. This was an awesome opportunity!

Over twenty members showed up in shifts to help direct parking and keep the parking area safe and organized for fairgoers. We felt pretty cool with our bright yellow safety vests, walkie talkies, and orange safety cones. Members stepped up and out of their comfort zones to ask people to donate to our club. People were happy to donate- some gave us their spare change, while others even donated \$20 bills into our coffee cans.

In just a few hours, we collected hundreds of donations for our chapter. Members really worked hard and cared about the cause. This was a great way to help out at a community event and fund raise for our chapter.



Maritza Pena and Peyton Barringer direct parking and collect donation.



Jade Becerra, Jackie Perez, Albiona Prenku, Gerardo Martinez, and Keniel Cabrera collect donations at the fair.

HMS FCCLA Donates Goodie Bags to Houston Healthcare

The COVID-19 pandemic has put a strain on our health care providers. They have been asked to work long hours and extra shifts, have been put in direct contact with COVID-19 patients, and have needed to adapt to new protocols.

At our first meeting of the year, Huntington Middle FCCLA members brainstormed ways to help our community and school. One of the member's mothers works at the hospital and expressed that it would be wonderful if we could show our appreciation and support for the employees who have been working on the front lines of the pandemic.

Members set a goal of assembling 50 goodie bags and provided bottled water, snacks, candy, and candles along with a special note of thanks. The bags were delivered to the COVID floor at Houston Healthcare in Warner Robins.

Huntington FCCLA prepared goodie bags for local healthcare workers at their September meeting. The chapter assembled 50 bags that will be delivered at Houston Healthcare.

Pictured are members Sha'Neara Fluellen, Ke'Amber Butler, Quinnaja Jones.



Left to Right: Sha'Neara Fluellen, Ke'Smber Butler, Quinnaja Jones, Deidrick Anderson, Chandler Brooks, Adebayo Sulaimon, Emily Hardy, Aryn Myles, Drequan White, and Lily Hardy. Melanie Bratcher serves as Adviser

Take 'n Bake at the Oaks

FCCLA is a place of family, fun, and my chapter wants everyone to be apart. In order to be a member, you have to pay certain membership dues.

My chapter began to recognize that some students wanted to be a member of FCCLA, but they worried about being able to pay the dues. So with some meetings and careful consideration, we decided that we would hold a fundraiser that raises money to pay

for membership dues within our chapter.

This fundraiser is called *Take 'n Bake at the Oaks*. Student members work during their culinary classes to make meals that people can come by the school and buy.

This meal has everything that you could want. And it's so easy too! All customers have to do is buy the meal, come pick it up, and throw it in the oven at

home for about 20 minutes. This month's meal was braised beef, stewed peppers and tomatoes, and rosemary focaccia bread.

Student members are able to learn how to work in an industrialized kitchen, manage catering opportunities, while helping raise money for their fellow students. This fundraiser has allowed 39 new members to join our chapter at Lanier College and Career Academy.



Delivery Bags



Take 'n Bake Meals



Students preparing meal

FCCLA Caters the Teacher and Support Person of the Year Banquet

Rome High School's FCCLA had the opportunity to cater the Teacher and Support Employee of the Year Banquet on October 19, 2021. FCCLA's very own Culinary Art students prepared a delicious meal for all of the attendees of the night.

The menu for the evening consisted of baked chicken, green beans, and potatoes. Baked cookies, fresh pie, and Rice

Krispy treats were assembled for dessert.

FCCLA's Early Childhood and Food Nutrition pathways were the servers for the evening. They served sweet tea and water and collected plates as the guests started to finish their meals.

This event was held in Rome High School's College and Career Academy building, which opened in Spring 2021. Culinary Arts is

a new program at Rome High school that began in Fall 2021. This is one of the first events FCCLA has catered.

Our chapter did an amazing job throughout the night; receiving many compliments and questions about FCCLA.

This is just one of the many events Rome High School's FCCLA has done to help our community!

My FCCLA Story

By Desirae Cannon

Since joining FCCLA my freshman year, I have grown tremendously as an individual. FCCLA has helped me to grow as a leader in both my professional and personal life.

When I first started high school, I was a shy & quiet freshman. As I joined FCCLA and started attending events, I slowly became more confident in myself.

The next semester, I chose to compete in a STAR Event with my partner. I competed and placed at the State Leadership Conference. Competing in this STAR Event

opened my eyes to the world of FCCLA.

Without FCCLA, I wouldn't be where I am and I

most certainly would not be the First Vice President of our state organization. FCCLA showed me how to lead myself and others. It is an honor to serve the members of this wonderful organization on the state level.



Desirae Cannon

Using Food to Support our Community and Club

Elbert County Comprehensive High School (ECCHS) FCCLA members have decided to use food as a way to raise money for members to attend competitive events.

The advisers and members will bake apple cinnamon bread and assemble hot chocolate jars as a fundraiser this fall. The ECCHS staff will be sent an email with an order form.

The week before our Thanksgiving Break the bread and jars will be prepared so the staff who placed orders can take them home to share with their families.

Members are also participating in an effort to provide meals to families in need through our local Safe House Ministries. As a group we will collect the items to make a warm meal. The items will be sorted and placed in bags with recipe cards. Our advisers will deliver the assembled bags to the shelter to be shared with families in need.

As an organization we felt both of these efforts aligned with FCCLA's core value, the family. Our hope is to bring warmth and fellowship to all of the families touched by both of these projects.



Members meeting to plan new projects

so many amazing people, definitely including those on the State

My Ultimate Leadership Experience

By: Aspen Mitchell

FCCLA has been a part of my life for about five years now. That is almost a third of all the years I have been alive! The Ultimate Leadership Experience has provided me with so many opportunities, laughs, and new friends along my journey and I would not trade it for the world.

I began my time with FCCLA in sixth grade. The organization gave me a family and a place to call home in a new school. It was in seventh grade that my middle school FCCLA adviser Ms. Hope Harrison pushed me to compete in my first competition. I competed in knowledge bowl that year and loved it so much I wanted to do more. With a bit of convincing from Ms. Harrison, I decided to compete in creed speaking at SLC and take the online proficiency test for another competitive event. We worked so hard to prepare and I ended up winning

first place in the creed speaking event! At that point, I was all in.

My eighth grade year, I decided to take a step up and become the chapter president. That year, I won first place in two other competitions and earned the statesman award. I felt as though nothing could bring me down, and then the global pandemic shut us all down. COVID caused my freshman year to look extremely different than I had ever imagined, but I did not let that stop me. I decided to take a chance and run for a spot on the Region 7 Officer Team. I was ecstatic to learn I had gotten the position! Although last year was unexpected, I was still able to make the best of my position and learn a lot from the officers above and around me. I gained some wonderful friends along the way and bonded with my new high school advisers.

After my year as a Region Offi-

cer, I decided to take a chance and run for state office. I do not think there are words to fully describe the chaos, anxiety, excitement, joy, and love I felt throughout the entire process of becoming a state officer, I would use them. Making the council was overwhelming in the best way possible. I remember being in sixth grade watching the State Executive Council on stage and thinking they were so amazing, and now I was in their same position. It was unreal. Although I was so sad to see the officers before me go, I was also more excited than ever to begin this next part of my FCCLA journey.

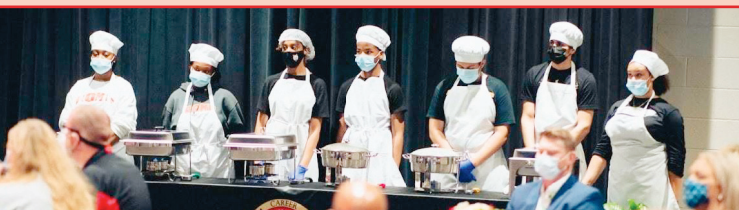
Fast forward to now, I am having an amazing time growing and learning so much as a state officer. I have met



Lynda Arroyo prepares the beverages for our teachers and staff of the year.



The Culinary Arts chefs serve our esteemed guests



The chefs are ready to serve their delicious meals

Gracie Goble serves tea to a school board member



With my FCCLA family after I was inducted into state office



My first FCCLA Competition

Executive Council. I am so lucky to have had the experiences I have had within FCCLA thus far, this organization has truly made me a better leader and given me so much more than sixth grade me would have even thought. I am so thankful for you, FCCLA.

FCCLA... The Skye is the limit

By Jaden Barnett

My FCCLA journey began from family and friends and the ability to manage my time wisely and learned that with a team, no challenge is too hard. It is through STAR Events, Power of One and working on National Program projects that I have matured and prepared for this next step in my journey.

The Nutrition and Food Science pathway further confirmed that my future was somehow related to food. With this knowledge I became a work-based learning (WBL) student and landed a job at a local bakery. While completing Working on Working in Power of One I did research on my personality strengths and weaknesses and connected these to possible careers. One option was entrepreneurship. This led me to choose the STAR Event Entrepreneurship as what I wanted to compete in my senior year.

Fast forward about 90 days.... the bakery I was working at as a WBL student was closing. Suddenly, I had the opportunity to pursue my dream of owning a bakery and doing what I love every day. With encouragement



Jaden Barnett, proprietor of Southern Skye Café

complete support of my FCCLA family I purchased the equipment and began the process of opening Southern Skye Café.

FCCLA has been integral in growing me as a leader. Because I am young some people were negative about my ability to handle the responsibility. What they do not understand is that as an FCCLA member and officer I have learned the importance of creating a detailed plan, developed my

not learned about teamwork and commitment?

I don't have to even think about the what ifs. Being an active FCCLA member and officer has prepared me for the next step in my journey. I encourage every member to be active and allow FCCLA to grow your potential. You never know what opportunity is around the corner, but FCCLA can prepare you for it. After all, the Skye is the limit.

Spalding High Visits

Kennesaw State University

On October 21, Spalding High School FCCLA went on a field trip to Kennesaw State University. During this trip we first had a mini orientation where our tour guides gave us a booklet with all the programs offered at KSU, and gave us some general information about the college. After the mini orientation we began the tour. We first stopped at the English building. We then stopped at the business building where all business or business related majors were taught. After that we ventured to the Student Center followed by the Recreation Center. Our last stop of the tour was the science and math building. To wrap up the day we had a BIG lunch at The Commons with lots of yummy foods and desserts. Sadly, the trip had to come to an end and it was over before we knew it. It was full of walking and a bunch of talking (everyone was hungry) but the chapter got a feel of college life and most importantly everyone had a good time.



SHS FCCLA at Kennesaw State University

Helping Hands

During the pandemic of 2020-21, we have all learned how to do things, well, differently. This is no exception with all personnel of our school system.

The Houston County School System courageously started back to school with both an in-person learning option and a virtual learning option on August 6, 2021. Although most parents chose the in-person learning option, which has proven to be very successful, there are approximately 4,900 Houston County virtual learners. Included with the virtual learning option are the lunch and breakfast meals that the students would have received if they were attending classes in person.

Every Wednesday is the designated, weekly pick-up day for the parents of the virtual learners. Families receive meals for the entire week at this pick-up time. Each Wednesday, parents receive breakfast meals and lunch meals for every vir-



FCCLA members measuring out proper amounts of fresh vegetables needed

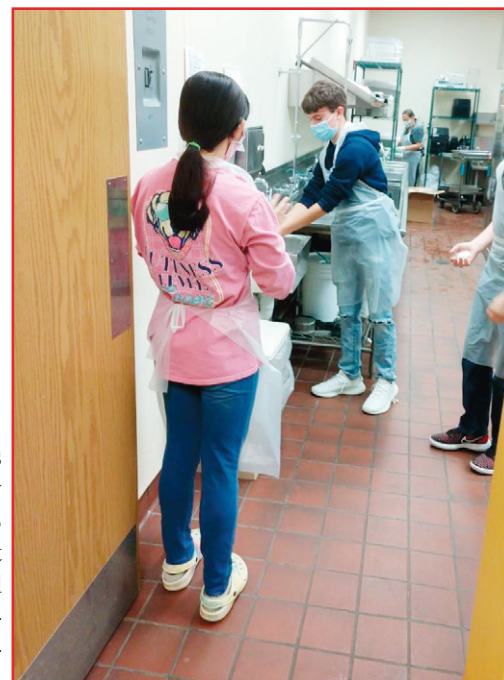
tual student. This includes four cups of fruit and of vegetables. Along with the fruits and vegetables, the weekly required proteins, dairy, and breads are also included.

The lunch and breakfast menu changes each week just like the in-person students' menu changes. This is an enormous logistical task, and Mrs. McGahee Cafeteria manager, at MCMS, estimates that a minimum of 8 hours per week are required to prepare for the virtual meal pick-up.

To help with this task, a perfect partnership was formed. Mrs. Sheppard, the FACS teacher at MCMS and FCCLA Advisor. She was approached with a question that eventually turned into a wonderful, daily, learning experience for students and FCCLA members. The question: "Mrs. Sheppard, do you think some of your students would want to help with our virtual meal preparation?" Mrs. Sheppard was overwhelmed with joy to hear this question and very eager to say, "Yes!".

Not only did this fit in beautifully with the FACS curriculum, but it also provided a plethora of FCCLA learning opportunities.

FCCLA focuses on teaching employability skills, developing leaders, communication skills and being proactive in helping out others. This was a perfect way to involve FCCLA members in experiencing a true hands-on, learning opportunity. This is the embodiment of learning employability skills, leadership traits, responsibility, dependability, communication skills, and teamwork.



Preparing for the task at hand that day



FCCLA members make sure each lunch has the correct items.

Make Your Play Count!

The FCCLA theme this year is "Make it Count"; as a chapter, we wanted to find ways to accomplish this. Our Feagin Mill Middle School FCCLA chapter decided to assist the football players, coaches, and managers on game days. We wanted the football team to make each play count, so we teamed up with the coaches, parents, and sponsors to have the ultimate pre-game experience.

FMMS FCCLA hosted the 8th grade football team every game day in the FACS/FCCLA room. The team came to the room to have a pre-game meal, view film, and get game day ready. One of the parents helped to organize the meals and we teamed up with her to find church/business sponsors for the food each game day.

We have certainly realized it takes a village to put all of this together and make it happen. The community has rallied around our team, the parents have been supportive, and FCCLA is glad to be a small part of it. We have been amazed at what can be accomplished when school staff, parents, and businesses come together.

Our 7th and 8th grade football teams won the semi-championship games to secure their place

in the championship games. We know they have worked hard to earn this, but we are glad to play a small part in supporting the team as they accomplished this milestone. For the championship games FACS and FCCLA hosted the 7th and 8th grade teams for pre-game meal. We decorated the room in football décor, and had game day hype music playing.

The FACS and FCCLA students especially enjoyed decorating the room and hallway for the football team. A parent, coach, and Mrs. Duke (FCCLA adviser) were able to put together a video with NFL and college players from our area sending words of encouragement to the football players.

Between the 7th and 8th grade championship games, we recognized the community sponsors and presented them a football signed by the players. A special thanks to everyone who made this happen from parents to churches/business partners.

Danielle Molina (team Mom), 7th and 8th grade parents, Speed Edge Sports, The Butcher Shop, Central Baptist Youth Ministry, Southside Baptist Middle School Ministry, Home Furniture and Mattress, MidState Pools and Spas, and 3M Lawn Care.

How will FCCLA help you?

By Alyssa Shepard

FCCLA is a very helpful organization that will teach you life skills and leadership skills.

In FCCLA at Spalding High School the advisers will help you to become a helpful and inspiring leader. As a member of FCCLA you have the privilege to do community service which helps you to be social. Also, FCCLA does fundraisers that help to be more outgoing and outspoken by advertising your fundraiser.

FCCLA can help you to become a leader by allowing you to gain a little confidence while competing. When competing you show leadership and independence which could inspire someone else.

Altogether, FCCLA will make you a strong inspiring leader with many life skills.



Alyssa Shepard, SHS FCCLA Vice President of Public Relations

SCHS FCCLA "Pinkout" Tailgate

FCCLA members gathered for a tailgate before our annual "Pinkout" football game! Members enjoyed bar-b-que sandwiches and socializing with friends. Members also painted their faces, made signs and shakers for the football game.

Everyone had a wonderful time! FCCLA Members at Pinkout Tailgate on September 24, 2021.



FCCLA Members at Pinkout Tailgate on September 24, 2021.



Laney Davis helping with a pre-game meal for the football team.



Getting Game Day Ready



FMMS Football players enjoying some good food.



Recognition of community sponsors during the championship game

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



FCCLA Members face painting at Pinkout Tailgate social.



Football Players watching pregame messages to them from Jake Fromn, Tyler Fromn, and Wesley Steiner.



FCCLA members at Pinkout Tailgate social.

The Function of the Chattooga Chapter

FCCLA is a family-oriented organization. FCCLA itself stands for Family, Career, Community, Leaders of America. This organization urges members to embrace family as a way to strengthen the entire unit. We do this as a chapter by working together to set and achieve our objectives.

In many ways, the manner we work is similar to that of a family. We may not be aware of the exact methods in which we labor for and with one another, but the work is done. For example, we divided into groups in order to divide and conquer.

This happened again in class a few weeks ago. The kitchens needed to be cleaned. We have a total of six of them in our classroom. We cleaned each kitchen in about ten minutes with two to three people in each. But these aren't the only ways we work together; we also listen to oth-

er people's problems and needs around the school. I n the year 2020, I began my

year I heard about it. Not simply with the program's meaning, but also with the people engaged.

first year, I applied for and was appointed as an officer. I was Vice President of National Programs at the time.

I was unable to complete what was required of me this year because I did not find better ways to organize my calendar around what was truly essential to me. So, this year, I made that shift. For the year 2021, I've been promoted to Vice-President of Public Relations. Through FCCLA and the guidance of our wonderful adviser, I've learned better time management techniques.

FCCLA is visible everywhere in our classroom. This is enticing to join and demonstrates our commitment to our organization. So far this year, I've had a lot of fun assisting with meeting planning and posting about upcoming activities.

In terms of fundraising, we are currently putting on a brand-new

event for our chapter. We are taking part in the sale of flower cards. We're collaborating on this fundraiser with Honeybee Flowers, Gifts, and Sweets, a local business. This fundraiser has, so far, attracted a large number of members. We walk around selling and explain that it is worth \$100 but can be had for only \$45. It lasts for a year, and all they have to do is call 24 hours ahead of time to be advised to go pick up a bouquet of flowers with a \$8 value.

We've got a few more fundraisers lined up for the rest of the year. I'm looking forward to what promises to be an incredible year for us.

What holds our chapter together is the growth and accomplishments we may achieve together. I sincerely hope that things will continue to be this way in the future.



Some of the Chattooga Chapter members

FCCLA journey, which, as we all know, was the year of Covid-19. I fell in love with FCCLA the first

The manner in which activities were structured and introduced to me was very remarkable. That

Region 8 Recap!

On October 7th the Region 8 Officer Team was excited to hold their Region Meeting at Coffee High School in Douglas, GA. At the meeting the Region Officer Team was able to meet and network with members from across Region 8.

We were pleased to host Ms. Therese Standard with Teens in the Driver's Seat. She shared the importance of safe driving and introduced the You in the Driver's Seat App. While at the meeting, members were able to complete a mini course with a tricycle and the fatal vision goggles.

The goggles allowed members to experience how dangerous driving under the influence is. Additionally members were able to learn about semi-truck highway safety from representatives from the American Trucking Association's Share the Road Program.

The Region 8 Officers would like to congratulate all 2021 Fall Rally competition winners from Region 8. In the Chapter T-Shirt competition Bleckley County High School placed 4th overall. Placing 2nd in the Middle School FCCLA Brochure competition was Berrien Middle. In the High School National Programs Brochure category the winners were 1st place Ware County High School, 2nd place Colquitt County High School, and 3rd place Coffee High School. Berrien High School placed first in the Alumni Brochure category. Placing 4th in the Middle School Chapter Fair Booth competition was Ben Hill Middle School. In the High School Chapter Fair Booth competition the winners were 1st place Ware County High School, 2nd place Tift County High School, and 3rd place Coffee High School. Placing 4th in the Theme Speech Event was Irwin County High School.

In the Senior Peanut Recipe competition 2nd place West Laurens High School and 3rd place Lowndes High School. Placing 2nd in the Culinary Competition was Lowndes High School.

Congratulations to all the Fall Rally competitive event winners from Region 8! Ms. Standard explaining the importance of safe driving practices.



Ms. Standard explaining the importance of safe driving practices.

Membership Recruitment

Franklin County High School FCCLA is excited to host chapter meetings during the advisement class period on Fridays once again! Due to Covid-19 restrictions, members were only allowed to meet after school in small numbers last school year. As a result, participation was less than normal. To help increase interest in FCCLA, students in Mrs. Cary's ECE 2 class held a membership recruitment display contest and a t-shirt design contest. The real winners were the students who decided to join after they learned about the wonderful things FCCLA has to offer!



FCCLA Offers leadership oppo,u



FCCLA Offers fun!



Members learning about semi truck safety.



Experiencing the fatal vision goggles for the first time.

Madison County High FCCLA Travels to Fall Leadership Rally

Madison County High FCCLA traveled to Fall Rally at The Georgia National Fair Tuesday, October 12, 2021. It was a fast-paced time for the five members who participated.

The day began with traveling from Danielsville to Perry. After arriving, officers and members assisted in getting the chili cook-off competitor, Andrea Galindo, ready for competition. Once the competition began, some officers and members watched nervously and cheered quietly (not to disturb the competitors) as Andrea competed against 5 other Georgia high school

members. Other members (Brianna Vaughn and Mikaya Brooks) shopped the homemade goods at the fair during the competition.

Once all chili submissions were presented to the judges, competitors shared their chili with the audience. Many of the recipes had great backstories of where the recipe came from. Andrea's recipe was based on a traditional Hispanic soup her mother makes.

After tasting awesome chili, the judges announced the winner. Andrea placed 3rd in the state! The rest of the day was spent enjoying

all The Georgia National Fair had to offer. Great food, awesome rides, and tons of memories made with great friends. It was a great way to end the day.

On the chapter's 2nd day in Perry, it was Peanut Recipe Competition day and Fall Leadership Rally. The members and officers quickly ran from the gate to submit the peanut recipe for competition. Ta'Liyah Darden, an 11th-grade member, created a Rocky Road Oreo Brownie with peanuts for the competition.

Once the recipe was submitted, it was time for Fall Leadership Rally. Miracle Turner, President, and Perla Parra, chapter member, represented the chapter in the Parade of Chapters. Andrea Galindo was recognized for her achievement in the chili cook-off. State and Region officers did a great job sharing about coming events for the state.

The event ended with an awesome motivational speaker. His basic message inspired the chapter to reach for what they want in life even if those around them don't encourage them.

Later in the day, the chapter learned that Ta'Liyah had earned 4th place in the Peanut Recipe Competition. The chapter was pumped! The day ended with the long ride home but the fun continued with a stop at Buc-ee's to refuel and grab some barbecue for the road!



Andrea Galindo receives 3rd place win for the chili cookoff



Members and officers wish Andrea Galindo good luck.



Final picture before leaving the Georgia National Fair

An Experience of a Lifetime

By Jessica King

Picture it: December, 2020. I was considering what my next steps would be in FCCLA. I was then serving as the State Vice



Jessica King, State Vice President of Leadership Development.

President of Public Relations, and I knew in my heart that I wanted to at least take a shot at running as a National Officer Candidate at the 2021 National Leadership Conference. I had been working toward this accomplishment subconsciously, building on my leadership skills during my first year as a State Officer. I worked for months after submitting my intent to run for - writing essays, creating resumes, drafting speeches.

In June, it was finally time for the National Leadership Conference.

Racked with nerves, I arrived in Nashville, TN and began the in-person portion of the NOC journey. I was able to meet members from across the country, speak to national leaders of many diverse organizations, and hear from inspiring presenters about issues circulating education in our modern world.

After the first election, I represented Georgia FCCLA in the top 20 candidate pool, but only 10 would be elected to the National Executive Council. I'll always remember how I felt that day - so nervous, but extremely excited to represent

my favorite organization.

After a long and anxious wait, I received the letter informing me that I would not be a National Officer, and that was okay. After all of that hard work, I knew that I did the best I could to inspire others, and I am still able to serve the members of Georgia FCCLA as the State Vice President of Leadership Development.

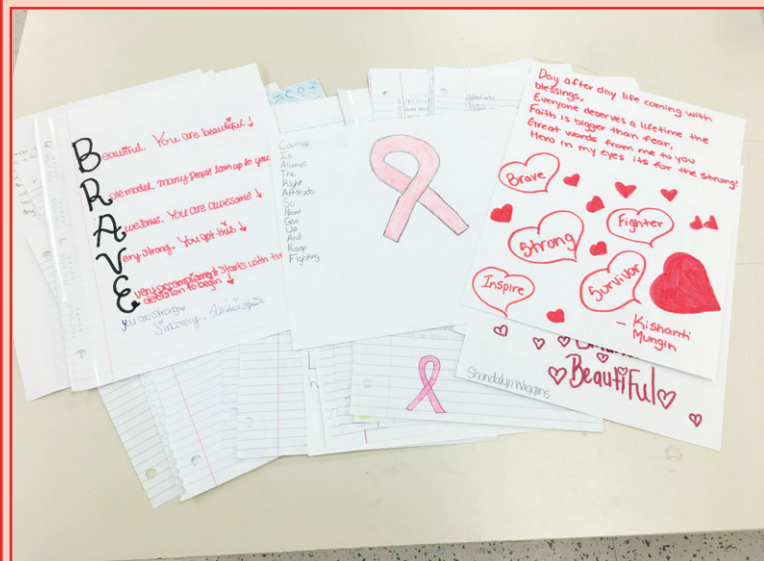
My time serving as a National Officer Candidate and reaching thousands of members across the nation will forever be a pivotal moment in my life, and is truly the experience of a lifetime.



The 2021-2022 National Officer Candidates

Writing to Encourage

To continuously encourage those going through cancer treatment and to celebrate Breast Cancer Survivors within their Nutrition class here at Westside Comprehensive High students wrote letters, poems, and/or drew pictures to give to the patients at the Breast Cancer Treatment Facility in the Augusta area.



Here are a few of the letters, poems, and drawings completed by the students.

THIS FCCLA is Out of this World!

In the Trion FCCLA 2021-2022 chapter, several members and officers have donated their time and resources to our most recent community service project.

For several weeks THS students donated to a community service project for our local heroes. Students were asked to bring in grab-and-go snacks for baskets that officers organized. Said baskets went to local EMS, Fire departments, police departments, and more. For example, baskets went to Henderson and Sons Funeral Home, Trion Police Department, Redmond Family Care, and so many more.

THS FCCLA has planned more exciting community service projects further in the year, hoping to positively impact the community as much as possible. Members recently have completed the annual chocolate sale and have raised over \$1,000 for the chapter. On top of participating in the chocolate fundraiser members have voted on our official chapter t-shirt.

We have had monthly meetings as planned, where things have been going pretty great so far. Especially since we have several new members alongside our recurring ones. This year we have started selling pizzas at break every other Friday to raise money for the chapter. We take turns selling pizza on Fridays with our school's FBLA group. So far this has been a very successful fundraiser. The chapter plans to continue with more fundraisers similar to the chocolate one further on in the year.

Recently THS FCCLA officers and members participated in fall rally competitions. Member Cadee O'Neal participated in the

Tattnall High School FCCLA Pinked Out

On October 22, 2021, FCCLA hosted a charity booth at the Tattnall County High School pink out football game. Several of our members were in attendance and volunteered to help us further our cause.

We sold pink beads and a variety of breast cancer awareness tattoos, with all of our proceeds going to Tattnall Cares.

Tattnall Cares is a local charitable, non-profit, organization that provides financial relief to cancer patients and their families, while also helping fund the research to find a cure for cancer.

FCCLA advisors and members look forward to helping with this cause each year.



L to R: Addie Waters, Zaniyah Recasner, Erin Nestbit, and Aubrey Poole

chapter T-Shirt design competition. Chapter officers Kirsten Jones and Sara Thompson competed in the brochure competition and received 3rd place. All three traveled to The Georgia National fair alongside Karolyne Gilleland (state officer and chapter president) for the Fall Rally.

Trion FCCLA members and officers are also planning on attending the Fall Leadership Conference. Students are hard at work on their projects for this event. As we continue as a chapter, we are working very hard on several upcoming events. Not only for the Fall Leadership conference but STAR and National events as well.

Officers have been hard at work to update their Power of One processes and prepare for upcoming events. Not only are we, as a chapter, hard at work, but our fantastic adviser Mrs. Merri Blankenship is as well. She is busy making sure we have everything we need and takes us everywhere we need to go regarding FCCLA. We don't know where we'd be without her.

This year we hope to be more active with our members since last year took us on a turn due to COVID. So far, our chapter has hosted a game night for members after school, and the officers are planning an after-school activity for our members for Halloween.

Our chapter also participated in our schools homecoming parade. Students rode on the back of a truck, and represented our chapter with our chapter banner.

The THS chapter and chapter officers are very excited to see what the 2021-2022 year has in store for our officers and our chapter as a whole.



Hard at work selling pizza to students at break. Fun times were had by all at game night



Fun times were had by all at game night



Chapter President Karolyne Gilleland delivers basket to Redmond Family Care



Karolyne, Cadee, Sara, and Kirsten had an amazing time learning new things and competing at Fall Rally.



Members, officers, and other participated in the 2021 THS homecoming parade

How FCCLA Has Helped Me Shine

By Karolyne Gilleland

My journey with FCCLA started my sophomore year. I joined as a part of a project for class, but little did I know how much the organization would change my life.

I competed in the STAR event Focus on Children in February 2020. My project was on vaccinations, and I got to talk to many children about getting shots, and how they are helpful for them, I made it to state, but then the world shut down due to COVID-19

I decided I did not want my FCCLA story to end there. I decided to run for Region 1 Officer. Despite the rough year, I loved taking that step to be a region officer. It was a great experience,

and I also was a chapter officer. I loved helping my chapter thrive. We did many different community service projects such as helping hands, homeless shelter donations, cards for the nursing home, and snack baskets for the first responders. I also got to attend the virtual Fall Rally and Fall Leadership Conference.

I then decided my next step was to run for State Officer. I was able to participate in State Leadership Conference in person as a State Officer Candidate. I was honored to be elected to Georgia FCCLA's State Vice President of Public Relations. I will admit doing the speech was hard for me, but it was worth it. I was over the

moon to be elected to the state executive council. I am honored to serve with the other extraordinary ladies on the council this year. I am also honored to be President of my chapter, Trion FCCLA. I have a fantastic team to work with on both levels.

FCCLA has completely changed me as a person. I have grown so much and become so confident. After 2021 DISCOVER Training, I self-reflected, and I thought back to being on stage at SLC and how nervous I was to be on stage at DISCOVER Training, and I was so proud of myself. Thank you, Georgia FCCLA, for helping me, Shine. I encourage everyone to take the step because you never know how much you are going to Shine.



Me on stage at 2021 DISCOVER Training



2021-2022 State Executive Council at June CTSO Training