

FAMILY, CAREER, AND COMMUNITY

FCCLA

LEADERS OF AMERICA

Mission: To promote personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Sciences Education.

FCCLA impacts communities by increasing the number of youth involved in civic engagement and leadership roles through service learning opportunities. Founded in 1945, FCCLA is a non-profit career and technical education student leadership organization connected to the Family and Consumer Sciences Education curriculum. FCCLA has empowered over 10 million young men and women through their work with families, schools, and communities.



Student Testimonials:

FCCLA helped to make me into the strong leader and compassionate citizen I am today! Through FCCLA, I had the opportunity to travel across the nation, meet and network with other youth, learn parliamentary procedure skills, compete on the national level with students from all across America, and develop the leadership skills that are helping me continue to make a difference today in my community, on my college campus, and in my family.

Without FCCLA, I would never have had the amazing opportunities to make a difference in the lives of others through completing hundreds of hours of community service or developed the public speaking skills I have today that help me conquer my fears and speak in front of large crowds to effectively get my message across.

-Alex Kaizer, FCCLA Alumni since 2008

FCCLA is a dynamic student organization that I am very proud to be a part of. FCCLA has changed my life drastically for the better. I have learned so many useful skills that will stick with me for the rest of my life, such as financial literacy and preparing myself to live on my own. I have also become a better public speaker thanks to FCCLA's numerous opportunities for students. FCCLA has shaped who I have become today.

-Olivia Weber, FCCLA Alumni since 2009

Impacting Today's Youth for Tomorrow's Decisions



The only student organization with the family as its central focus.

STATE AND NATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS:



A national program that guides youth to link their options and skills for success in families, careers, and communities through individual, cooperative, and competitive activities where they discover their strengths, target career goals, and initiate a plan for achieving the lifestyle they desire.



A national program that assists students in developing, planning, carrying out, and evaluating projects that improve the quality of life in their communities. Community Service helps young people build skills for family, career, and community roles; provide youth-centered learning experiences related to FCS, and encourages them to develop positive character traits.



A national program that helps young people build leadership skills. Through the program members learn about leadership, recognize the lifelong benefits of leadership skills, practice leadership skills through their involvement in FCCLA, and become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.



A national peer education program through which students strive to save lives by educating adults and youth about traffic safety and supporting enforcement of local rules and regulations regarding community traffic safety. Through FACTS FCCLA members sharpen their critical thinking skills and have the opportunity to develop public speaking skills.



A national peer education program through which youth gain a better understanding of how families work and learn skills to become strong family members. The goals of Families First are to help youth become strong members and leaders for today and tomorrow while strengthening the family as the basic unit of society.



A national peer education program that involves youth teaching one another how to make, save, and spend money wisely. Through Financial Fitness members plan and carry out projects that help them and their peers learn to become wise financial managers and smart consumers.



A scholarship opportunity for FCCLA members to travel to Japan for four-to-six weeks as an exchange student and learn more about world outside of the boundaries of a member's home state. The scholarship is funded by the Kikkoman Corporation and is administered by Youth For Understanding USA.



A program that recognizes FCCLA members who create projects to strengthen leadership skills on the job in one of six different units of FCS education ranging from education to hospitality to textiles and apparel. These skills contribute to success in a broad range of career fields.



A program that helps students find and use their personal power through five exciting units. Members set their own goals, work to achieve them, and enjoy the results. The skills members learn in Power of One help them now and in the future in school, with friends and family, in their future at college, and on the job.



A state peer education team through which members in Iowa FCCLA learn about the basics of Public Relations and how to effectively get the word out about FCCLA and their chapter. Students complete three projects that work to inform their school and community about what FCCLA is and how FCCLA is involved in making a positive difference in the world.



Students Taking Action with Recognition (STAR) Events are competitive events in which members are recognized for proficiency and achievement in chapter and individual projects, leadership skills, and career preparation. Members in a STAR event develop cooperative team-building skills, how compete in a structured environment, and how to achieve goals. Events range from Parliamentary Procedure to Chapter Service to Culinary Arts!



A national program that empowers youth with the attitudes, skills, and resources in order to recognize, report, and reduce youth violence. By completing a STOP the Violence project an FCCLA chapter is taking an extra step to making their families, schools, and communities a safe, violence-free place to be.



A national peer education program that helps young people learn to eat right, be fit, and make healthy choices. Its goals are to help young people make informed, responsible decisions about their health, provide youth opportunities to teach others, and develop healthy lifestyles, as well as communication and leadership skills!

In addition, FCCLA provides opportunities to develop leadership skills through the **National Leadership Conference** held each July; **Fall Leadership Rally** hosted each October in Iowa to provide leadership training for members to develop skills to use throughout the year in their communities, schools and chapters; **State Leadership Conference** held in Des Moines each March to elect new state officers, leadership opportunities, and compete in State STAR Events; **Day at the Capitol** event provides students with the opportunity to visit with their legislators and be a "voice" and "advocate" for family and consumer sciences and FCCLA; **District and Chapter Meetings** give members the opportunity to plan and complete service-learning projects and serve in leadership positions; **Officer Training Programs** provide state officers the skills needed to become effective communicators and amazing leaders; **Out-Reach Programs and Civic Partnerships** help students become "civically involved" to meet identified needs at the local, state, and national level.



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