**FCCLA for Kentucky: 2017**

**Kentucky FCCLA State Convention**

On March 20-22, students all across Kentucky gathered at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville to attend the 72nd annual state convention. On Monday, students competed in STAR Events. Students who were 1st place winners at the regional level of STAR Events advanced to the state level where they competed in a bigger pool of competitors from across the state. Monday night, the conference was kicked off with the opening session. The 9 Kentucky state officers presented their theme presentation, “FCCLA for Kentucky”. President Lexie Grace Emmert then introduced the guest speaker for the conference, Mr. Josh Drean. Josh wowed the crowd with his charismatic personality and beatboxing skills. Josh travels locally and internationally to speak with thousands of students and help handle life’s challenges. We were very pleased to have Josh attend our state convention this year.

Tuesday was filled with lots of excitement as the day began with the business session. Many issues were covered, like the changing of the bylaws and the election of the 2017-2018 state officers. A major change coming out of the business session was the name change of the office “STAR Events” to “Competitive Events”, to fall in line with the national office position. Once the business session was released, students attended concurrent sessions all afternoon. Some of these sessions included a STAR Events panel discussion with a National Competitive Events coordinator, a tobacco awareness class, and self-defense
training. When the sun was set and the students were dressed up, the banquet was in session. The banquet began with goodbyes from the current state officers, which included a slideshow of baby pictures and a farewell speech. Once all officers gave their goodbyes, the new slate of Kentucky state officers were announced, and the yummy dinner of a Kentucky Hot Brown was served, the awards ceremony began. The awards handed out were Decades of Service, given to advisers who have served 20/30 years in FCCLA, Scholarships, including the Ginny Ellington Scholarship, and the Agnes Foster Golden Horizon Award, given to students who excel beyond the boundaries of FCCLA. When all awards were handed out and the banquet came to a close, students prepared to dance the night away at the Cuttin’ a Rug in the Commonwealth! A photo booth was set up to take fun pictures with your friends to remember the convention for a lifetime.

Wednesday morning began with STAR Events recognition. Students who place 1st or 2nd at the state level of STAR Events advance to the final level of competition at nationals. When all STAR Event awards were handed out, the closing theme presentation was presented by the current state officers, followed by the installation of the 2017-2018 state officers. New Kentucky FCCLA State President, Jami Taylor, gave the closing ceremony at the 2017 State Convention, followed by announcements. Thank you to everyone who attended the 72nd state convention and made it a big success for FCCLA!
Just a Reminder...

FCCLA dress code for state and national meetings are as follows:

**Females**

- White, red, or black polo
- White oxford button-down
- Black pencil skirt, no more than 2 inches above the knee
- Black or khaki dress pants or capris*
- Black shoes only
- NO jeans, casual footwear, athletic attire, etc. is permitted inside convention meetings.

**Males**

- White, red, or black polo
- White oxford button-down
- Black or khaki dress pants*
- Black shoes only
- NO jeans, casual footwear, athletic attire, etc. is permitted inside convention meetings.

*Khakis are permitted for state convention, but if you attend any national meeting, NO khakis will be permitted.
Chapter and Member Spotlight!

Region I, McCracken County High School, has raised $1625.24 for LLS this year. They were thrilled. One of their members will finish her Leukemia treatments in March, so they dedicated fundraising efforts to her. Twenty members along with 2 advisers and a principal also attended the Orlando Cluster meeting in November. They came away with great ideas to implement in their county.

This semester the Shelby County FCCLA implemented a new service project, “Live Free”. Live Free is a human trafficking awareness and prevention program to education students and community and raise money for the effort to end trafficking. Our chapter beaded jewelry and sold it to students and teachers during lunch. A representative, Ms. Janie Wilson, from Rescue and Restore Kentucky came to a club meeting to talk about human trafficking awareness. Shelby County plans to donate the money raised to Rescue and Restore. It is their hope that they can keep helping others and keep their community and surrounding ones safe. They plan to continue this project next year.
Five of South Oldham High School students, Region 6, attended SOLD, Student Organization Leadership Day, at the State Capitol in Frankfort, KY February 14th. Students listened to two key speakers during a two-hour session at Frankfort High School. Savannah Robin from Harrison County High School and Bryan Alvey from the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation. Ms. Robin started off the morning talking about citizenship in Kentucky. She informed students that only 20% of Kentuckians voted this past presidential election. This led into one of her key points of using your voice to vote. She also touched on being educated and not always believing what you read on the internet, seeking solutions to problems, and advocating for a purpose. After Savannah Robin finished, Bryan Alvey was welcomed and spoke about lobbyists and their role in the legislative processes. He also allowed the audience to ask questions about being a lobbyist. The session was wrapped up and students headed to the capitol for tours and meeting with legislators. South Oldham Students got the opportunity to meet with the senator of the 26th district, Ernie Harris. The students had questions to ask Mr. Harris and was able to chat with him about many different political issues in Kentucky. While on the tour, SOHS students ran into Governor Matt Bevin and was able to pose for a picture in front of the statue of Abraham Lincoln in the rotunda.

FCCLA members from Region 4, Butler County High School, planned and implemented a carnival at Morgantown
Care and Rehab Center on Saturday, January 14. Members had games for the elders to participate in including a snowball toss, a snow wheel and a guess jar. Elders also enjoyed popcorn, drinks and a carnival themed photo booth. Fun was had by all!
Did your STAR Event win at State? Head to Nationals!

If you placed first or second at the State level of STAR Events, you are eligible to attend the National Leadership Conference this year, July 2-6, in Nashville, Tennessee! The Music City is thrilled to host the Red this year as FCCLA takes over downtown. A special concert by Dan + Shay, only for NLC attendees, will occur during the conference, as well as the Run4Red 5K. The keynote speaker, Byron V. Garrett, will surely blow the crowd away with his experience from both non-profit and governmental sectors.

For more information on the National Leadership Conference, head to the National FCCLA website (fcclainc.org) ->Meetings->National Leadership Conference.
Spare Some Change?

This year, Kentucky FCCLA raised over $54,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through our annual community service project, Pennies for Patients. Although we did not meet our goal of $75,000, KY FCCLA has raised over $160,000 in the past 3 years for the progression of cancer research. We want to thank each and every person that donated money towards fighting blood cancers!
OFFICER SPOTLIGHT!
Ambria Thompson
VP of Community Service

Grade: Senior
Region 7
Hobbies: Read, play video games, crochet, and work.
Career Goal: PhD in Psychology
Favorite Food: Tomatoes
Favorite Quote: “Never let the things you want make you forget the things you have.” - Sanchita Pandey

Anna Moore
VP of Public Relations

Grade: Senior
Region 6
Hobbies: FCCLA, working out, being with friends, spending money
Career Goal: Dietician
Favorite Food: Sushi
Favorite Quote: "Love all, trust few, do wrong to none." - William Shakespeare
Emma Lawson  
VP of STAR Events

Grade: Senior  
Region 5
Hobbies: FCCLA, NHS, Beta, playing piano, reading, politics, watching sports, and hanging out with friends and family
Career goal: Lawyer, Judge, and possibly Attorney General
Favorite food: hash brown casserole
Favorite quote: "If you follow your dreams, it means you follow your heart, and if you follow your heart, nothing can go wrong." ~ Celine Dion

Lexie Grace Emmert  
President

Grade: Senior  
Region 4
Hobbies: Spending time with friends and family, reading, playing softball, 4-H, playing with my cat and dog, kayaking, talking
Career goal: Pediatrician
Favorite food: Potatoes in any form or fashion
Favorite quote: "If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely." - Roald Dahl
Grade: Senior
Region 15
Hobbies: FCCLA, going to University of Kentucky games, hanging out with friends, and watching Netflix
Career Goal: Sports Optometrist or FCS teacher
Favorite Food: Mashed Potatoes
Favorite Quote: "Be the change you wish to see in the world." -Mahatma Gandhi