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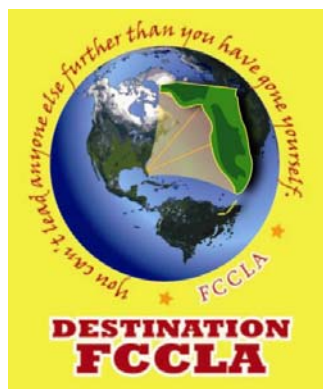
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State Leadership Conference 2012! ~ Destination FCCLA

At the State Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida members from all over the state of Florida got the chance to find their FCCLA destination. During this week everyone got the opportunity to attend general sessions filled with fun and motivational skits and speakers. The key not speaker at this years conference was Amy Gallimore from Tennessee who taught us about following our dreams and to work for what we want for our

future. Also, members were busy competing in



National STAR Events and Florida State Events to get the opportunity to attend the National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Although it is sad to see the 2011-2012 state officers leave and fuel up for their lifes' journey we are proud to welcome the newly elected State Executive Council. I can speak for the rest of the council by saying we are honored to be serving as your State Officers for this year and cannot wait to work with each any every chapter for the new school term.
~Micaela Figueroa,
State President

Meet Your 2013 State President, Micaela Figueroa!

Hello Florida, my name is Micaela Figueroa and I am honored to serve as your State President this year. I am a senior at Lakewood Ranch High School where I served as the chapter president last year. I have been in this wonderful organization for over six years and cannot wait to make the best out of my



last year as a member. I am very excited to work with each and everyone of you to make this year the best yet. Continue to be an active member and contact me for any thing you need to make this year a success.

-Micaela Figueroa,
State President

FCCLA MEETING ENERGIZER!

“People to People”

In this game students, advisers and guests will get out of their seat and walk around the room while clapping their hands and saying the words “People to People Yeah! People to People Yeah!”. Once the instructor has stopped saying the chant to the song he or she will call out two body parts and the audience must find a partner in the meeting room that he or she does not know and the two body parts that the instructor has announced the students must then touch each other with those parts. Example: everyone starts “People to People yeah! People to People yeah! Instructor then call “ Head to Foot “ then one of the two students then puts his or

her head on the others foot. And the game goes on until director calls time. This game is full of fun and energy for everyone

~Emily Sewell, VP of Recreation



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All About Alumni

The FCCLA alumni association is a group of past FCCLA members that plan to help serve FCCLA in the future. Alumni do everything from helping judge events at state to volunteering behind the scenes. This includes selling raffle tickets, putting together goody bags and lunches, helping oversee t-shirt distribution, and supporting the state officers in any way possible. By joining the alumni association, you may have the opportunity to work closely with people in work-related fields of your interest. This is also a great way to begin networking with people that could provide job opportunities in your future. Seniors and past members that are interested can register to be a part of the alumni association each year at the state leadership conference as well as on the state website, flfccla.org. By signing up, you will receive more information about ways you can help the Florida FCCLA state association. If you have any questions about how to join or what it means to be a part of the alumni association, contact Laurie Smith at flfcclaalum@gmail.com. The alumni association looks forward to working with you in the future, and congratulations to the class of 2013!

~Keeley Smith,
VP of Careers & Alumni



NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE!

During the 2012 National Leadership Conference, there was only one bylaw proposed. This bylaw affected article VII and the National Board of Directors, specifically, Section 2. Membership. The proposed bylaw stated "The National Board of Directors shall consist of members elected by related organizations and groups, members ex officio, youth members, and members elected by the board, the total number of which shall not exceed 19". For members elected by Related Organizations and Groups, there shall be seven directors. For Members Ex Officio, there shall be six officio members of the board. In addition to the current president of the National Executive Council, there shall be three youth members. For Members At-Large, there shall be two members representing business and industry. This bylaw, facing little opposition, was indeed passed during the recent 2012 National Leadership Conference increasing the total number of



Hello, Florida FCCLA as state officers in the state many of you know on meetings, attend the July 8-12 we hosted the excursion to Universal/FCCLA National Islands of Adventure, Conference right here in and dance and enjoy Orlando, Florida at the themselves at the Gala! Shingle Creek Resort. The We had members from national theme this year all over Florida attend was as it reads above, nationals. There were #realitycheck. The Florida 124 members that members who attended competed and received this year had the 44 gold metals, 63 silver opportunity to attend metals, and 17 bronze amazing workshops, medals. Members not compete in competitive only had the events, enjoy the always opportunity to gain exciting general sessions, many important have some one-to-one leadership skills at this time with the Florida conference but, also to



Meet Your 2013 State Officers!



Brason English, President-Elect

Hello everyone I am Brason English and I am your Florida FCCLA State

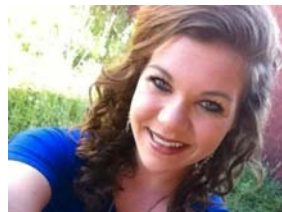
President Elect for the 2012-2013 school year! FCCLA has been a big part of my life since my 6th grade year when I joined and started learning the ropes and, getting ready for competitions. That was the year I attended my first state conference where I had the opportunity to see the state officers in their red jackets up on the stage. That was the moment when I knew that is what I wanted to do someday. I am very excited to have this opportunity to serve as your President Elect.



Morgen Alfonso, VP of Junior Relations

Hey everyone, my name is Morgen Alfonso, your Vice President of Junior

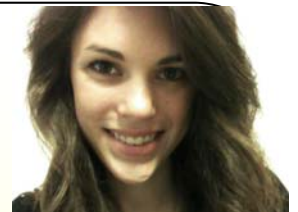
Relations. I live in Brandon, Fla. and I am an 8th grader at Progress Village Middle Magnet School of the Arts in the great District 6! I have been an active member in FCCLA for the past 2 years, challenging myself in competitive events and serving as my chapter President. Outside of FCCLA, I am involved in other leadership activities, National Junior Honor Society, Odyssey of the Mind, Student Council, and Peer Mediator. I love the outdoors, I'm fun, energetic and small, but big things come in small packages.



Representing District 1 ~ Emily Sewell, VP of Recreation

Hey Everyone I'm Emily Sewell

your 2012-2013 VP of Recreation for Florida FCCLA! This is my 2nd and final year as a State Officer. This year has been filled with many fun and new things from doing sports such as Cross Country, Cheering for our Varsity Basketball team, and being a Competitive Cheerleader for the JACO Shock Stars. I hope this year will be filled with more members and new and exciting fun for everyone.



Representing District 2 ~ Keeley Smith, VP of Careers and Alumni

Hi, everyone! I'm Keeley Smith, your state Vice President of Careers and

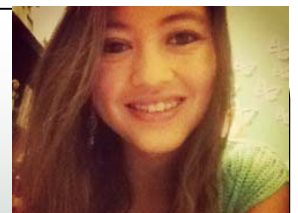
Alumni for 2012-2013. Last year I had the honor of serving as your Vice President of Recreation, and I am so excited to start my second year on the council. In August I will be starting my senior year at Madison County High School in District II. I also take classes at the local community college. I come from a very small town where we all know each other. I have been a member of FCCLA since sixth grade, but I have been involved for my entire life.



Representing District 3 ~ Brooke Rodriguez, VP of Public Relations

Hey! My name is Brooke Rodriguez

and I am your current Vice President of Public Relations. I am currently a senior at Middleburg High School. I have been participating in FCCLA since my freshman year. My sophomore year was when I really started to get involved. I am so glad that I joined FCCLA. Other than FCCLA I am involved in National Honor Society and the BETA club. Outside of school I love to bake anything can! I am so excited for the time I get to spend with my fellow State officers and make so many unforgettable memories!



Representing District 4 ~ Miranda Lim, VP of Program of Work

Hey everyone, Miranda here. I live in Bradenton, Florida where I am a junior

at Lakewood Ranch High School where I am also the current president-elect of my FCCLA chapter. My favorite competitive event is Focus on Children. I enjoy working with children and making a difference not just in their present lives, but an impact for their futures. I love doing community service, because helping people in need is so important to our world. I can't wait to meet all of you at our meetings!

Meet Your 2013 State Officers!



Representing District 5 ~ Abby Hughes, VP of Finance

Hey everyone! My name is Abby Hughes and I am privileged to be representing

the wonderful District Five on Florida's State Executive Council this year! I live in central Florida and am from Winter Haven, a town that can be considered the heart of our great state. I enjoy watching college football (only rooting for FSU and Alabama though, of course), flipping through fashion magazines, and attending college classes. Yes, as crazy as it is I like going to school. I aspire to work in the fashion industry one day. As this year kicks off, I hope to be able to work closely with all of you.



Representing District 6 ~ Danielle Lenhardt, VP of Chapter Achievement

Hey FCCLA! My name's Danielle and I

am your VP of Chapter Achievement! I am a senior at Bloomingdale High School in Valrico, where I serve as my chapter president. FCCLA has been a part of my life for 6 amazing years. One of my favorite things to do is talking and just getting to know people. I love getting involved in my community, through FCCLA, church youth group, community theatre, and any other way I can keep myself busy. I can't wait to see what this year has to offer!



Representing District 7 ~ Briana Nelson-Canty, Secretary

Hey everyone, I'm Briana Nelson-Canty your 2012-2013 State Secretary. I am from District VII and live in the town of

Bradenton, FL. I am currently a 12th grade student at Lakewood Ranch High School. I started my FCCLA journey in 7th grade. When I'm not at school or doing anything FCCLA related, I enjoy listening to music which is my life; dancing, writing poetry and traveling. My friends are my family and my family members are the most important people in my life, that's why I love the fact that FCCLA focuses on family.



Representing District 8 ~ Courtney Davis, VP of Community Service

Hey Yall! I'm Courtney Davis. I'm now a SENIOR, at Olympic Heights

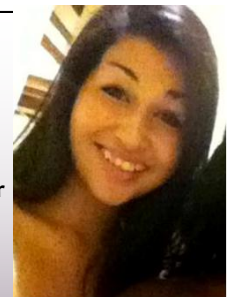
Community High School. I'm serving as president of my chapter. My favorite competitive event is Focus on Children. I aspire to become a High School Principal some day. My favorite community service project is St. Baldricks, being there for children when they need you the most, shaving people's heads to raise money and find a cure for all cancer. I love working with children, it has always been my passion.



Representing District 9 ~ Matthew Medeiros, VP of Parliamentary Law

Hello, my name is Matthew Medeiros, Your new Vice President of

Parliamentary Law representing district 9 in South Florida. This upcoming 2012-13 year will be my second year in FCCLA and I have to say that it has been great so far! I also would like to thank my best friends who encouraged me to run for state office; thank you both Sergio Ramirez and Ian Garcia, for if you had not encouraged me to become a state officer then I would not have had the amazing experiences that I know will be forthcoming. My hobbies include studying movies and screenwriting.



Representing District 10 ~ Taylor Atallo, State Historian

Hello to my fellow FCCLA advisers, members, and officers. My name is Taylor Atallo, I'm the state historian and I represent District 10 (Miami Dade). I

currently attend Olympic Heights High School where I am the treasurer/secretary of our FCCLA chapter. I'm passionate about preventing world hunger, accepting the diversity of the people within our nations, Share our Strength (My favorite community service project), giving back to my community, people. I hope to one day work as an infectious disease physician within the federal Government.

SPOTLIGHT ON NATIONAL PROGRAMS



Hey all of you sharp looking FCCLA members! As your VP of Finance this year, I hope to inform you about all of the great benefits and resources that FCCLA has to offer such as the national program of Financial Fitness. Hopefully we'll be able to perfect your savvy business skills so that they are on par with your suave personal styles! By using Financial Fitness, not only will you become more aware of spending that occurs around you, but you will also gain knowledge about spending that goes on in the economy helping to boost you up to the financial expert level. By the end of everything, you all will be able to implement this into your own lives and FCCLA chapters!

~Abby Hughes, VP of Finance



No Kid Hungry, Share our strength is our National Outreach Project. This year we are getting more involved than ever before. No kid hungry is a campaign where people make pledges and act on them to stop starvation for children. It's a campaign that's on its ways to end world hunger. With the help from strong FCCLA members we can reach out to others, informing them about the problem, and getting them involved. There are numerous ways to help out. You can pledge, donate money, volunteer at culinary events, collect canned food and feed starving children. Florida is on its leadership mission to end world hunger. So will you take the pledge?

~Courtney Davis, VP of Community Service



Dynamic Leadership helps young people build their leadership skills. You do so many activities like: practice leadership skills through FCCLA involvement, become strong leaders for families, careers, and communities. The six essentials of leadership are: model good character, solve problems, foster positive relationships, manage conflict, build teams, and educate peers. If you complete a project by using all the six essentials of leaderships, and turn in a Dynamic Leadership Portfolio, you can be recognized at the National Leadership Conference. You can go to www.fccla.com and go underneath Programs to Dynamic Leadership to download activities that you and your chapter can complete. This won't only help strengthen your leadership skills; it will make you a stronger leader.

~Miranda Lim, VP of Program of Work

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

This year, Progress Village Middle Magnet School of the Arts in Tampa, Florida, put on a skit at the District VI meeting. The skit was based on a topic of "throwing an anchor into your community". This means to help your community. Progress Village Middle School was encouraging all chapters at the meeting to give back and do something to make a difference in their community. As your Vice President of

Junior Relations, I am encouraging you to do something in your community. Your community can mean your school, town or city. It also can mean encouraging others to join your FCCLA chapter. I want to hear from ALL of you! What are you doing or have been doing to "Be a Mastermind in Your Community"? Email me at Morgenalfoman@gmail.com - I also want to congratulate all the Middle Schools who

participated at Nationals 2012-Woodland Middle School, Lake Gibson Middle, Carr Middle, Braden River Middle, Progress Village Middle, Omni Middle, Doral Middle, Kathleen Middle, Green Cove Springs Junior High, Altha School, and Ponce De Leon.

~ Morgen Alfonso,
VP of Junior Relations



"Progress Village Middle School was encouraging all chapters... to make a difference..."

Summer Council Minutes

The things people don't see are the ones that matter the most. Over the summer the newly elected state officers meet for the first time to discuss the upcoming year for Florida FCCLA. During the time that was spent with the officers everyone got a chance to "meet and greet" the District Advisers from district one all the way down south to district ten. District VIII and X announced their new District Advisers. I hope

you all are prepared for the amazing things and surprises we have planned for the year ahead. Everyone be prepared to see many "leaders at work" at the 2013 State Leadership Conference in Orlando, FL. Come and compete for the top title in order to go on to compete at the National Conference next year; plus great entertainment! We hope to see all our "Dynamic Leaders" at work this upcoming year. See you

all soon and hope you're out in your communities and school's promoting FCCLA to the best of your ability.

~Briana Nelson-Canty,
State Secretary



FALL PROGRAM OF WORK

~Capitol Leadership in Washington, D.C.

September 30 – October 3, 2012: You can meet legislators in Washington D.C. as well continue to build on your leadership skills.

~National Cluster Meeting in Reno, Nevada

November 9-11, 2012: You will attend workshops, build on your leadership skills, and tour the city of Reno!

~National Cluster Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana

November 16-18, 2012: You will attend workshops, build on your leadership skills, and tour the city of Indianapolis!

~National Cluster Meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

November 16-18, 2012: You will attend workshops, build on your leadership skills, and tour the city of Oklahoma City!

~FCCLA Week- February 10-16, 2013: FCCLA week is the time where your chapter focuses on everything FCCLA. Throw parties, get kids from school involved so they can join next year, and build on your leadership skills.

~State Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida- March 2-5, 2013: You will meet your Florida State Officers, compete at State Level, and have so much fun meeting other members around the state.

~National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee- July 7-11, 2013: You can compete at the National level, meet your National officers, and meet new people from across the nation.

~Miranda Lim, VP of Program of Work

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Chapters in Action!

Riverview High School in district 6 has had an amazing FCCLA journey this year, kicking off with 30 members! RHS wanted to be an “anchor in their community” following last year’s state target, and did just that by completing numerous community service projects. By helping with a community wide trick or treat event, collecting change to benefit Life Care of Brandon, and later in the year collecting \$1,351.50 for Relay for Life and cancer research, RHS FCCLA served multiple families in their community. Serving at Metropolitan Ministries, A Kids Place, and a Lithia

soup kitchen, Riverview High is focused on giving back! Working all year towards National STAR Events and Florida Competitive events, RHS members competed at district, state, and some were eligible to compete at nationals! An end of the year celebration with recognition awards, inducting new officers, and a slideshow of accomplishments, was a great way to wrap up the year! Congratulations on all your hard work and accomplishments this year Riverview FCCLA members, keep up the hard work! What is your chapter going to do this

year? Do you want to be featured right here in the Rose Petal?

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I want to hear your stories!

~Danielle Lenhardt,
VP of Chapter Achievement

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Hey Florida!! I hope you enjoyed the 2012 summer issue of the Rose Petal! Make FCCLA a part of your everyday life by utilizing the skills you learn not only in your Family and Consumer Science classes but, from the local, district, state, and National level as well. Be sure to keep up with Florida's FCCLA Newsletter because it is a student-run publication and who knows, the next topic to come across the table could be YOU!

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

~Brooke Rodriguez,

VP of Public Relations

