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TALKING POINTS & CONVERSATIONS GUIDE



Georgia FCCLA Day at the Capitol 2022



WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

We Are:

- A dynamic, National Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) with more than 155, 000 members in middle and high school across the country, studying Family and Consumer Science Education. In Georgia, we have over 24,000 student members.
- The Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) that is meeting the workforce needs and recovery efforts for careers such as Education, Early Childhood Education and Hospitality and Tourism, all of which support strong families
- An intracurricular student organization that is preparing students during regular classroom hours.

What We Do:

- Provide project-based learning and rich leadership experiences (like our visit here to the Capitol)
- Build interest in Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) college majors and careers
- Prepare students with employability skills

Personal Testimony

Share a personal example of how FCCLA has helped you research, explore, and prepare for a career



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STATE IMPACT AND TEEN ADVOCACY

FCCLA and FCS in Georgia

- Describe FCS programs in your school
- Provide insight into colleges that have FCS Education degrees and FCS majors in Georgia

Teen Advocacy

• Learn about the representative(s) you are meetin with and share why you are at the State Capitol

Why We Are Here Today

- To show policymakers how their support for career and technical education impacts teens in preparing to be college and career ready.
- To advocate for teen centered issues. Youth leaders like those from FCCLA care deeply about issues that impact our world and we want legislative leaders to hear our voice and know that investing in our career preparation is an investment that will provide strong healthy workforce to meet the demands of current and future employers.
- To learn real world skills for life through advocacy efforts.



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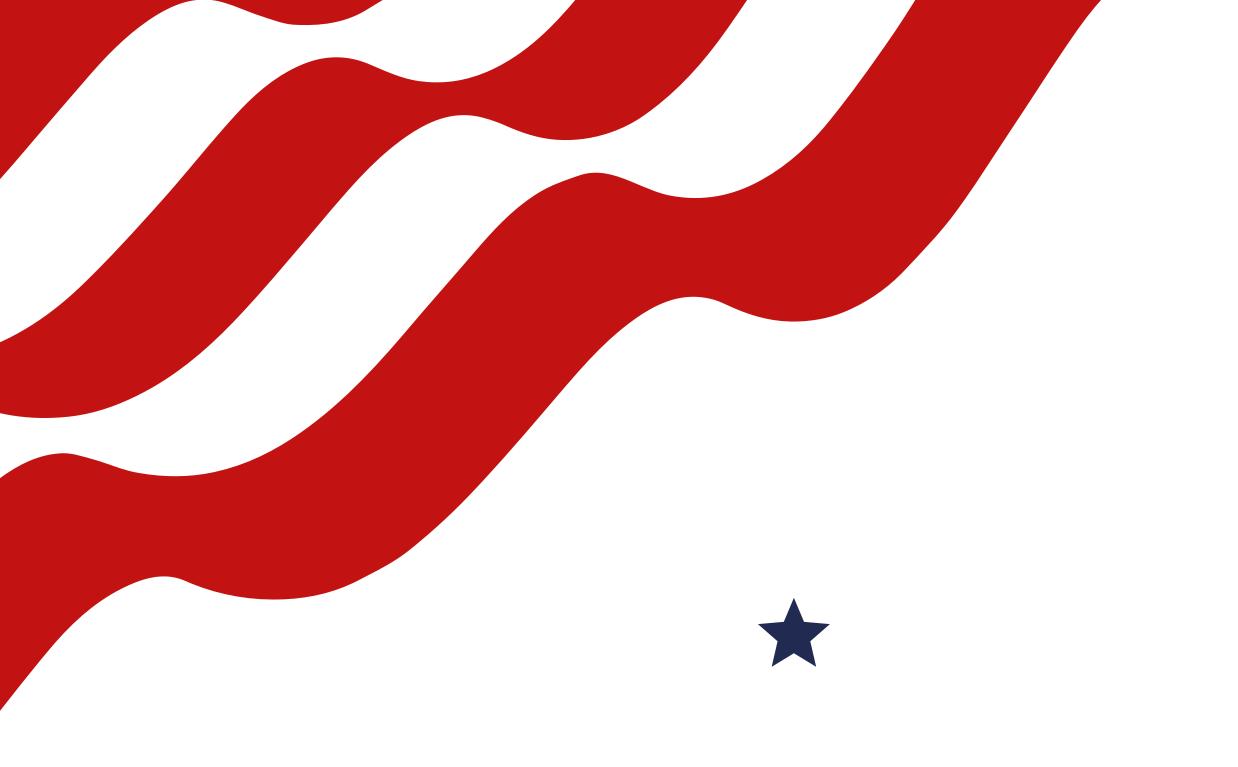


CONVERSATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES

Outline for conversations with Representatives and/or staffers

- 1. Thank them for meeting with you and share who you are, grade, home city and member of FCCLA.
- 2. Help them understand what Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) and Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) are by sharing two or three points from your research about your state and FCCLA involvement.
- 3. Show them FCCLA's essential role in establishing career pathways in your state using the Career Pathway Sheet.
- 4. Describe why you feel Family and Consumer Sciences and FCCLA are important for college and career preparation success, and how it's helped you personally.
- 5. Talk about your chapter's activities, sharing about any teen-centered issues you've worked on.
- 6. Consider inviting your presentative to your chapter, particularly in a time when you are having an event or showcasing a project you are working on.
- 7. Check the list of representatives and senators and see if your representative is a member of the Education Committee. If so, ask them what issues they are focusing on and if they support FCS.
- 8. Ask for a photo opportunity with whomever you are meeting with and then share the photo on social media with #gafccla and #22DATC
- 9. Ask for a card from the person(s) with whom you are meeting.
- 10. Email them a thank you note.

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THANK YOU FOR ADVOCATING FOR FCS & FCCLA

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