



2016-2017 South Dakota FCCLA Fall Newsletter

Message from 2016-2017 Vice President of Public Relations:

"This school year has started off great for South Dakota FCCLA! Many chapters have kicked off their year with successful recruitment activities and service learning projects.

Region I and II chapters are highlighted in this newsletter, but other articles are also included. Read about how these chapters are getting their members involved and serving their school and community all while having fun!

-Peyton Drew, 2016-2017 VP of Public Relations

MESSAGE FROM THE 2016- 2017 STATE PRESIDENT

Hello! I am Kaley Schweitzer, presiding as the 2016-2017 State FCCLA President. Since my term began in April, I have been 100% dedicated to all the projects and plans that were set in place for the State Executive Council. A few of the main plans set out for the year include: making sure that the transition between districts and regions is as smooth as possible, and ensuring our members are well informed about the opportunities available to them. I wish each one of you good luck at your STAR Event competitions, and I encourage you to run for region office and attend all the workshops available to you at your very first region meetings. As you can see from our social media platforms, South Dakota FCCLA has been releasing videos made by the State Executive Council. These videos highlight each officer and inform members of recent and

upcoming events as well as additional information. Our officers have put lots of time and effort into these videos so please visit all of our social media platforms and give us a like! Lastly, I would like to give you all my email: KS3579@k12.sd.us. My job as president is to work with you guys to ensure you are getting the best out of this wonderful organization. So please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or something you would like to see happen within our state association. Whether it be a STAR Event project idea, tips when running for office, ideas to bulk up your FCCLA resume, or honestly anything; I am more than willing to help! And if you know me, you know that I love emails so feel free to shoot me one! Thank you for your time and enjoy the rest of the newsletter!

Sincerely,
Kaley Schweitzer
South Dakota FCCLA State President

Phillip

The 46 members of the Philip FCCLA chapter have had a productive fall! They held a successful membership drive with outdoor fun, walking tacos, and installation of officers. Here are a few more of the highlights: To start the school year, the F.A.C.T.S. project “Drive Wise to Stay Alive,” served over 120 pieces of cake to celebrate the birthday of a student who was killed in 2007 in a drunken driving accident. Seat belt checks were done at football games with “Smarties” and Dum-Dum” candies. To kick off Homecoming Week, FCCLA sponsored a 5K Color Run. A “Dig Pink” event was held in October in conjunction with a volleyball game; \$1000 was raised for breast cancer research. Eleven fleece blankets were made by members to donate to the Missouri Shores Domestic Violence Shelter in Pierre. Members put on costumes and collected funds for research during the “Trick or Treat for Cystic Fibrosis” event on Halloween. Our chapter was represented at Nationals with state officer Elise Wheeler. Several of our officers attended Power Training in Huron.



Miller

The Miller FCCLA Chapter has many members who strive to “Be a Star in FCCLA”. The officer team chose a Hollywood theme this year. To kick off the year, junior high members participated in Fun Night which was held on August 30th. Fun Night was filled with games, food, and learning about how to get involved in FCCLA. The officer team has conducted monthly chapter meetings to inform members of the latest happenings in our chapter. Seventeen members chose to strengthen their leadership skills and learn more about FCCLA at Fall Leadership Training in Huron on October 2nd and 3rd. For Red Ribbon Week our chapter sponsored a speaker to come talk to 7th-12th grade students about good decision making and how to avoid the use of drugs and alcohol during their teen years. On Halloween we hosted a costume contest and gave prizes to the best costume in every grade. Our chapter is looking forward to all the community service and leadership opportunities we have planned for the rest of the year!



Wall

The Wall FCCLA Chapter started the school year off by picking our chapter theme, electing officers, and planning projects for the year. The months of September and October were very busy months for us. We have been running concessions for the Junior High and High School volleyball games and Junior High basketball games. Seven members attended Fall Leadership in Huron at the beginning of October and are looking forward to going back next year. We also hosted our annual Halloween Carnival on October 28 for Wall and the surrounding areas. The kids had fun playing games and participating in contests. In December, we will be holding our Christmas store for all the elementary kids from Kindergarten to Fifth grade. Elementary students get the chance to purchase items for their friends and family members. This activity is fun for the chapter and it brings the spirit of Christmas into our school. All of our members are excited for the newly formed regional meeting and state meeting and are busily working on their Power of One modules.

Gettysburg

The Gettysburg FCCLA Chapter has had an exciting first part of the school year. They currently have 60 members. Some of the events they have done in their chapter includes a can food drive competition and collected 525 nonperishable items. They are currently preparing for the Gettysburg FCCLA family fun night and the Region II Meeting. They are excited to have many new young members that are competing in STAR Events.



Officer Biography

Elise Wheeler, Region I President

Hello, I am Elise Wheeler, the Region I President and the State Vice President of Recreation. Currently, I am a senior at Philip High School and this is my fourth year in FCCLA. Besides FCCLA, I play volleyball, was elected as Senior Class President, am a member of National Honor Society, and am also a youth representative of National Mutual Benefit. When I am not busy with school, I am reading books, watching Netflix, or having fun with my friends. After I finish high school I plan on attending Mount Marty College in Yankton, SD, to study criminal justice and psychology with an option in prelaw.

I would like to extend a special thank you to my parents, Miles and Jessica Wheeler, and my adviser, Mrs. Brigitte Brucklacher. They always support me and push me to be the best that I can be. Believe it or not, the reason I decided to join FCCLA was for the noon treats on the first Wednesday of every month. However, once I joined, I realized how much more it had to offer than a few tasty treats every now and then. My absolute favorite part of FCCLA is how people accept me for who I am. FCCLA has helped bring me out of my shell and be my true self, and now my goal is to help others do the same. My advice to members is to join and be in everything they can. Something may look boring and not sound like fun, but if an individual goes into it with a positive attitude, they will have the best time. You never know where you will find what drives you. For me, I found it in FCCLA!



Peyton Drew, Region II President

“Hi! I am Peyton Drew, Region II President. As a sophomore in high school, this is my fourth year being in FCCLA. My hobbies and activities outside of school include basketball, Class President, One Act play, Student Council, and youth group. Because I am only a sophomore, I do not have much of a plan for what I want to do after high school, except I want to stay somewhere in South Dakota, possibly USD or BHSU. I haven’t

thought of my future very much. I want to thank my adviser, Mrs. Amber Mikkelsen, for being a second mom to me. She has been one of my biggest supporters throughout my four years and I am forever grateful for her. I joined FCCLA as a way to experience new things (and to miss school days.) Joining as a seventh grader, I wanted to learn more about the organization and was able to attend National Cluster meeting in Omaha. It was an eye opening experience and a great way to introduce me to FCCLA. I enjoy networking with new and younger members. One piece of advice I would give to all members is to always be a hard worker and strive for greatness. I love FCCLA because of all my experiences that I’ve had. I’ve met many wonderful people and some today are my best friends. I love being able to inspire others and watching younger members with the same passion for FCCLA that I have.

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader.”- John Quincy Adams



NATIONAL CLUSTER MEETING SUMMARY

The 2016 National Cluster Meeting brought to light the significance of South Dakota FCCLA on the national level. From red jacket award winners to national champions in skill demonstration events, we showed just how strong our state association is. Clark and Brookings Senior qualified for NLC in Nashville this summer in Knowledge Bowl, State Officers presented a workshop on FACTS, Andrew Rasmussen received 1st place in the occupational division of FCCLA Knowledge for the Knowledge Bowl Competition, and Kayla Gullickson presented as National VP of Community Service. Kyle Sorbe says that he couldn't be more proud of South Dakota and their accomplishments. Chloe Wegehaupt loved presenting a workshop with other SD state officers because they were able to make new connections and teach members about FCCLA. Mariah Stensgaard's favorite part of National Cluster Meeting in Denver would be the networking between states. She said she loved making connections and friends nationwide with FCCLA! Ainsley Powers and Kaley Schweitzer's favorite part of National Cluster Meeting were the general sessions. Each session had an outstanding and captivating speaker that caught the audience's attention with their powerful messages. Also Brigette Nelson was presented a red jacket on stage during the first general session, which was one of her favorite parts of the trip.



Upcoming Events: **T-Shirt Design Contest –**

(Entries Due December 15)

Region Meetings

Region 1: February 6

Region 2: December 14

Region 3: January 25

Region 4: December 7

Region 5: December 7

Region 6: January 23

FCCLA Week: Feb. 12-18, 2017

State Leadership Conference

April 2-4, 2017



**GOOD LUCK AT YOUR
REGION MEETING!**