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FAMILY, CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA ANNOUNCES 2010 STATE CONFERENCE WINNERS

The Nebraska Family, Career and Community Leaders of America announced today the state competition winners.

FCCLA held its state competition April 11-13 in Lincoln. About 1,300 delegates from 105 state chapters attended the conference.

FCCLA is a youth-lead organization that focuses on family.

State Event:

Consumer Issues, Junior Level: Molly Jones and Spencer Bierfreund, Medicine Valley High School

Family Challenges and Issues, Junior Level: Shelby Weber, April Everett and Autumn Lemmer, West Holt High School

Family Challenges and Issues, Senior Level: Sarah Garbers, Seward High School

Health and Wellness, Junior Level: Zana Rhynalds, Prague High School

Health and Wellness, Senior Level: Kash Houser and Jacob Brennemann, Medicine Valley High School

Parliamentary Procedure Test: Cory Augustin, Crofton Community School

Students who won national events will compete in July in Chicago.

National Event:

Applied Technology, Junior Level: Tyler Kuenning, Logan Allen and Brady Rosenblad, Maxwell High School

Applied Technology, Senior Level: Kelsey Moore and Becca Vossler, Exeter-Milligan High School

Career Investigation, Junior Level: Bethany Lambert, Chambers High School

Career Investigation, Senior Level: Elise Hubel, Chambers High School

Chapter Service Display, Junior Level: Issac Hoffman, Rachel Breinig and Kendall Fassler, Maxwell High School

Chapter Service Display, Senior Level: Heidi Hostert, O'Neill High School

Chapter Service Manual, Junior Level: Shelbi Brown and Syndey Martin, Elm Creek High School

Chapter Service Manual, Senior Level: Trevor Wells and Taylor Martin, Medicine Valley High School

Chapter Showcase Display, Junior Level: Nicole Fisher, Mercedes Hammond and Brooke Schulzkump, West Point-Beemer High School

Chapter Showcase Display, Senior Level: Heather Miller and Kylin Kleewein, Maxwell High School

Chapter Showcase Manual, Junior Level: Tami Simmonds and Colleen Melvin, Medicine Valley High School

Chapter Showcase Manual, Senior Level: Hadly Dyer, Whitney Hubbard and Olivia Hubbard, Elm Creek High School

Culinary Arts: Whitney Redler, Kayla Brhel and Semjid Bayanmunkh, Milford High School
Entrepreneurship, Junior Level: Marissa Lemke and Andrea Dobias, Creighton High School
Entrepreneurship, Senior Level: Yazmin Bentz, Alix Mashino and Kristen Reiman, West Boyd High School in Spencer
Focus on Children, Junior Level: Nicole Beed and Kacie Gribble, Chambers High School
Focus on Children, Senior Level: Jeri Cornell and Kim Ourada, Elm Creek High School
Illustrated Talk, Junior Level: Tarryn Tietjen, Thayer Central High School
Illustrated Talk, Senior Level: Shelby Wade, Prague High School
Interior Design, Senior Level: Emily Jessen, Sidney High School
Interpersonal Communications, Junior Level: McKenna Wingard and Katie Fry, Milford High School
Interpersonal Communications, Senior Level: Abby Stollberg, Marissa Ruwe and Kaleigh Nemec, Logan View High School
Job Interview, Senior Level: Colton Schied, Callaway High School
Life Event Planning, Senior Level: Brittany Moriarty, Kearney High School
National Programs in Action, Junior Level: Andrea Lemmer and Ethan Tracy, Chambers High School
National Programs in Action, Senior Level: Hillary Knake and Kiley Geis, Elm Creek High School
Parliamentary Procedure Team: Alison Hoffman, Christina Schroeder, Sara Kohles, Kristin Steffen, Kelsey Oltmanns, Tommy Augustin, Hali Strom and Samantha Hoffman, Crofton High School
Promote and Publicize, Junior Level: Brenna Geiger and Chelsea Gabel, Sidney High School
Promote and Publicize, Senior Level: Chris Allen, Maxwell High School
Recycle and Redesign, Junior Level: Leanne DeKay, Chambers High School
Recycle and Redesign, Senior Level: Elyssa Leach, Pierce High School
Teach and Train, Senior Level: Sarah DeKay, Chambers High School

Ten State Officers were elected to serve as Nebraska Leaders this year:

President: Patrick Colgan, Archbishop Bergan Schools
Vice President: Hannah Wright, Neligh-Oakdale High School
Secretary: Brooke Ellerman, Logan View High School
Regional Vice-President: Ashley Stelling, Nebraska City High School
Regional Vice-President: Rebekah Kuhfal, Neligh-Oakdale High School
Regional Vice-President: Samantha Burtwistle, Chambers High School
Regional Vice-President: Noah Hubbard, Elm Creek High School
Regional Vice-President: Kathryn Woodside, Kearney High School
Regional Vice-President: Lane Swedberg, Wallace High School
Regional Vice-President: Brianne Hoelsing, Alliance High School

Two members were elected to represent Nebraska as National FCCLA Officer Candidates:

At-Large Candidate: Casey McCutcheon, Leigh-Clarkson High School
Regional Candidate: Elise Hubel, Chambers High School

Fifteen members were elected to the State PEER Teams: Nebraska has three State PEER Teams leading activities in the area of Families First, Financial Fitness and Student Body. The new officers for these teams are:

Families First: Emily Merchen, West Point-Beemer High School; Stephanie Shearer, Arapahoe High School; Alychia Bilstein, St. Edward High School; Lindsey Hahn, Shelton High School; and Colleen Melvin, Medicine Valley Jr-Sr High School.

Student Body: Nicole Buse, West Point-Beemer High School; Heidi Hostert, O’Neill High School; Maggie Koenig, Shelton High School; Andi Kontor, Milford High School; and Ellie Applegarth, Alliance High School.

Financial Fitness: Colton Aspenleiter, Medicine Valley High School; Katharine Riley, Cambridge High School; Michael Osbon, Maxwell High School; Kelsey Reiman, Kearney High School; and TJ Fryklind, Archbishop Bergan Schools.

This year the State Officer Team chose “ChildLIFE” for the state outreach project. Thirty-seven chapters participated. The largest donation was from Bruning-Davenport with 1,088 points. Donations were tallied using a point system. The state’s total collection was 8,068 points.

The following chapters won the Nebraska FCCLA Chapter Award by creating a program of work that included completing state and national programs, community service and attending state and national meetings:

Gold Medals: Chambers High School, Fairbury High School, Franklin High School, Howells-Clarkson High School, Leigh High School, Maxwell High School, Medicine Valley Jr-Sr High School, Nebraska City High School, Neligh-Oakdale High School, Randolph High School, Seward High School, St. Edward High School, West Boyd High School in Spencer, and West Point-Beemer Sr. High School.

Silver Awards: Cozad High School, Shelton High School and West Point-Beemer Jr. High School.

FCCLA Scholarship Awards: Carrie Urban, Leigh High School; Carmen Warner, Arapahoe High School; Chris Allen, Maxwell High School; Shelby Wade, Prague High School; Amanda Janssen, Crofton High School; Lauren Settje, Leigh High School.

School Administrator Recognition Award: Dennis Bazata, principal of Randolph High School and Alan Garey, superintendent of Medicine Valley Jr-Sr High School.

Honorary Memberships: Marcia Stonacek from Leigh, Nebraska, Lauren Hubel from Ewing, Nebraska, Angie Mann from Battle Creek, Nebraska and Kathy Bloch from Hooper, Nebraska.

Sen. Arnie Stuthman received the Distinguished Service Award for his role in introducing and assisting in the passage of legislation, LB467, in support of student organizations.