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FCCLA: The Best Kept Secret ~ State Leadership Conference 2013!

This year the Florida FCCLA State Leadership conference was held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Orlando, Florida. State Leadership Conference was March 2-5th. The state theme this year was FCCLA the Best Kept Secret. Registration for schools began on Saturday followed by senior photos and competitive events registration. Then it was time for the State Officer Candidates to set up their boards and prepare for the Opening General Session. The Opening General Session went as normal with state officer candidate speeches and a

wonderful keynote address led by Scott Backovich. Regional Meetings followed the Opening General Session. The second day was filled with members rushing all over the place preparing for their competitions. After competitions we all headed to the Second General Session. This year the Second General Session or "Business Session" went as planned with no new bylaw changes. The Second General Session was ended with the announcement of the new 2013-2014 State Officer Team. New State Officer Orientation followed the Second General Session.

At the end of the night we enjoyed our entertainment with "Minute to Win it Games" and "Stunt Bike Performance." The night was ended with a "FCCLA -The Best Kept Secret" Dance Party. The final day was filled with the Third General Session and results of competitive events, followed by the Fourth General Session of "Banquet" and installation of the new officer team.

~Brason English, State President

Your 2014 State President~ Brason English

**District 1
Ponce de Leon HS**

Random Fact: I love to Kayak!

Favorite Local Chapter Service Project:

My favorite service project is probably the collections that we do each year to give Christmas presents to

children whose families cannot afford them.

Someone who inspires me: Steve Jobs has been someone for many years that inspires me. His dedication to perfection has always been someone that I have wanted to model my work after.



Meet Your 2014 State Officers!



Collin Mears, VP Of Junior Relations, District 1

Random Fact: *I love to hunt, fish, and be in the outdoors.*

Favorite local chapter service project: *My favorite local chapter service project is "Blessings in a Backpack", because it provides food to kids in low income homes that might not be able to get food over the weekend. Plus the whole community can get involved!*

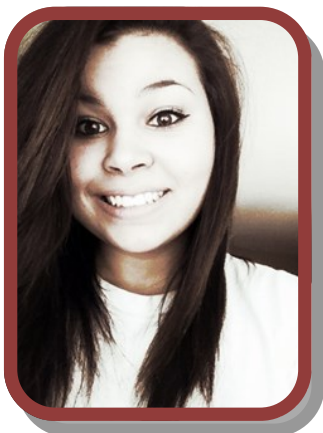
Someone who inspires me: *Someone who inspires me would have to be my dad, because he has always been there for me and has taught me most of what I know.*

Brianna Yon, State Historian, District 1

Random Fact: *My favorite food is crab legs and raw oysters.*

Favorite Local Chapter Community Service Project: *My favorite chapter community service project is Blessings in a Backpack. Our chapter is working with the national program "Blessings in a Backpack" to make this program work for our area. There are many local businesses who have donated food for us. We make backpacks every Friday for about 25 elementary/middle school students who are in need of food.*

Someone who inspires me: *The person who inspires me the most is my grandma. At 13 she became the caregiver of her three younger siblings and her disabled mother. After teaching for 25 years she retired and began taking care of elderly women in our area for no charge. She eventually had to give that up to stay home full time and take care of my Pop. I admire her strength and kind heart.*



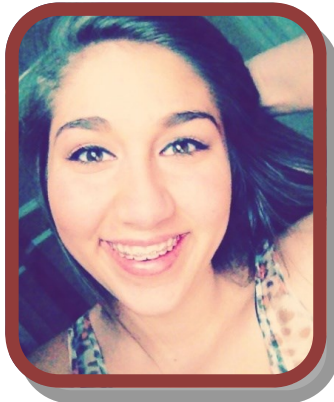
Cora Daly, VP of Chapter Achievement, District 2

Random Fact: *I like scary movies!*

Favorite local chapter service project: *My favorite chapter service project was the Evan Procko; Cure Duchennes."Our chapter Prepared and sold lunches in our community for the cause.*

Someone who inspires me: *Most definitely my parents. They are both determined, and hard working.*

Meet Your 2014 State Officers!



Meghan Petrohovich, VP of Careers and Alumni, District 3

Random Fact: *If I could, I would spend every day at the beach and eating sushi.*

Favorite Local Service project: *My favorite chapter service project was when my chapter decorated rooms at the local homeless shelter. The rooms we redid were very colorful, we had a blast!*

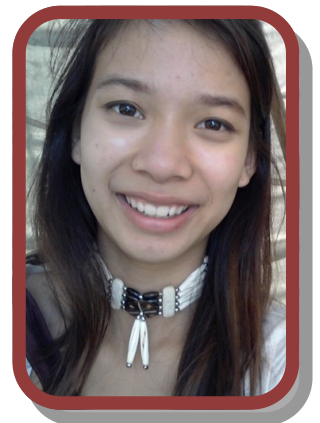
Someone who inspires me: *Someone who inspires me is my dad. My dad is the most hardworking man I know and I wish that I could be just as hardworking when I get older. I would love to also have his desire to make everyone happy I really admire that quality in him.*

Alexandra Schouten, VP of Public Relations, District 4

Random Fact: *I like to watch anime and read manga.*

Favorite local chapter service project: *My favorite chapter service project is the knitting and crocheting club my friends and I started our freshmen year. We make all kinds of handmade goodies!*

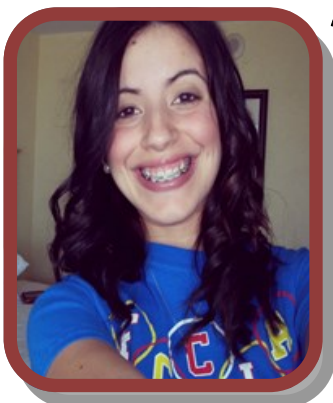
Someone who inspires me: *So many people inspire me, but the person who has inspired me the most is my mom because she is so hard working and gets things done!*



Jocelynn Medina, State Secretary, District 5

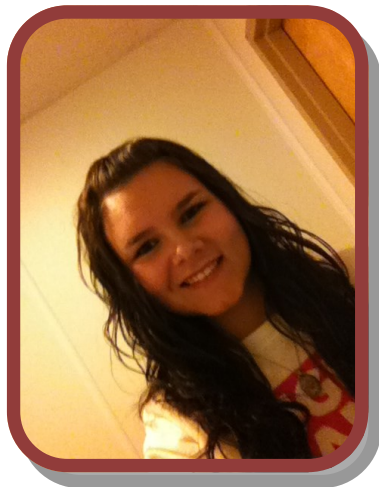
Random Fact: *My favorite animal is a dolphin.*

Favorite Local Chapter Service Project: *My favorite chapter service project is The Domestic Violence March. About a week before the March, several of our members come in after school to make posters for this event which is my favorite because it gives me a chance to get to know new members and catch up with returning members. The day of the march my chapter and I then go out and listen to survivors of a domestic violence situation which once occurred in their life and then we march up and down downtown Kissimmee where we march to make a difference and spread the word to stop domestic violence against families, children and individuals.*



Someone Who Inspires Me: *Someone who inspires me is my Chapter adviser, Mrs. Peeler. Since day one she has always been there to listen, help and support me in everything I do. She is one of the busiest people at Saint Cloud High School but no matter what she always manages to keep a smile on her face and a smile on others faces too. I hope to grow up and be just as great of a role model as she has been to me.*

Meet Your 2014 State Officers!



Alexandria Trelevas, District 6, VP of Program of Work

Random fun fact: *I have too many favorites of just about everything.*

Favorite local chapter service project: *My favorite chapter service project is feeding the homeless with Feeding America. It's such a humbling experience.*

Someone who inspires me: *Many people have inspired me over the years but the person who has inspired me the most is my grandmother because she always takes care of everyone else but herself.*

Nicoletta Freer, District 7, State President Elect

Random Fact: *I speak both English and Italian fluently, and I am learning Spanish.*

Favorite local chapter service project: *My favorite chapter service project is Feeding Empty Little Tummys (FELT). Our chapter is collecting kid friendly, non-perishable foods and donate them to FELT. The volunteers at FELT then put the foods into backpacks and give a backpack to each of the homeless, school-age children in Manatee County.*

Someone who inspires me: *My biggest inspiration is my mother because she is so caring and giving. She lives to give my brother and I the best life that we can possibly have. She is my biggest supporter in everything I do and she is my hero. I love making her proud because she makes me proud to be her daughter every day.*

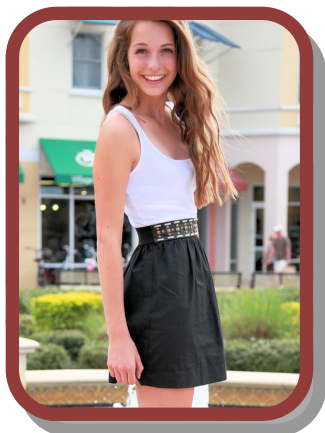


Hailey Todoroff, District 7, VP of Recreation

Random Fact: *I love golfing, jumping, white chocolate, netflix and kittens.*

Favorite local chapter service project: *My favorite local chapter service project is when we made Cool-Ties for the troops. Cool-Ties are small bags filled with cold gels that the troops put around their neck so they don't over-heat. It was definitely an outstanding project!*

Someone who inspires me: *Definitely Audrey Hepburn. She's just so perfect, carefree, and successful. She's someone I look up to and want to be like.*





Meet Your 2014 State Officers!



Taylor Atallo, District 8, VP of Finance

Random Fact: I enjoy traveling.

Favorite local chapter service project: The canned food and non-perishable food item drive is my favorite chapter service project because it's an honor to give back to a community that has given so much to me. My school's FCCLA chapter participates with Boca helping hands during November to help hungry families on thanksgiving.

Someone who inspires me: My advisor Linda Mueller inspires me because she has been dedicated to participating in FCCLA for over 30 years. It's truly an honor for her to be my advisor because I'm guaranteed to always learn something new.

William Whitmire, District 9, VP of Parliamentary Law

Random Fact: I like playing football and discussing politics

Favorite local chapter service project: My favorite chapter service project is the can harvest food drive that we hold every year. We collect over one thousand cans every year and it feels good to give back to those who need it most!

Someone who inspires me: Someone who inspires me is my Mother and Father because they work so hard to provide for me and my brother and their hard work inspires me to work harder for myself!

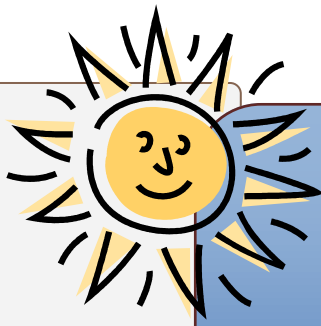


Sukie Hernandez, VP of Community Service, District 10

Random Fact: I have a great passion in helping others, specifically dedicating myself to my community.

Favorite Local Chapter Service Project: As part of the Mater Lions FCCLA family president I have completed a wide range of service projects, but one of my most favorite would have to be the Little Miss Mater Pageant. I hosted this pageant together with our members in order to encourage young middle school girls to take the lead, and to develop as well as increase their self-esteem.

Someone who inspires me: Not only have I had the pleasure to be surrounded by wonderful individuals, but also I have had the chance to work with all sorts of educators and mentors. It's been a rough path but I appreciate all those who have stood besides me. Although each and every one of them inspire me to better myself, one of the most influential would certainly have to be those I consider family. Family not only by blood but also by those who are willing to go the extra mile to help others including me.



IN-RIGHT OUT-RIGHT!

"I'm in-right, out-right,
Up-right, down-right,

Happy all the time.

I'm in-right, out-right,
Up-right, down-right,
Happy all the time.

Since FCCLA came in,
And gave us all a grin,

I'm in-right, out-right,
Up-right, down-right,
Happy all the time!"

*Motions points in, out, up, and
down.*

*Clap hands 3 times as you
sing "Happy all the time!"*

*Tempo begins very slow and
increases after each verse)*

**~Hailey Todoroff,
VP of Recreation**



*"Apparel and
Textile Design,
Apparel and
Textile
Merchandising,
Dietetics,
Education,
Food and
Nutrition Sciences,
Human
Development and
Family Science,
Hospitality,
Interior Design,
Nutrition, and
Fitness
Communications!"*

All About Alumni

I want to encourage and educate members to consider opportunities in Family and Consumer sciences careers. After high school there are so many different jobs that you could apply for that require your FCCLA knowledge and are in the Family and Consumer Science field; Such as: Apparel and textile design, Apparel and textile merchandising, Dietetics, Education, Food and Nutrition Sciences, Human Development and Family Science, Hospitality, Interior Design, Nutrition and Fitness Communications!!

I want to make sure you know what is needed for the job and employers know what they want and what they want you to have and here is a few. Employers want to see long term potential. They want to make sure you work well with other. They want to see that you have the ability to make money. Make sure that you have an impressive resume. Employers want to see a creative way of thinking and a creative way of solving problems. Keep up a Strong and honorable online presence.

*Nothing wrong with being
a multi-tasker.
Have a strong Initiative!*

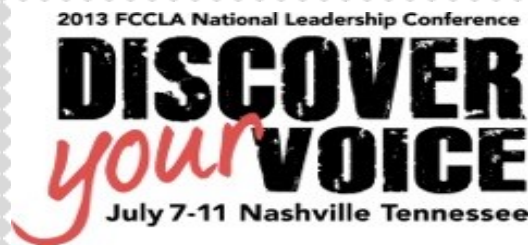
**~Meghan Petrohovich,
VP of Careers & Alumni**



NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE!

The National Leadership Conference is quickly approaching and along with the fun general sessions and competitive events happening during the week there is also one important Bylaw change that will be proposed to members in attendance at this year's National Leadership Conference. The proposed by law would give State Advisors 2 members on the National Board of Directors while taking away 2 members from the National Association of State Administrators for Family and Consumer Sciences this would ensure State Advisers, who are the direct voice for the state membership, have representation on the National Board of Directors. This is also in response to concerns raised at the State Advisers Management Meeting and from surveys conducted. So we ask when it's time to vote, vote yea for the new by-law change.

**~William Whitmire,
VP of Parliamentary Law**



The 2013 FCCLA National Leadership Conference will be held in Nashville, Tennessee between the dates of July 7-11. This year's theme is "Discover Your Voice". Early registration is March 1-May 1, regular registration is May 2-June 15, and late/onsite registration is any time after June 15. June 15 is the last day to cancel or alter registrations. All registration payments must be received in full by June 30, 2013. Gala tickets can be purchased, canceled and refunded until June 15, 2013. In order to attend any of the General Sessions you must be in official FCCLA dress, which consists of: White, black, or red button down/polo with black dress pants/skirt or khaki pants/skirt. July 8 and 9 is the Exhibits and Spotlight on Projects. July 10 is Exhibits and College Day. There are seven possible tours available to FCCLA. You can view the tour descriptions at www.fcclainc.org/

[assets/files/fccla_2013_tours_flyer_final.pdf](#). We will have four speakers, including: keynote speaker, Doc Hendley; Youth Session Speaker, Jill Espln and Mike Smith; and Advisor Recognition Session Speaker, Dr. Lindsey Shirley. You can find out more information about the 2013 FCCLA NLC on www.fcclainc.org/content/2013-national-leadership-conference/. You can also view the schedule for this event on www.fcclainc.org/content/nlc-schedule/.

**~Nicoletta Freer,
State President-Elect**



Fundraising



Fundraising is essential to pay for certain FCCLA destinations. Here are some of my ideas for fundraising: Sell baked goods! Who doesn't like cookies or brownies? Sell Italian ice; Florida's hot and people are always yearning for cold refreshments. Throw a dance! How exciting? Plus you'll be able to make a satisfying profit. T-shirt design contests are always enjoyable! What has four wheels and screams "clean me"? I think it's time for some serious car washing! I myself have participated in each of these activities and they are safe profitable ways to fund raise.

~ Taylor Atallo, VP of Finance

State Service Project~Autism Awareness

I focused my project on Autism and Down syndrome in children. This is a worldwide issue that affects everyone not only because of the impact in the community, but the negative thoughts and stereotypes that may emotionally and socially harm children with disabilities. It is in my outmost interest to provide the public with knowledge on how to give back to these children and their families, through the development of fundraisers and active donations in the community. The main objective of this issue is to make everyone aware of such disabilities being faced by children, develop knowledge on Autism and Down Syndrome, spread awareness to those in the community about how to make these children feel welcomed and how to provide them with special care. Promoting and educating those in your local community about Autism and Down syndrome over the state of Florida through the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. Incorporating fundraisers and events to provide items for charity. Informing those in the community about the ongoing issues with both Autism and Down syndrome. There is a possibility of enlightening future generations, and by taking this step and using all the resources provided together with our leadership skills, and attributes we can positive-ly impact the community. Already motivated with awareness of the innumerable facts of autism the drive and initiative aimed at creating and down syndrome, it is time for the ideas to flood the bulletin boards around your school and spread the news through the town with flyers and banners, advocating the happiness a child would feel in an accepting community, to provide not only the necessities and special treatments, but to fill him or her with love and allow them to feel the affection and tenderness of loved ones who care and support them. Through the imitative of fundraisers and donations, which aid these children in received their special treatment. Since the beginning of my research and implementing my own endeavors, there are at least two more persons in my community that will know the actual facts about Autism and Down syndrome in children. Sharing my knowledge upon others of how to be the backbone to their hard times, and how to heal them, as well as leading them to the correct path of understanding these children's disabilities. Surely, we, as a team and as individuals hope to make a difference, have a chance of making a child's life better, as well as making a sour face turn to one of joy, and will hopefully take on the initiative of serving as a source of inspiration for everyone out there. Helping one child at a time. There are various ways in which each and everyone one of you as FCCLA members can help in promoting Autism Speaks and The National Down Syndrome Society. Such ways to help include the preparation and hosting of Autism walks, and Down syndrome buddy walks, which help in the fundraising and creation of items or fieldtrips, which serve as a way to provide these children with loving care. Our generation should be aware of the different options available and the different ways in which to inform the community of these disabilities. Collect items through toy drives and send them to local agencies, which later donate them to Autistic and Down syndrome children around your community.

~Sukie Hernandez, VP of Community Service

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Altha's middle school chapter has worked on two community service projects throughout the 2012-13 school year. The first was their food drive during FCCLA week. They raised over 700 items in total. This is a tremendous feat considering that they only have 575 students total in their pre-K through 12 school. They also had another project that they worked on all year long called "Blessings in a Backpack". Donations were

taken from the members and the community for supplies for this project. Through this project they provided food to students in low income homes who may not have adequate food while not at school. Backpacks were sent home with these identified students every Friday. Inside the backpacks were easy to fix food such as pop tarts, fruit cups, easy mac, etc. Altha's middle school chapter was very pleased with the outcome of their commu-

nity service projects this year and look forward to next year.

**~ Collin Mears,
VP of Junior Relations**



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Summer Council Minutes



Summer Council was located in Daytona, Florida at the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort on June 10th – 12th. Information, rules, dress codes about NLC 2013, and SLC 2014 were given to all state officers and District advisers. VP of Finance

gave an update on the current state FCCLA balance and our VP of Community Service gave a presentation on our State project. Laurie Smith and Maggie Matella provided a workshop for the state officers, which involved teaching us the importance of being a state officer, how to conduct ourselves and what and what not to put on social media websites. This workshop answered a lot of our questions and prepared us for what is to come. On this trip in Daytona the state officers also had a chance to enjoy

"social time" where we built sand castles, and tried to fill a bin with water which had holes in it. After a long three days of late nights early mornings, dinners with delicious foods, great conversations, you can say Summer Council was a success!

**~Jocelynn Medina,
State Secretary**

PROGRAM OF WORK

September 17, 2013 Capitol Leadership regular registration deadline

September 2013. Fall Chapter Mailing
National Cluster Meeting Brochures mailed
September/ October *Teen Times*" mailing

September 27, 2013 Fall Contest entries due

October 15, 2013 Cluster Meeting regular registrations postmark
(Spokane, WA)

October 22, 2013 Cluster Meeting regular registration postmark
(Charlotte, NC; Omaha, NE)

November 2013 November/ December "*Teen Times*" mailing

November 15-17, 2013 Cluster Meeting - Spokane, WA

November 22-24, 2013. Cluster Meeting - Charlotte, NC; Omaha, NE

December 16, 2013 Honorary Membership, Distinguished Service Award
and Alumni Achievement Award application to National FCCLA postmark
deadline

~Alexandria Televas, VP of Program of Work

*Hey guys, Alex
here! Let's play a game of
I SPY! Summer is almost
over but that doesn't
mean the fun in the sun
will stop (I mean we live
in Florida, The Sunshine
State). In this issue of The
Rose Petal you will be
looking for the hidden
suns throughout the arti-
cles! They don't all look
the same so keep an eye
out!*

**~Alexandra Schouten, VP
of Public Relations**

Interactive Issue!



Suns are located on pages: 2, 5, 6, 7, 9,
and 10 (Total number of suns: 7)

FCCLA-Play To Win



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Hey FLORIDA FCCLA! I hope you enjoyed the 2013 Summer/Fall Issue of The Rose Petal! Be sure to Discover Your Voice by utilizing the skills from your Family and Consumer Sciences courses and what you have learned on the Local, District, State, and National FCCLA level! Go For The Gold by the 2014 State Leadership Conference by staying active in your family, career, and community through Florida FCCLA's newsletter. After all, the Rose Petal is a student-ran publication; YOUR PUBLICATION!

If you have any ideas, requests, concerns, questions, or anything for that matter you want to share or tell us about for the Winter/Spring Issue of The Rose Petal, just email me at: alexsch_5@hotmail.com, and make sure to include your name/chapter, and clarify your request. On behalf of Florida FCCLA, I wish you a Happy Summer and Fall!

~Alexandra Schouten, VP of Public Relations