The national leadership conference always brings much joy and excitement for FCCLA members everywhere. Members from all over the United States travel near and far for the experience of a lifetime. This year’s NLC was held in San Diego, California! As soon as members landed they were trading pins with one another. They didn’t just trade pins though! There was so much to do in California and less than a week to do it all. Everyone was meeting new friends and conversing with old friends, putting the finishing touches on their projects, exploring San Diego, and they even got to go on an excursion to the San Diego Zoo! While everyone had fun, there was some serious leadership business to take care of like STAR Events, going to workshops, and also attending state and national’s meetings. State Vice President of Junior Relations, Lazaro Quintana, said his favorite part of NLC was Florida’s state meeting, “Getting to see all of our members hyped about nationals was truly exciting.”

Hopefully everyone that went to San Diego had an experience of a lifetime and congratulations to everyone who competed in a STAR Event and totally rocked it! We can’t wait to see what you bring to NLC next year in Nashville, Tennessee!

**Funnnn FCCLA Slogan**

FCCLA, Family, Career, Community is our game.

We’re big, We’re bad

Every day, every hour

Because y’all know we got that family power!

“The most powerful leadership tool you have is your own personal example.” – John Wooden
STATE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

We challenge you to take part in our state community service project that is in memory of Mrs. Debbie Shackley.

What you need in your Debbie’s Pack:

- Mints
- Entertainment books
- Unscented Vaseline
- Fuzzy socks
- Unscented lotion
- Tissues
- Unscented lip balm
- Unscented hand sanitizer
- A get-well card with a personal message on the inside

MEET YOUR FLORIDA STATE OFFICERS

Name: Keyshawna Johnson
Office: President
Birthday: August 3rd 1999
Favorite quote: "being different isn’t a bad thing. It means you’re brave enough to be yourself".

Get to know Keyshawna: Hey I'm Keyshawna Johnson and I will be 16 on August 3rd, I'm a junior at Armwood High School. Other than FCCLA I love cheering, going to the mall, and spending time with my friends and family. Some interesting and weird things about me is that I have scoliosis and I'm obsessed with Bacon!! My favorite quote is "being different isn’t a bad thing. It means you’re brave enough to be yourself". Within school I am in the collegiate program meaning I graduate with my A.A degree; and that’s just a little bit about me your 2016-2017 State President, Keyshawna Johnson.

What is your favorite volunteering experience/memory?

My favorite volunteering experience would have to be in my old middle school, Progress Village Middle Magnet School of the Arts where I created buddy bags which are bags filled with a blanket/pillow made by our costume design class, coloring books and crayons, a teddy bear, and an inspiring message. We gave these two children that get taken out of their home due to child abuse and domestic violence. We got to present these two police officers so that they can keep them in the trunk of their cars.

What do you want to do when you’re older?

I am still undecided about what I want to be. I do know when I go to college I would like to major in business and/or sociology but I’m not sure where I want to go with that.
Name: Taylor Trevithick  
Office: President-Elect 
Birthday: March 27th 2000  
Favorite quote: "There are no escalators - there are only staircases to success. There is no substitute for hard work." - Lilly Singh

Get to know Taylor: I was born in Houston, Texas and moved to Florida when I was two years old. I now attend Lakewood Ranch High School as a junior and am extremely involved with FCCLA in addition to Spanish club, Lakewood Leaders, Buddy Club, National Honors Society, and weightlifting! I enjoy having a busy schedule and love to meet new people as often as possible! In my free time I love swimming, going to the beach, and above all else eating sushi with my friends! In the future, I plan to attend UF where I will study food nutrition and then go to dental school to hopefully become an orthodontist!

What is your favorite volunteering experience/memory?

My favorite volunteering memory would have to be the time I went to an animal shelter called Nate's Place where my friend and I were able to play with all of the animals and learn how to take proper care of them.

What do you want to do when you're older?

I would like to be a pediatric orthodontist with my own practice one day!

Name: Allyson Mears  
Office: VP of Junior Relations  
Birthday: December 4th 2001  
Favorite Quote: “Be a pineapple: stand tall, wear a crown, and be sweet on the inside.”

Get to know Allyson: Hi my name is Allyson Mears and I’m your VP of Jr. Relations. Some fun facts about me is that I love to hunt and to fish. I love hanging out with family and friends. I grew up and still live in a small town in the panhandle of Florida. I was born on December 4th of 2001. I am also an identical twin.

What is your favorite volunteering experience/memory?

My favorite volunteering experience was going to the children’s hospital in Pensacola where we gave out stuffed animals to all the children and seeing there smiling faces was worth the trip.

What do you want to do when you’re older?

When I get older I would like to own my own bakery.
**Name:** Lazaro Quintana  
**Office:** VP of Junior Relations  
**Birthday:** March 27th 2002  
**Favorite quote:** “Don’t follow the crowd, let the crowd follow you”  

**Get to know Lazaro:** Want to know more about the only guy on the SEC? Then you’re at the right place! I’m Lazaro Quintana, and I turned 14 three weeks after the 2016 SLC! I currently attend John A Ferguson Senior High School in Miami, Florida, where I have the pleasure of being a 9th grader. For those of you that probably hadn’t guessed already, I’m of Cuban origin! I love eating in general, but more specifically I really enjoy the delicious Cuban Food that my family makes. I can eat pizza at any time of day, and if you get me Taco Bell, we’re best friends already! I really don’t like really sweet things, but I’m always in the mood for a Publix donut, or a pack of Oreo’s. Yes! A pack! It comes with a horrible stomach ache, but oh boy is it worth it! Apart from school and food, I enjoy going into my backyard and taking pictures of things! I wouldn’t say that I’m a pro at it, because I’m not. It’s something I do when the series I’ve been watching on Netflix ends, or when I see a nice picture online and I try to recreate it, but it usually doesn’t come out like the original at all. I also enjoy hanging out with my best friend, because it usually ends with food and us laughing hysterically at something that no one else would find funny. When I’m not with my friends, you would find me with my family. We always love to go out with my uncles, aunts, grandparents, and cousins, because it always makes it way more fun! When I’m with my parents and my 9-year-old brother at home, we’re almost always hanging out around the kitchen, nibbling on food, and me sitting up on the counter, even though there’s chairs all over the place! (It makes me feel even taller than I already am) Well, this is just a tiny portion of my exciting, yet very boring life (like every other teenager).

**What is your favorite volunteering experience/memory?**

My favorite volunteering experience would have to be when I was frying fried Oreo’s for my school’s movie night! What made it memorable was that there were too many appliances plugged in, so the fryers wouldn’t work, and I was running around the whole school plaza trying to find a plug that worked! Even then students were still waiting in line because they knew our fried Oreo’s were the best!

**What do you want to do when you’re older?**

When I grow up, I would love to be a Trauma Surgeon! I love the rush, and being able to help people on what might be the worst day of their life!

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**Name:** Kristen Hodne  
**Office:** VP of Careers and Alumni  
**Birthday:** August 21st 1999  
**Favorite quote:** “A person who stands for nothing will fall for anything.”  

**Get to know Kristen:** I’m Kristen Hodne and FCCLA has given me so many wonderful experiences and opportunities, one of which happens to be serving as FL FCCLA’s 2016/2017 VP of Careers & Alumni. To tell you a little bit about myself, I love to travel and try new things. I have lived in 9 different homes in 8 different states because my dad is a colonel in the US Army Special Forces. I have three sisters, a dog, and a super-cute cat. I’ve been to a lot of new places but I’ve never been outside the US, which is something I definitely want to do in the future. I like hanging out with my friends, going shopping, and going to school. I also run cross country and I’m on the track & field team. I’m a member of my class council as well as student government at my school.
**What is your favorite volunteering experience/memory?**

My favorite volunteering experience was the night before Halloween last year when my class council hosted a "Trick or Treat Street" at our high school. Dozens of clubs at our school decorated classrooms, put together fun activities, and passed out candy to kids from different elementary schools in our community. It was a great opportunity to give the kids a safe place to trick or treat.

**What do you want to do when you're older?**

I want study biochemistry and molecular biology in college so I can be a genetic engineer when I grow up.

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**Name:** Khusbu Motiwala  
**Office:** VP of Parliamentary Law  
**Birthday:** February 14<sup>th</sup> 1999  
**Favorite quote:** "Where there is love there is life" – Mahatma Ghandi

**Get to know Khusbu:** Hello my name is Khusbu Motiwala and I am FL FCCLA's 2016-17 Vice President of Parliamentary Law. FCCLA has become so important to me! I started as a little 6th shy grader and am now a cheerful senior at Oakleaf High School. Let me tell you a little about me I am 17 years old and will be turning 18 on February 14th. I love photography, cracking corny jokes, hanging out with friends and family and eating all kinds of food; my favorite is cheese. One of the best things on this planet is jewelry and bling and my favorite color is gold. I love meeting new people and making new friends, and I can’t wait to meet tons of new people and make loads of new friends!

**What is your favorite volunteering experience/memory?**

When I went to India last year I volunteered at the Red Cross and it was such an eye opening experience. It made me realize how much I have and how much I take for granted. We went to seven villages and served food and gave them medical assistance and when I met them I saw the look of happiness in their eyes and it was just so beautiful and simply amazing.

**What do you want to do when you’re older?**

I want to be a dermatologist when I get older.

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**Name:** Sheyanne Myrie  
**Office:** VP of Community Service  
**Birthday:** June 11<sup>th</sup> 2000  
**Favorite quote:** “You’re not to be so blind with patriotism that you can’t face reality. Wrong is wrong no matter who does it or says it.” – Malcolm X

**Get to know Sheyanne:** My name is Sheyanne but my friends call me "Shey". I like my nickname better because it helps people pronounce my full name correctly. I come from a proud Jamaican household and I love it. My hobbies include watching HGTV, baking, petting stray dogs/cats, and watching movies with my best friends. I love all things food and I love to travel and meet new people. I think a few words
that could be used to describe me are eccentric, unpredictable, and aesthetic. I look forward to serving as your 2016-2017 VP of Community Service! Let's make this a great year together!

What is our favorite volunteering experience/memory?

My favorite volunteering experience would have to be when my church hosted a soup kitchen event. We put together food baskets of canned and dry goods.

What do you want to do when you're older?

When I grow up I want to be a computer engineer. Or a mechanical engineer.

Name: Megan Mantecon
Office: VP of Management
Birthday: September 8th 1999
Favorite quote: "You can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippines 4:13

Get to know Megan: Lights, Camera, Action Florida FCCLA! My name is Megan Mantecon and I am your 2016 – 2017 Vice-President of Management. I am 17 years old and a junior at Altha High School. My birthday is September 8th, 1999 and my favorite quote is from the Bible Philippines 4:13 "You can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." I enjoy playing softball, cheering, spending time with family/friends, and of course being in FCCLA. I have been in FCCLA for 6 years thanks to my amazing advisor! I am also involved with the Senior Beta Club, Culinary Arts, and a part of our yearbook team. In my family I am the youngest of three with two older brothers. After high school I plan to attend the University of Florida to obtain my Bachelor's in Microbiology, then apply to the College of Medicine and become a Pediatric General Surgeon. I am humbled to serve Florida FCCLA for another term and hope this year we can take action and become bigger and better leaders!

What is your favorite volunteering experience/memory?

I love to volunteer with the first graders at my school. These kids enjoy me teaching and helping them during science and math. I plan activities to help them learn addition, division, and also science lessons.

What do you want to do when you're older?

After high school I plan to attend the University of Florida to obtain my Bachelor's in Microbiology, then apply to the College of Medicine and become a Pediatric General Surgeon.

Name: SkyLee Miller
Office: VP of Public Relations
Birthday: September 22nd 1999
Favorite quote: "Always do what you are afraid to do." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Get to know SkyLee: Hello Florida FCCLA!! I'm Skylee Miller. I was born and raised in Bradenton, Florida where I attend Lakewood Ranch High School as a Junior. I'm one out of three children and love spending time with my family and friends. I have one biological sister that is 20 and a 4-year-old sister that we adopted out of foster care when she was one years old. I loveee children and work as a daycare teacher. Most of the time you can find me volunteering with clubs I'm involved
with at school, at the beach with friends, or of course doing something involving FCCLA. I love writing and have been in journalism for 3 years and hope to pursue it as a career. You will always see me happy and staying positive in all situations that I approach in life. I love taking on new experiences and adventures and being a state officer is an adventure and experience I can’t wait to have! This is going to be a great year and I’m super excited to represent Florida as your 2016-2017 State Vice President of Public Relations. I will do my best to make this the best year you’ve ever experienced!

**What is your favorite volunteering experience/memory?**

Everything I’ve ever volunteered for is a memory in itself, but my favorite volunteering experience would have to be a 5k I volunteered at called the Jingle run. It’s right before Christmas so everyone runs in decorations and we pass out waters and are the cheerleaders of the run. It’s so great to be able to encourage people that are doing amazing things like a running in a 5k to raise money for a certain cause. I know how hard things like 5k’s are and if I’m not able to run in one I at least like to help out in some way.

**What do you want to do when you grow up?**

I plan on going to a university in Florida and majoring in communications and I also want to get a degree in journalism. I love all aspects of journalism so I would love to experience the many parts of journalism.

**Memories in the making**