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My Journey Through FCCLA

Traci Bryant, Georgia FCCLA Executive Director

Can being a member of FCCLA truly change your life? I never thought that by choosing to join in the 7th grade at South Paulding Middle School that it would change the course of my life forever. Like you, I joined for a variety of different reasons: I liked my FACS teacher, I loved my FACS class, and I thought it would be something fun after school to do. So, I joined. We participated in chapter activities, but I wasn't able to experience all of what Georgia FCCLA and National FCCLA had to offer.



Once I got to high school, my love of FCCLA continued to grow. I became a chapter officer and participated in the Illustrated Talk STAR Event two years in a row. I learned so much about myself, gained some leadership skills, and continued to grow and change as a leader. At the end of my 10th grade year, I chose to run for the Youth Leadership Board (for you new members... that was the "vintage" name for our Region Officer team). I didn't get selected. I was crushed! I didn't let that stop me. I continued to build my FCCLA resume by taking on more leadership roles, competing in more events, and attending various FC-

CLA events.

I made the decision to run for the Youth Leadership Board again at the end of my junior year. I was selected this time! I was so excited. I cannot express how much I learned during my senior year as a part of the Georgia FCCLA State Executive Council. My passion for this organization grew so much that I made the decision to attend the University of Georgia and major in Family and Consumer Sciences Education.

Once you graduate, do not think that you are no longer a part of our FCCLA family. Once an FCCLA member... always an FCCLA member. We need our amazing Alumni to help us all of the time. I was blessed to have the opportunity to work

I learned so much about the behind-the-scenes part of Georgia FCCLA.

I have spent the last seven years in the classroom. I taught middle school and high school and served as an FCCLA adviser. I love seeing students just like you learn and grow. While I miss being in the classroom, being your Executive Director is my ultimate dream job. I know firsthand what this organization can do for you and I am excited to help all of you achieve your dreams. Do not take these experiences for granted. You will look back on your time in FCCLA and have fond memories of trips you went on, people you have helped, and competitions you have competed in.

You are the next generation of Georgia FCCLA. I know that you all have a bright future and I hope that you get Inspired this year with FCCLA.



Hi,
My name is Linsey Shockley and I am delighted to serve as the

Program Specialist for Human Services, Hospitality & Tourism and Education & Training. I would like to take the time to personally introduce myself to you all.

I have served as a FACS teacher at Tift County High School for the last five years in the pathways of Early Childhood Education,

Teaching as a Profession, and Interior Design. I also served as the lead FCCLA Advisor during my time as well as the Co-Chair for the CTAE Department.

I look forward to strengthening all FACS programs across the state by increasing the number of industry certifications,

improving the middle school curriculum, and providing needed professional learning to all teachers. I am excited about being an advocate and supporting you all as we all work toward making a difference in FACS and the students' lives through FCCLA.

If you ever need to contact me or have any suggestions, my email is lshockley@doe.k12.ga.us. I value your input as the direction of FACS and FCCLA continues to move forward.

Sincerely,
Linsey R. Shockley
Program Specialist
Family & Consumer Sciences,
Education, Culinary Arts
Georgia Department of Education

for Georgia FCCLA during my time at UGA as a state office intern.

Installation of Officers Around the State

Archer High School FCCLA Hosts Gwinnett County Officer Induction Ceremony

Archer High School hosted the Gwinnett County Officer Induction Ceremony on September 26th in the AHS theater. Seventy-nine officers representing ten Gwinnett County High Schools were in attendance. Special guest speaker Dustin Davis, Instructional Coach for the Academies and Career Technical Education was in attendance. Mr. Davis challenged the group to participate in all that FCCLA offers students and to stretch our personal limits and to enjoy the growth potential we hold inside us. Mayor Judy Jordan Johnson of Lawrenceville was there to join in the celebration. State Executive Council Members Mia Hallyburton, Julia Peake, Emily Emmons, and Tatyana Mangual were in attendance as well.

Archer High School students Emily Emmons, Tatyana Mangual, and Nathaly Santibanez acted as hostesses for the evening. They led the students in the FCCLA candlelight ceremony. Each president from the schools took part in lighting a candle and explaining the purpose. Each school was honored onstage with pins and roses from their adviser. The program concluded with a everyone receiving the light of the organization in a candle light circle while repeating the FCCLA creed. Archer FCCLA members served refreshments that all the schools provided.

Written by: Rachel Dunbar

Madison County Installation Ceremony



On August 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm Madison County High School hosted an initiation ceremony to swear in the 2017 FCCLA officers. The ceremony kicked off with a welcome speech from the one of the chapter's advisers, Lynn Booth. She warmly welcomed the families and friends of the officers. Brittney Hanson, chapter president, then began the installation ceremony. Each

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member lit a candle and recited one of the eight FCCLA Purposes. The first candle was illuminated by President, Brittney Hanson. The candles following were lit by Ashton McDaniel, 1st Vice President; Nicole Vlastic, Secretary; Cheyenne Kytle, Treasurer; Kelcee Hardigree, Vice President of Public Relations/Historian; Ashleigh Howard, Vice President of Membership; Julianna Nichols, Vice President of Community Service; Jaiden Parsons, Vice President of Competitive Events, and Anabelle Chapman, Chairperson for STAR Events. As the ceremony came to a close, the officers then received pins designed for their officer role.

Perry Career FCCLA Countywide Installation Ceremony

by Sheniya Johnson

Perry Career FCCLA hosted the Countywide Installation Ceremony at Forest Park High School with our special guest speaker Dr. Morcease Beasley, Superintendent of Clayton County Schools. The ceremony spotlighted the 9 CTSOs in the state and had special guests from the Georgia State Officers from TSA to assist with the ceremony. Babb Middle School's Orchestra played beautiful selections and the Forest Park AFJROTC presented the colors.



Perry Career FCCLA with Alexander King-GATSA Pres., Gregory Carroll-GATSA Sec., Makayla Wright-HOSA Sec., Andre Blair - GASKills USA V.P., Emily Mai-former GAFCCLA Middle Level Rep., Dr. Beasley-CCPS Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Speight FPHS CTAE

Marietta High School FCCLA

By Anne Carroll

On Tuesday, October 17th, Marietta High School FCCLA celebrated the induction of new officers at the annual CTSO Banquet. The evening began with a delicious lasagna dinner catered by the MHS Culinary department. The meal was followed by keynote speaker, Leadership and Relationship Coach, Kim Hardy, addressing members of all six Marietta High School CTSOs on the topic of how to prepare yourself for the competition of today's job market with strong interviewing skills. MHS CTAE Director, Dr. Tim Brown then inducted the new officers from the various CTSOs. This annual event is conducted by FCCLA in partnership with FBLA and is completely lead by the student officers.



Marietta High School officers and members in attendance at the annual CTSO Banquet.



Babb and Perry FCCLA with our special guest and Principal Ross



GA State Officers

Officer Highlights



Dedan McFadden
President Georgia FCCLA

As the Georgia FCCLA State President, it is my duty to ensure that the members of Georgia FCCLA are granted every opportunity to prosper and develop skills that will help them become leaders in their families, careers, and communities.

My role as President, on the State Executive Council, means that I am tasked with developing an agenda and presiding over each SEC meeting. By doing this, each meeting will run smoothly and efficiently.

My most important function during meetings is to allow for open conversation on the State Executive council and make sure that all ideas are properly taken into account. As President, it is my duty to establish a close relationship with each member of the State Executive Council and understand the role they play on our team.

These relationships build strong bonds between each council member, as we work throughout the year. Each position has a unique attribute that it brings to the table and, as President, I am proud that I can be there to assist any officer at any time.



First Vice President
Avery Hurst

As a First Vice-President I am constantly asked one question: "Who is the second?" I then explain that there is only one vice-president and that the "first" is only there because all of the other position have "vice-president" in there too.

For example, the official title of the officer of programs is "Vice-President of National Programs", and so the first is there to express that it is the true vice-president position. Then I am hit with another question: "So, what do you do?"

When people think of a vice-president they typically assume they don't do much, which is not true at all! As vice-president I kind of like to think of myself as the 'mom' of the group. I keep track of how the other officers are doing, get us all up and where we need to be, and make sure we are all

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Officer Highlights



Vice President of Public Relations
Emily Emmons

As Vice President of Public Relations for Georgia Family, Career, Community Leaders of America, my job is to promote and publicize Georgia FCCLA.

I do this by updating you all on our social media accounts, whether it be able up-

coming events that are happening in Georgia or what's happening at National level that your school might be interested in.

I am also in charge of getting your schools articles and putting some of them in our amazing newspaper, Georgia News. FCCLA is an amazing organization that teaches you leadership skills that you will need in the future and teaches you general skills for life.

I am so glad to your State Vice President of Public Relations this year. FCCLA has truly changed my life for the good and I hope it does for you too!

Hello, I'm so excited to represent Georgia and Region One as this year's Historian on the FCCLA State Executive Council.

My goal for the year is to document the year's state and national meetings, events, and chapter pages. My job depends on you! Without the



State Historian
Kristen Hankins

members and chapter advisers documenting and preparing their pages my job cannot be done.

Other than FCCLA, I participate in activities with my church group and I do various activities with my community theatre. From acting in the production, makeup, costuming, to directing, I do it all.

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member ready. I also assist in helping the president, Dedan McFadden, in any way possible. This includes things like taking notes, making to-do lists, and helping ensure that everyone's voices are heard in our meetings while not going overboard.

Being a compassionate person is definitely beneficial if you're a vice-president. It allows you to take everyone else into consideration and create an action plan catered to the other officers around you, not just for yourself.

A vice-president includes more than meets the eye, but it a position I feel like I was truly meant to be in and wouldn't change it for the world.



**Vice President of Programs:
Mia Hallyburton**

As the VP of Programs, for the Georgia Association of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, my job is to promote member and chapter participation in our eight national programs. I am able to do this through workshops at conferences, and speaking about the national programs.

These programs are an critical part of student growth and development within our organization. The national programs allow members learn about family, career, health, traffic, financial, community, violence, and

personal issues. FCCLA is truly able to have it all because of our national programs.

I encourage all members and chapters to participate in one of the eight national programs and submit it to National FCCLA to get recognition for your hard work.



**Secretary Treasurer
Shelby Strickland**

The state executive council might not be a circus but any role on the council involves juggling various duties. My role as the State Secretary extends into a variety of areas such as working on a team that is planning events throughout the year from State leadership conference to s'more events like Fall Leadership conference.

Write, record, noted – all things to describe a day on the job. As we come together as a team and plan these events my

duty is to accurately record the minutes or noting the details of each meeting.

At the end of the year after recording our wild, wild year in FCCLA I've also gotten the chance to actively help plan state conference, attend conferences, plan workshops and visit multiple chapters, things which I truly love doing. Nevertheless, this role involves a great balancing act which each great team or even a circus needs.

From Serving our Communities to Serving our World!



**Vice-President of Community Service
Sumitra Dhakal**

"We are the Family Career and Community Leaders of America". Along with serving our family and exploring prospective careers we proudly serve our community, whether that is local, national or international.

Community Service is a big part of my life and the life of all of my family members. We came to the United States as refugees and we were served, in our initial years, by volunteers who came to help and support us from the goodness of their heart.

It was those volunteers who planted the love for community serve in my heart and mind. It is my greatest honor and privilege to serve as the state's Vice President of Community Service and inspire member to lead as servants to those that are less privileged than yourself. To help members serve the bigger world and the bigger need. Lead2feed is a program that makes it so easy to reach out and achieves our goal."

To encourage individual and group involvement in helping achieve global cooperation and harmony." I want to encourage all members, 6th graders, 8th graders, or 12th graders, to make use of all the opportunities that surrounds them and use those resources to make the world a better place and help others.

Sincerely,
Sumitra Dhakal
Georgia Association of Family Career and Community Leaders of America
Vice-President of Community Service



**Region 4 Officer for Georgia FCCLA
April Moore**

I am the Region 4 Officer for Georgia FCCLA. My responsibility is to be a link between the chapters and the State Officer team. If someone has a question about what is going on I know the answer. State Officers and Region Officers have meetings about the logistics for our conferences every other month, that means we know a majority of what is going to happen at upcoming events and if we don't then we will figure it out for you.

With any questions about FCCLA please do not hesitate to contact me at gafcclearion4@gmail.com.



**Region 5 Officer for Georgia FCCLA
Kristina Jones**

Becoming a part of the State Executive Council has been one of the most exciting parts of my high school career as I got to branch out and meet so many new people. As a region officer, I have several duties such as being in charge of chapter spotlights, making chapter visits within my region, and attending special conferences to learn more information that I can bring back to Georgia, and share it with you guys!

As the Region 5 Officer, I represent the smallest region of Georgia, with only 6 counties in my area. Henry, Butts, Lamar, DeKalb, Monroe, and Rockdale, you're all mine! I have loved being a region officer so far, as I have met incredible people, went outside my comfort zone, and learned more about FCCLA, in the state of Georgia and around the rest of the United States. I can't wait to continuing serving you as the Region 5 Officer on the 2017-2018 State Executive Council!



**Region 6 Officer for Georgia FCCLA
GeVanni Willoughby**

I'm GeVanni Willoughby, Your Region 6 Officer from Newton College & Career Academy.

As Region Officer my duties are to turn in the fifth of the month reports, inform all FCCLA members about FCCLA through chapter visits, keep a binder with all important FCCLA information, I must check my email daily, and keep track of all meetings and functions I attended.

Being Region officer means you are a

leader and you have what it takes to represent not only your chapter, or your whole entire region but you also represent FCCLA. Therefore, you must be mindful of the image you portray.

Lastly, as Region Officer, you need to provide guidance for others, be enthusiastic and inspire someone. Because what you do for your year in office can leave an imprint on others to strive to be like you in a Red Coat.



**Region 7 Officer for Georgia FCCLA
Subhadra Dhakal**

Hello everyone, I am Subhadra Dhakal from Tucker High School, your Region 7 Officer. This year, Chapters of Region 7 has had a great beginning and I hope it continues throughout the year.

Region 7 has also done very well in the competitive events; in the middle school category of the Knowledge bowl, Mossy Creek Middle school from region 7 won second place, while Thompson Middle school from the same region took home the first place. Pelham High School started the year with FCCLA Rocks while Rutland High School did Rush Week.

Members in this region have been working very hard and the results of that are clearly evident.



**Region 9 Officer for Georgia FCCLA
Bhumi Patel**

I am Bhumi R. Patel, currently an FCCLA Region 9 Officer. This position comes with various and challenging responsibilities, as you lead part of Georgia.

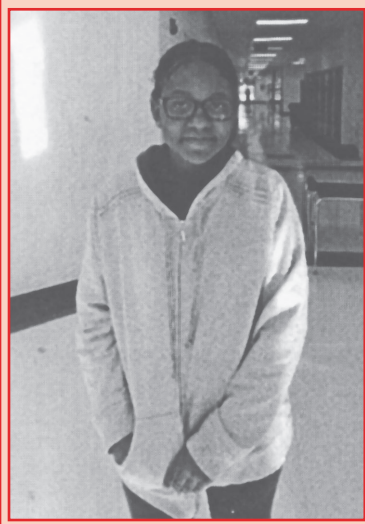
I tend to visit schools to teach them about leading their chapter and enjoy the fact of meeting new people. Each meeting I attend, is always interesting and is never boring because something is always happening.

From this position, I also gain tons of experience of leading a group of people and public speaking.

Also, not only do I continue to inspire other people, I also learn more about myself and improve my leadership skills as I



Why did you Join FCCLA?



**By Marlaina Miller
Eagles Landing Middle
School FCCLA**

I joined FCCLA in my eighth-grade year and I am currently finding the experience to be a journey. I discovered an interest in FCCLA after one of my friends, a current member who holds an office, had informed me of her many travels and fun that she experienced joining the leadership experience. My interest was immediately peaked and it also stood with the factor that I wanted to find something to do after school instead of being a couch potato and dropping cupcake wrappers in the trash.

I now hold an office in FCCLA as the Vice President of Public Relations; I just completed my first PSA and this gave me a feeling of accomplishment.

Overall, I am finding FCCLA a pleasure. I've had the opportunity to attend the Fall Rally in Perry, Georgia where I thoroughly enjoyed the Motivational Speaker Eddie Slowikowski who told us to discover our purpose, ignite our passion, do the work, and become the best version of YOU. I came away with a renewed purpose and a new found passion, to work to be the best Me!

I continue to look forward to grow and work in FCCLA and its many other activities and adventures and I am happy to learn and serve as an officer.

Locust Grove Middle School

FCCLA, (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) is a nonprofit national career and technical student organization for young men and women in Family and Consumer Sciences education in public and private school through grade 12.

Everyone is part of a family, and FCCLA is the only national Career and Technical Student Organization with the family as its central focus. Since 1945, FCCLA members have been making a difference in their families, careers, and communities by addressing important personal, work, and societal issues.

In FCCLA we do many fun activities. Last Tuesday we played games from our basic training that we did at the Georgia Fall Leadership Conference. We even



Locust Grove Middle School FCCLA baked and sold pink cupcakes to raise money for Relay for Life.

threw in a game of kickball for some fun activities. The purpose of these games is to learn how to communicate with one another, getting to know one another, and playing nice.

We baked strawberry cupcakes

that had pink icing. We earned \$100 to donate to Relay for Life! There are so many great and fun things to do in FCCLA, so please don't hesitate to come join FCCLA today!

Be the Change: Mossy Creek Middle FCCLA teams up with the Abba House

By Carly Moore

Being new to Warner Robins and beginning my second year at Mossy Creek Middle School, I was still learning my way around town and getting to know new people in the community. A friend of friend invited me to a Bible study, and there is where I learned about the Abba House. I just so happened to attend the Bible study on a night the Abba House ladies were visiting. They told their stories and their stories broke my heart but inspired me at the same time. For those of you who are reading and do not know about the Abba House and what they do, Abba House is a safe place for women battling addiction to recover and find God's love, forgiveness, and healing. During their 15 month residential recovery at the Abba House, the women are required to work in the Abba House thrift store, located in downtown Perry. The thrift store generates income for the ladies at Abba House. In addition to generating income, the thrift store allows the women to take on various leadership roles in the store that provide them with real world work experience and develop skills necessary for the workforce.

The next day at our FCCLA officer meeting, I told my students the stories the Abba House ladies told at Bible study, and asked them if they were interested in getting involved in volunteering at the thrift store. Because the store receives numerous donations every day and the items pile up at a fast rate, the work that needs to be done can be very overwhelming for the ladies. The students were eager to help and we contacted the manager of the thrift store to see what days we could come volunteer. On Saturday, October 21st, two FCCLA members and I went to the thrift store to volunteer. We helped sort through the donations into piles of items that were in good condition to be sold and a pile that could be donated to 3rd world countries. We were in shock at the amount of clothes that were donated, and it was overwhelming. But instead of being intimidated by the amount of work, my VP of Community Service, said, "Ms. Moore, if we bring all of our officers I bet we could finish this in one day." This is what FCCLA is all about. Her statement brought a smile to my face because instead of being overwhelmed and dreading the amount of work, she was encourage and inspired because she knows that with the help of her fellow FCCLA officers and members, no task is impossible.

This was the first of many trips we will be making to the Abba House Thrift Store. We plan on continuing to encourage our FCCLA members to get involved by making announcements in the morning, posting flyers, and posting to our social media to show the other members the FUN they can have while helping others. We



VP of Community Service, Tristin helps load the items to be donated to 3rd world countries

The sorting room at the thrift store. No task is to big for our VP of Community Service, Tristin!



You never know what you'll find when sorting through donations!

believe in this worthy cause and the mission that no one is too far gone to recover. I am excited to see our chapter get involved with this cause and become better leaders in their families and communities through this experience.

For more information on the Abba House and ways to get involved, visit Abbahouse.com

Perry Middle at the Sunbelt Expo

By Allsha Hall

Perry Middle FCCLA visits the Sunbelt Expo in Moultrie. FCCLA members observed farm to fork operations along with Perry Middle FFA members.



Perry Middle School visits the Sunbelt Expo



Farm to Fork gardens at the Sunbelt Expo

Northside Middle FCCLA Memorial Blankets Makers

Northside Middle School FCCLA chapter has been busy making a difference in central Georgia. The chapter service project this year is to partner with The Children's Hospital, Navicent Health located in Macon, Georgia. Every year The Children's Hospital, Navicent Health sponsors and implements Bo's Camp. The camp is free for all attendees and focuses on grief counseling.



Northside Middle School FCCLA delivers Memorial Blankets to the Children's Hospital, Navicent Health Macon, GA

It is located at the Hephzibah Children's Home located at 6601 Zebulon Road Macon, Georgia. The founders of the camp recognized a great need for the entire family after losing a child. There was not only a need for the parents, but also for the siblings left behind. There were similar camps available in central Georgia, but not one to serve the entire family. Bo's Camp wants to help survivors deal with their incredibly painful grief journey.

Northside Middle School FCCLA chapter contacted The Children's Hospital, Navicent Health and offered to make each family a gender specific Memorial Blanket. The camp never knows how many participants they will have until the week before the camp.

What have we learned from FCCLA?



The camp tries to accommodate and reach all the families that are currently in need of the services provided by the camp.

Northside Middle School FCCLA chapter made 50 gender



50 donated Memorial Blankets

pocket. Every member learned many life skills during this project. Delivery of the blankets took



Memorial Blanket with heart poem and pocket

place on 9-18-17. Bo's Camp took place this year on 9-22-17 through 9-24-17.

Even though the members of our chapter did not have direct contact with these 50 families that suffered the greatest loss, we feel we made a difference. We hope that the memorial blanket will become a treasured item and bring just a moment of peace to the families. Northside Middle School FCCLA continues to search for other ways to make a difference in our community.

*Respectfully submitted,
Makayla Floyd*

by Hope Thammavongsa

We learned about FCCLA in the Food, Nutrition, and Wellness or Early Childhood Education Class that Peachtree Ridge High School has to offer. Through fundraisers like chocolate and bed sheet sales, we learned to manage money and promote, truthfully, about the products in which we are given. It was a great opportunity for us to teach our younger siblings the importance of a salesperson. By attending the Fall Leadership Conference in Covington, we also learned that having good communication skills means you should introduce yourself with

a firm handshake and make eye contact with the people that you meet. Another leadership skill we attained is to not be afraid of public speaking because in any career, there will probably be a time where you must present your work. It's also fun to connect with people who are members of the FCCLA community, whether it be at PRHS or at conferences. Everyone gets to make new friends and expand their social skills by getting out of their comfort zone and being adventurous. We all have enjoyed FCCLA because we can take the skills from high school into our adulthood.

Coffee High School Inspired to Be Leaders

By Addie Gilliard
Inspired to be FCCLA Leaders

On July 10, 2017, Coffee High had an officer training. Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Roberson led the meeting and then turned over to President Addie Gilliard. Icebreaker and Teamwork games were played. Officers began planning the program of work for the year and discussing state and national projects as well



Our CTAE clubs work together for a great cause

as specific community service. In the activity pictured, officers had to work together to create a device and then draw a picture working together using duct tape and pen. It was a very interesting activity. Pictured are Addie Gilliard, Morgan Troupe, Andrew Steptoe, Lindsey Morris, Hannah Hall, Alyssa Sinclair, and Lindsey Perkins. Some officers had previous commitments and came in later during the training.

Dancing with My FCCLA Crew

by Ahmad Hicks

More than anything in life I love music and I love to dance. I have been Dj Ing for about 5 years. My genre of music range from jazz, r&b to hip hop. I am 13 years old and the resident DJ at my school, One of my duties as the president is coming up with activities for our chapter meeting. Right up my ally. I enlisted all members to learn several dances. It was epic. Now before every meeting we do a dance.



Tilt and Glide



Jammin with my FCCLA crew



We love rock and roll



Let's grove tonight

Career Night on the Hill: Be Inspired

Catie Hester

On Thursday, October 19, 2017 the Collins Hill High School Career and Technical Education department, and the related career and technical student organizations (CTSOs), hosted the 10th annual career exploration event.

This year's theme, "Building Bridges: Between You and Your Career" was chosen to showcase the importance of preparing now for potential future employment. Approximately 750 (of the school's 3000) students gathered to explore and get a firsthand look at available career options. There were 51 businesses/employers/organizations, ranging from emergency management to funeral science, represented.

Some of the organizations and businesses that participated included Georgia Power, The Eating Disorders Information Network, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, CNN and Brand Bank.

In addition to the representation from career fields, the department's six CTSOs hosted tables, too, in order to highlight the connection between CTSO involvement and career choice.

At the FCCLA table, students learned about how STAR event opportunities, such as Entrepreneurship, Hospitality, Tourism & Recreation and Sports Nutrition, related to featured careers.

In addition, officers and student members lauded the benefits available to potential members, including earning a graduation cord, field trip opportunities, community service initiatives and personal growth and leadership development. FCCLA members also helped to serve the meal during the advisory council meeting preceding the event. All in all, it was a successful night on "The Hill." We hope those in attendance left inspired!



Students engage in conversation about career options in the field of technology



Spotlight on FCCLA



Life or Death?! Could be a factor depending on your career choice

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activity pictured, officers had to work together to create a device and then draw a picture working together using duct tape and pen. It was a very interesting activity. Pictured are Addie Gilliard, Morgan Troupe, Andrew Steptoe, Lindsey Morris, Hannah Hall, Alyssa Sinclair, and Lindsey Perkins. Some officers had previous commitments and came in later during the training.



Teamwork Duct tape Pen Activity

Madison County High FCCLA

Madison County High FCCLA Holds STOP the Violence Training

Lynn Booth

For the September meeting of Madison County High FCCLA, officers planned and held STOP the Violence training activities. Members discussed their definition of violence and created a group definition. Members were also grouped together and asked to discuss and rate different violent acts from least violent to most violent.

during the meeting.

The discussions raised awareness of violence within MCHS. The meeting concluded with adviser, Lynn Booth, summarizing the activities of the day and challenging members to take what they learned into the school and community.



Madison County High FCCLA members working cooperatively to rate violent actions from least to most violent

Finally, members were put into a simulation where they were treated fairly and unfairly based on a card they were holding. MCHS FCCLA hoped to raise awareness of types of actions that can be considered violence but are often overlooked. Officers were most excited by the discussions that were held by members

Gainesville High School The Rock Has a Birthday Party

By Molly McLeod

On Tuesday, October 17, 2017, our monthly chapter meeting concluded with cleaning up one of our high school's iconic land-

marks.

Fifty years ago, students and local Gainesville residents started painting what we call

"the rock". Previously students camp out next to the rock the week leading up to a varsity football game for protection from our rivals. Most elementary schoolers look at this granite rock about a quarter of a mile from the high school, in hopes that one day they can paint something on it too.

This was a great experience in learning how we can take part in our community. Thank you so much for your time. - Molly McLeod

The rock has been a major part of our community that brings the city together. So, when we found out that the rock was having its 50th birthday party we went to go check it out. Sadly, we found coke bottles, ripped napkins, and a lot more trash laying around the rock.

We could not let our community come together to see all this trash around our beloved landmark. So, we grabbed some trash bags



Our chapter members cleaning up around the rock the week before the party

FCCLA Inspires ME!!

By Shanderica Carr



Shanderica Carr Seminole County High School

The FCCLA Creed defines FCCLA but it also teaches us what we need to do to be leaders. It tells what we as leaders of America do in FCCLA and it goes on to say what we would do and who we will become as leaders of America.

After reading, reciting and learning the FCCLA creed, I discovered that FCCLA really means a lot to me. FCCLA has inspired me in many aspects of life. To have family as its central focus could not have inspired me anymore. It teaches me that family is very important. This is something that many people of America are giving up on. I have gained a better relationship with my family through FCCLA. FCCLA inspires me by how much faith and confidence it gives to students.

It tells students that they are leaders now and will continue to be leaders in the future. FCCLA specifically states to us that we are leaders of our family first then we go to become leaders of our career and later we come back to our community to lead. So another way FCCLA inspires me is by how this one club can help raise a family of leaders for those leaders to go on to peruse their careers and still be able to lead their community.

Many FCCLA members and leaders do not return to their community because they have to but because of the tracks they left behind.

Archer High School

By Emily Emmons

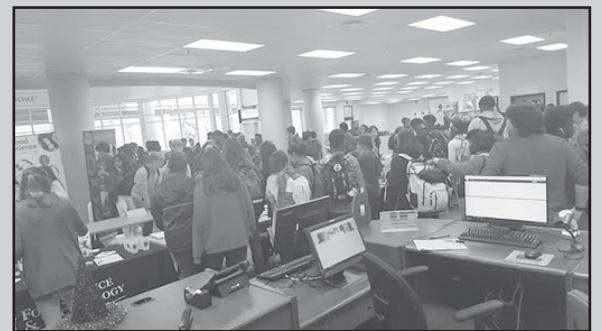
On October 25th Archer High School FCCLA hosted its first College and Career Fair. Students from the Family and Consumer Science classes were required to come and write a reflection about the fair. Other Archer students were invited to come to the fair during their advisement class. Students talked to several colleges and the heard of the opportunities they offered.

The University of Georgia Department of Food Science and Family and Consumer Sciences were represented along with Athens Tech and Clayton State. Interesting careers were represented too. A wound care nurse, engineer, community safety personnel, accountant, exterminator, real estate, and the national guard were very popular with the students.

Students were given information on how to dress for interviews and how to tie a tie. They also received information on resume writing. Over 600 students came through the event and everyone is looking forward to next year's fair. Many teachers felt it was a good balance of college and career.



Madison County High FCCLA members working together to define violence



and gloves and picked up all the trashed from the street and parking lot, passed the rock, to the forest. The following Sunday the birthday party was a great way for our community to come together again.



The Rock painted up before the party

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Teen Driving Awareness Program Comes to Ola High School

By Melissa Mivos

Approximately 3,000 teenage drivers die in car crashes each year in the United States. In 2015 there were 180 fatalities for those under the age of 21 in the state of Georgia. An emailed announcement to the faculty of Ola High School hit inboxes on Tuesday, August 29th, "I am pleased to announce that through the work of Sue Bryan and Melissa Mivos, Ola High School has been selected to partner with Texas A & M University to raise awareness with our students to the dangers associated with driving," stated Mr. Shedd. "Our work begins with asking students to take a confidential 5 to 10-minute survey during 4th period." He also thanked everyone for their help.

Teens in the Driver's Seat (TDS) was started in 2002 and is the first peer-to-peer program for teens that focuses on traffic safety and the major risks for the adolescent age group. The program is sponsored by Texas A & M Transportation Institute and is available in California, Georgia, Nebraska, and Texas. Over 1,200 schools throughout those states have implemented the program and Ola High will be doing so this year. Due to overwhelming results, TDS has won many awards and has been recognized as a national best-practice model.

FCCLA will be the club sponsor for the program along with local State Farm agents and Henry County first responders. The program calls for a team of twelve representatives to form the "Teens Together" team. Our high school students will bring awareness to the Ola community along with the Henry County community as a whole. The program consists of various activities, contests and events both in



FCCLA gang is here to help. The team assembled for "Teens in the Driver's Seat Program". FCCLA students helping with Teens in the Driver's Seat

and out of school, along with cash prizes, driving experiences and teen to parent initiatives.

The survey the students were asked to take at www.t-driver.com/survey consists of many questions dealing with driving responsibility, distracted driving, and teens in the driver's seat. Once the survey results are processed, Texas A & M will give Ola's FCCLA Club the green light. FCCLA students also counted vehicles this past week whose passengers were not wearing seat belts, or driving too fast while entering the Ola High parking lot in the morning, or may have had too many passengers in the car. Out of 100 cars, 44 alone showed non-seat belt usage. Those type of results will be recorded and sent in to the Transportation Institute in hopes that the post survey results will show greater awareness and

teenage safety changes.

Ola's FCCLA and Teens in the Driver's Seat representatives will be participating in the National Night Out program that happens at the Target Center on Jonesboro Road on October 26th, 2017 between 5:30-8:30pm. This program is sponsored by local law enforcement and includes live music, food, drinks, trunk or treating and fun children's activities. Ola's Teens in the Driver's Seat will spreading awareness and excitement about improved driving safety habits which could save a life.

Ms. Bryan stated, "This is a passionate subject for me as I teach Driver's Education for 1st Stop Driving in McDonough. The Joshua's Law portion of my class places much emphasis on safety hazards and risks that teen drivers unfortunately take every day. Having my own teen drivers on the

road, as well as educating so many of them about the dangers is of outmost importance to me." She also stated, "There are more distractions now with cell phone usage then there have ever been, from mapping to music, everything is on our phones." Ms. Bryan closed with, "I am also exceptionally excited about this initiative and about this national program as it is one of the best I've ever seen."

In speaking with Ms. Mivos she reminded us of the incidents that have happened with our own Ola High students as well as accidents from surrounding schools that have impacted our students. "When I think of the unfortunate deaths that our students and their families have endured, I cannot think of a better program for FCCLA to be involved in. When I listen to students talk about their driving habits in general conversation and then to back up those findings with real world data right here in our own parking lot it scares me a lot. Knowing that may be somehow we can change the mindset of those behind the wheel, this program is well worth our time and energy and I am extremely proud for our FCCLA club to be chosen as the leader in this fight."

Look for posters and marketing materials throughout the school as well as more organized events sponsored by FCCLA and Teens in the Driver's Seat.

FCCLA Club grows to outstanding membership numbers. A portion of the club gathered to support the Teens in Driver's Seat initiative on the day their marketing materials arrived.

Club sponsors show their support for the driving awareness program. Ms. Bryan and Ms. Mivos have begun sponsorship plans and activities.

Twiggs County High FCCLA Cinema Drive and FCCLA

by TaQuila Thomas

FCCLA-(TITDS) Teens In The Driver's Seat

This year, FCCLA, the premier chapter representing Family and Consumer Sciences, has joined with (TITDS) Teens in the Driver's Seat, a peer-to-peer safety program to help stop the #1 killer of teenagers in America. Both organizations are advised by Ms. Tequila Thomas. About 3000 teens per year are killed in traffic crashes in the United States. (This is equivalent to loading 2 school buses with Twiggs County Middle High Students students and crashing it every week for an entire year!) Our goal is to end this epidemic by saving lives through awareness education.

The members of the club are ages 13-19. They include the following affiliated FCCLA students at TCMHS: Alexis Haddaway, Alaysia Gilmore-Pauldo, Aylah Birks, Zarek Burney, Erika Durham,

Kendarius Allen ,Zakoree Watkins, Brianna Bonner, Victoria Morse, Carnesia Veal and Ephraim Wilmore, They meet twice a month, usually on Thursdays, after school.

Teens in the Driver's Seat (TITDS) receives points towards prizes and grants. We are especially proud that, we have been awarded numerous commendations. The screening will take place on Friday, September 22, 2017, at 9 am, at TCMHS.

FCCLA and TITDS educate the students etc about the top 5 crash factors: driving at night/fatigue, speeding/racing, distractions, not wearing seatbelts and alcohol/drugs coming soon). Stay on the lookout for more activities, with FCCLA rallies, Purple Awareness, holidays, prom, and graduation coming up. We are trying to establish Twiggs Middle High Schools as premier in their commitment to protecting teenage lives.

Thank you, Tequila Thomas

Clarkston High School chapter of FCCLA at the

The Clarkston High School chapter of FCCLA recently participated in a motivational rally held on Wednesday, October 11 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia. Over 3,700 students and advisers from schools across Georgia participated in the leadership rally session and competed in events.

The Georgia National Fair competitions

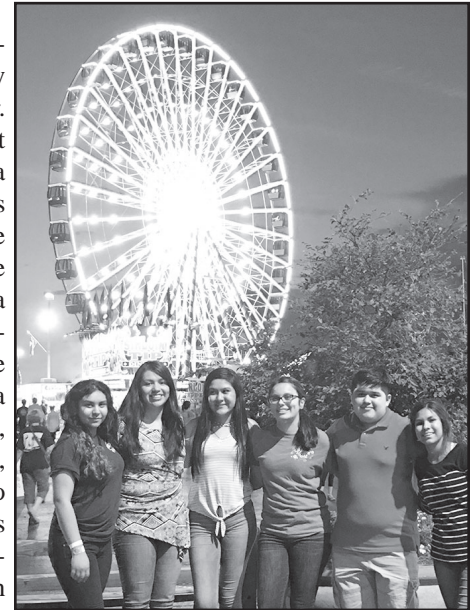
began on Tuesday, October 10 with Homadi Meriweather competing in the Annual Chili Cook-Off. The next day, students attended the 2017 FCCLA Fall Leadership Rally in Reaves Arena. The motivational rally was followed by Abdul Heidar taking 1st place in the Peanut Recipe Contest sponsored by Georgia Peanut Commission, Josiane, Jack, James and Jasmine won 3rd

Fall Rally

Southeast High School: Building Leadership

by Juliana Nunez

Our FCCLA chapter at Southeast Whitfield High school has been involved in many things since the beginning of the school year. Our four member team recently won first place in the knowledge bowl at the Georgia National Fair in Perry, Georgia, which was a tremendous accomplishment. Many of the activities that we've been involved with since the beginning of the school year include a cell phone drive for individuals at our local women's crisis center, a collection drive for hurricane victims, decorated a car for a Truck-or-Treat at a local elementary school, volunteered at a local school's fall festival, and we are currently doing a food drive to help provide needy SHS families with meals during the Thanksgiving break. We are continuing to help our school and community in order to make a difference. As we do this, we are learning leadership skills, building strong relationships with others, and improving the skills that we need for our future careers.



Clarkston High School chapter of FCCLA at the

Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia

place in the Culinary Knowledge Bowl, and Rath Kon won 1st place in the Culinary Competition. We are extremely proud of all of our members who competed.



Abdul 1st Place winner in the Peanut Recipe



Clarkston High School students enjoying the Fall Rally

Oconee County High School FCCLA Fall Rally!

By: Meryl Jones

Students from Oconee County High School attended the FCCLA Fall Rally at Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter on October 11, 2017. Students had the opportunity to listen to Eddie Slowikowski, a motivational speaker, and to ride some crazy rides.

FCCLA, which stands for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, is an organization that aims to help kids with "family bonds, careers, and participation in the community."

According to freshman and FCCLA member Sadie Campbell, "[The purpose] is to come together as one big club and to hear a motivational speaker."

Freshman Isabel Saunders, who attended the event, recalled that her most memorable experience from the event was, "The traumatic experience I had riding a ride that went around and around and turned you upside down."

Freshman at OCHS Kaitlyn Jackson states that her best memory of the fair was, "The food was the best part. I got a funnel cake and it was amazing."



After FCCLA Fall Rally

FBHS attends Fall Leadership Conference

by Vickie Rundbaken

Flowery Branch High School had 15 chapter members attend the 2017 Fall Leadership Conference in Covington, Georgia on October 17 and 18. Kennedy Jenkins and

Aislin Vetrano received 1st place in the Membership Recruitment Display competition. Also, Skylar



Tipton received the Statesman Award. Mrs. Vickie Rundbaken, their adviser said, "This experience is great for so many students. They all come

back after only two days together and they feel like part of a family now."

Our First Leadership Conference Experience

by Eliud Guzman | Historian of FCCLA at Lanier College Career Academy (LCCA)

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Perry High FCCLA Wins Big at the Fall Rally

by Perry High FCCLA

Perry High brought home several ribbons and awards to include a first place win in the Brochure competition. The brochure was created by Perry High FCCLA chapter president Grace Peavy. The brochure was created with the male audience in mind which is always an important part of membership recruitment and re-

ention.

In the Chili cook-off sophomore, Kelli Potter took the first place ribbon. Kelli created her own Chicken Chili recipe in hopes of wowing the judges taste buds. This was her first ever cooking competition and she is fired up to compete again.

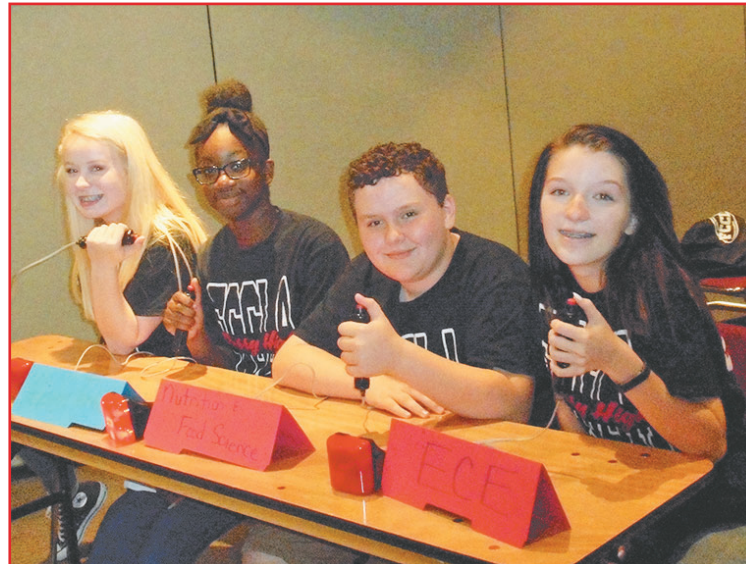
Finally the Family and Consumer Sciences Knowledge



Grace Peavy 1st Place Brochure Male Audience



Kelli Potter 1st Place in the High School Chili Cook-Off



Kyli Smith, Abigail Wiggins, Jaylah Jones and Damon Negron 3rd Place in the Family Consumer Science Knowledge Bowl

Madison County High FCCLA Attends Fall Rally



Josh Sexton placed 3rd for the senior chili cook-off

By Lynn Booth

Madison County High FCCLA attended Fall Leadership Rally on October 11, 2017. The chapter traveled with the Madison County Middle School FCCLA and brought a total number of 27 students to the meeting.



Zharria Ware, culinary arts competitor, with judges.

President Brittney Hanson participated in the Chapter Parade displaying the banner created by other officers of the chapter. MCHS FCCLA had several competitors at the fair.

Zharria Ware competed in the culinary arts competition. Cheyenne Kytyle participated in the Peanut Recipe Contest and earned 2nd place in the senior category.

Josh Sexton participated in the Chili Cook-off and earned 3rd place in the high school event.

Finally, MCHS FCCLA had its first Knowledge Bowl team in 7 years. The team of Julianna Nichols, Faith Lewis, Kaylie Goldman, and Jaiden Parson brought home 4th place in the Culinary Knowledge Bowl event.

Roundup

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On Tuesday October 12, 2017

FCCLA members of LCCA, Tanya Herrera (President), Sindy Vazquez (Secretary), Kenzie Walker (Vice President of Community Service) attended their first Leadership Conference. Not only was this their first time, but LCCA's first time attending!

Conference

The 2017 FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference was held in Covington, GA October 12 and 13. Chapters across Georgia united together to participate as a team.

Experience

Throughout the two days spent at the conference, our chapter members participated in a variety of basic training. Chapter members prepared themselves for a hustle of entertainment ahead of them!

A part of their mini hustle, activities such as outdoor fun, swimming, and educational workshops were held. During the outdoor fun, chapter members gathered and interacted with one another.