



2017-2018 South Dakota FCCLA Spring Newsletter

Message from 2017-2018 State Vice President of Public Relations

To be inspired is great. To inspire is incredible. FCCLA has inspired me in more ways than I can count.

Hello South Dakota FCCLA! State leadership conference is approaching quickly and I am so excited to see all of the talented members of South Dakota FCCLA! The state executive council cannot wait for everyone to see what we have in store. Be ready to "Be Inspired by FCCLA" as you present your STAR events, attend workshops, and make connections from members all around the state!

As my time as a state officer is coming to end, I would like to reflect on my year. First, I would like to thank all of YOU! Serving for South Dakota FCCLA has been a blessed experience. I would also like to thank all of the advisers who have helped me in my FCCLA journey. Lastly, my state officer team has been like a second family. They have helped make my last year in FCCLA more amazing that I could have ever imagined. I will leave you with this note - running for office was the best decision I have ever made. I recommend that you run for office if you have a passion for FCCLA and want to make a difference. It will be a choice you will not regret.

-Rachel Boyer, 2017-2018 Vice President of Public Relations

New Region Presidents

The season of region meetings is over and the regions have all elected their new officers! The presidents of each region are responsible for representing their regions at the state level. This means these six individuals will gain state officer positions after a selection process and team bonding activities at the 2018 South Dakota State Leadership conference! Make sure to wish the following FCCLA members congratulations for making the courageous decision to run for office, and succeeding in receiving the presidential position! South Dakota FCCLA is so proud of you!



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Region I : Autumn Parsons (Philip)

Region II : Riley Aasby (Highmore)

Region III : Frank Even (Burke)

Region IV : Hannah Owens (Redfield)

Region V : Katy Liester (Baltic)

Region VI : Keandra Rhead (Alcester-Hudson)

Baltic

One of our new projects this school year was being awarded a Grant from Visa to promote Financial Football in our school district in November. With this \$1000 award we did 2 things. First we bought books for our classroom to teach elementary school students about the importance of saving and spending money wisely. The second thing we did was host a Visa Financial Football competition in our middle and high school. Teams of three competed for cash prizes. To promote savings, the first place team members were each given a \$100 bill. If they keep that exact bill until the last day of school we will match it with another \$100 bill. Bills not awarded will be donated to our local food pantry. Second place team members earned \$50 each, with third place getting \$25 each. In addition to Financial Football we also hosted parent teacher conference babysitting, hosted a food pantry Halloween carnival, participated in spooky pals, visited the corn maze, participated in the Angel Tree, hosted a new member mini retreat, attended Huron Camp and Oklahoma Cluster Meeting, hosted a Veteran's Day coloring contest, National Family week activities, FCCLA Week celebration, mailed military care packages overseas, kicked off our pop tab competition, hosted a taco meal, sold Valentine treat bags and our annual overnight lock in. It's been a great year in Baltic FCCLA!



Dell Rapids

This year our chapter helped prepare and serve breakfast twice at the Banquet in Sioux Falls. We collected shoes for the Shoes for the Shoeless project and a few of our members put on a skit about Halloween safety for the four sections of the first-grade classes. We received a grant from the Building Our South Dakota Rural Communities program to help put in plants and pavers at the Dell Rapids Veteran's Memorial Park. We make about 140 tray favors or door hangers and distribute them each holiday to our local nursing home residents, assisted living residents, and Meals on Wheels participants. Our chapter served dinner during a quiz bowl meet that our school hosted. During FCCLA Week our chapter made five Valentine's Day baskets and raffled them off. We matched the proceeds and donated it to our local food pantry for our Lead2Feed project.

De Smet

The De Smet chapter is pleased to announce the birth of our adviser's, Mrs. Van Norden's, baby boy! He was born on February 1st, and he and mom are doing great! In December, we helped with the Angel Tree project that we do each year by making gift tags and transferring gifts for needy families from the banks to the courthouse. Also in December, we participated in the Region V meeting that our own chair, Heidi Petersen, presided over! During FCCLA week, our chapter officers helped plan and complete noon activities after lunch, and everyone had a blast! We are currently working on projects for state, and we can't wait to meet new members from all across South Dakota! See you in April!



Alcester-Hudson

The Alcester-Hudson FCCLA chapter has been very busy this year. To start the year off, our chapter held an officer meeting and developed our program of work. One of the first big events our chapter attended was the fall leadership training conference held in October. Our chapter took five members; three state leadership team members and state officers. Our chapter took part in various community service events including a Dig Pink night, serving food at the Senior Citizens Day Dinner, hosting a Halloween Carnival, helping residents at our local nursing home, and planning a hoop shoot event. Throughout the year members took part in various member activities. Some of these events included pumpkin painting, a trip to the corn maze, jumping around at Air Madness, and a movie night. Our chapter hosted our region meeting, and had members elected to the junior high representative, secretary, and president position. We have 26 members attending state meeting- 3 applying for a state leadership team, 14 completing a star event, and one state junior high representative candidate. With state meeting approaching quickly, members are adding the final touches to their star events and getting ready to give their speeches for the judges! To give recognition for all of our hardworking members, our chapter will hold a recognition banquet after state meeting. At the banquet members and their families will be awarded with certificates and other prizes for their contribution to our chapter!



Bridgewater-Emery

The Bridgewater-Emery FCCLA chapter has had a busy year. The annual Trick-or-Treating for a Cause event had middle and high school FCCLA members go door-to-door to collect paper products, hygiene products or non-perishable food items for the Bridgewater Food Pantry. In December, FCCLA hosted a Soup Supper to support the “Say Yes to the FCS” campaign. FCCLA and community members donated over 15 crockpots of soup for the event. All children that attended the event also received a goodie bag with items that promoted family time as the theme for this year’s “Say Yes to FCS” campaign was family. The chapter also hosted a Christmas party where members created Christmas themed door decorations for residents at the local nursing home. 2018 has kept members busy as they work to complete research based STAR Events or service projects such as collecting eye glasses for the Lions Club or promoting positive mental health.



Harrisburg

On Wednesday, December 20th, Harrisburg FCCLA along with the middle school counseling departments held an 8th Grade Game of Life Day. Promoting career awareness and informing students as to the decisions, which await them, were part of this hands-on, real-life simulation called “The Game of Life”.

The Game of Life was a simulation that provided students the opportunity to engage in the decision-making that adult life is all about. Prior to the Game of Life Day, students prepared for the simulation by

making such essential choices as selecting a career, identifying their marital status, and the number of children, if any, which they foresee having by age twenty-five. On the afternoon of the 20th, students entered HHS gymnasium armed with a monthly salary corresponding to their career choice and a sheet listing Game of Life stations. The stations roughly corresponded to the real activity of consumers. The goal of each student was to survive one month in the adult world without going bankrupt. In addition to Harrisburg FCCLA hosting event, all Harrisburg Career and Technical Student Organizations (DECA, FFA, and HOSA) assisted with the simulation or hosted a Game of Life workshop.

Irene-Wakonda

Irene-Wakonda FCCLA Chapter has been busy this year. We have been to the Ronald McDonald House twice so far. We serve an evening meal and help clean the house for the families that stay there. We served the Veteran's Day meal and helped the student council with the program. Middle school attended the Rookie Leadership camp in Huron and Region 6 meeting. The middle school team placed second. A few of the high school members attended the National Cluster meeting in November. Currently we are gearing up and getting ready for the state meeting this April.



Menno

21 members at Menno High School have a variety of reasons to be an FCCLA member. While some enjoy the leadership development for attending the Rookie Camp, Power Training or Region 6 FCCLA Meeting, others enjoy the various projects they do.

Since the 4th of July, they have planned and supervised games for kids following the 4th of July parade and FFA BBQ; assisted with a coin dig, rides, and 50-50 raffle during the Menno Pioneer Power Show; co-sponsored Red Ribbon Week with the FFA members; co-sponsored Caring Rose Week with Country Girl Floral resulting in canned goods being donated to the Bethany Food Pantry and gifts being donated to the Angel Tree; decorated a wreath that was sold as a fundraiser for the contact center in Mitchell; conducted advanced little chefs' classes for fourth and fifth graders; distributed bags of peanuts and candy to children who visited Santa Claus during the Menno Customer Appreciation Dinner; co-sponsored Souper Bowl Week with the Menno FFA Chapter; began the 1000 Books before Kindergarten program; and organized a babysitting clinic for 5th through 8th graders. 16 of the 21 members plan to compete in STAR Events at the SD FCCLA Leadership Meeting in April.



Officer Biographies

Rachel Boyer

Rachel Boyer was the 2017-2018 Region VI president. She is also serving as the State Vice President of Public Relations. Rachel has been in FCCLA for a total of six years and has loved every minute of it! She is a senior at Alcester-Hudson. A fun fact about Rachel is that she loves Broadway musicals, especially Hamilton. Besides FCCLA, Rachel is also involved in FFA, cheerleading, SADD club, National Honor Society, book club, tutoring and her church's youth group. Her favorite FCCLA memory would probably receiving her state officer position last year at state meeting. Rachel is so excited to meet even more members at her very last state meeting!



Heidi Petersen

Heidi Petersen, a junior at De Smet High School, served as the Region V president. She is currently serving as the State Vice President of Programs. Heidi has been in FCCLA for five years! A fun fact about Heidi Petersen is that she loves calligraphy. Heidi is passionate about the FCCLA organization. When she is not dedicating her time to FCCLA, she stays involved by participating in oral interp, one act plays, cross-country, volleyball, basketball, track stats, and volunteering at a local assisted living facility. Her favorite FCCLA memory is the moment she and her friend discovered they made it to nationals in the STAR event, "Focus on Children". Heidi cannot wait until State leadership conference! Great job this year, Heidi!



Janelle Dickau

Your State Jr. High Representative is Janelle Dickau. She is a freshman at Alcester-Hudson High School. Janelle is deeply dedicated to FCCLA and has been a member for three years. A fun fact about Janelle is that she loves to read! When she isn't busy with FCCLA, Janelle spends her time by being involved in track, oral interp, drama, and stats. Janelle has so many amazing FCCLA memories, but her favorite was bonding with her officer team at the National Leadership Conference in Nashville! Good job this year in your position of State Jr. High Representative, Janelle! Make sure to talk to her at state if you are a junior high member who is thinking of running for office!



Upcoming Events

State Leadership Team Award

Applications

March 28th

Talent show application

Due March 30th

National membership campaign award

Due April 1st

National adult award applications

Due April 1st

Adviser National Award Application

Due April 1st

State Leadership Conference

April 8-10, 2018

National Leadership Conference

June 28-July 2, 2018

