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# FCCLA NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE DRAWS RECORD NUMBER OF YOUTH LEADERS

*Students and advisers converge for inspiration, training  
and opportunities to make a difference locally and across the country*

**August 4, 2016** – Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) brought more than 8,500 of its student leaders, members and advisers to San Diego, California July 3-7 to participate in the FCCLA National Leadership Conference. Nebraska was represented by over 300 students, advisers, and guests.

The conference provided opportunities for students and advisers to learn about new initiatives in the organization, hear from inspiring speakers, expand leadership skills, sharpen talents, and explore career pathways. The theme of the conference was “EMPOWER MEPOWER.” Attendees were challenged to discover and grow their potential to make change in their local communities, schools, and families.

In addition to the many learning and networking experiences offered at the conference, more than 35 Family and Consumer Sciences competitive events, also known as STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events, were offered to more than 5,100 event participants. Nebraska members came home with 100 Gold medals, 58 Silver Medals, and four Bronze medals and had multiple individuals and teams score in the top 10 nationally.

### National Top 10 Award Winners

#### 1st Place

- Jose Dominguez; Nebraska City High School; Digital Stories for Change Junior
- Andrew Hale, Kearney High School; Fashion Construction Senior\*
- Brooklynn Burrell and Kyra Farewell; Chambers Jr/Sr High School; Focus on Children Junior
- Brooke Ehlers and Mary Walnofer; Chambers Jr/Sr High School; Food Innovations Junior
- Tyra Reardon; Saint Edward Jr/Sr High School; Food Innovations Senior
- Addy Vinton and Liddy Vinton; Mullen High School; Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation Senior\*
- Janet Ahlers, Kelsey Sextro, and Layne Swanson; West Boyd High School; Interior Design Senior\*
- Allie Bauer, Lauren Moes, and Taylor Moes; Elm Creek Jr/Sr High School; National Programs in Action Junior

\*Indicates students awarded scholarships to post-secondary institution(s).

#### 2nd Place

- Megan Jenkins; Minden High School; Chapter Service Project Portfolio Senior
- Sabra Schmidt; Medicine Valley Jr/Sr High School; FCCLA Chapter Website Junior
- Rachel Hartgerink and Katie Patton; Milford Jr/Sr High School; Focus on Children Junior
- Elsie Magwire and Kiersten Wheeler; West Boyd High School; Illustrated Talk Junior

- Molly Lambert; Chambers Jr/Sr High School; Nutrition and Wellness Senior
- Aaliya Summerville; Sutton Jr/Sr High School; Promote and Publicize FCCLA! Senior

### 3rd Place

- Anna Hoffman, Sydney Hubbard, and Audrey Worthing; Elm Creek Jr/Sr High School; Advocacy Junior
- Alexis Butterfield; Chambers Jr/Sr High School; Career Investigation Junior
- Jessica Hollist and Tatum Vondra; Milford Jr/Sr High School; Chapter Service Project Display Junior
- Amanda Pischel; O'Neill Jr/Sr High School; Leadership Senior

### 4th Place

- Sydney Atkinson and Emma Stahlecker; West Boyd High School; Chapter Service Project Portfolio Junior
- Jesse Coble and Katelyn Coble; Mullen Jr/Sr High School; Entrepreneurship Senior
- Hanna Marshall and Molly Paxton; Mullen Jr/Sr High School; Illustrated Talk Junior
- Valentina Vidal; Elkhorn High School; Interior Design Senior

### 5th Place

- Jonah Micek and Noah Micek; Saint Edward High School; Applied Math for Culinary Management Senior
- Rosa Rodriguez; Cozad High School; Chapter Service Project Display Senior
- Allison Becker, Allison Ludwig, and Emily Morrow; O'Neill Jr/Sr High School; Digital Stories for Change Senior
- Lauren Osborne; O'Neill Jr/Sr High School; Illustrated Talk Senior

### 6th Place

- Katrina German, Kaylea Kolbo, and Tazah Weinmaster; Cozad High School; Chapter in Review Portfolio Senior
- Tahjzha Bolts and Lindsey Sawyer; Maxwell Jr/Sr High School; Promote and Publicize FCCLA! Junior

### 7th Place

- Lukas Doyle, Sheldon Johnsen, and RJ Tutlam-Hazen; Medicine Valley Jr/Sr High School; Chapter Service Project Portfolio Senior
- Katie Bornemeier and Rebekah Pratt; Elmwood-Murdock Jr/Sr High School; Life Event Planning Senior
- Valerie Kaiser, Abbey Kast, Kalli Mueller, Marissa Schmidt, Katelyn Stewart, and Thomas Stewart; Crofton Jr/Sr High School; Parliamentary Procedure Senior
- Adrianna Hild; Brady High School; Recycle and Redesign Junior
- Leslie Aspen; Kearney High School; Sports Nutrition Junior

### 8th Place

- Andrew Christ; Sutton Jr/Sr High School; Chapter in Review Display Senior
- Kaycee Boltz and Kelsey Thomas; Maxwell Jr/Sr High School; Chapter in Review Portfolio Junior
- Janie Sommer and Mackenzie Vedder; Maxwell Jr/Sr High School; Chapter Service Project Display Junior
- Lane Edis, Colton Hendrix, and Brandon Peters; Mullen Jr/Sr High School; Life Event Planning Junior
- Mikayla Zulkoski; Burwell Jr/Sr High School; Recycle and Redesign Senior

## 9th Place

- Hannah Pearson; Callaway Jr/Sr High School; Advocacy Junior
- Sydney Erickson; Pierce Jr/Sr High School; Career Investigation Junior
- Tianna Nelson; Grand Island Northwest High School; FCCLA Chapter Website Senior
- Ryann Haburchak and Cassidy Hoerle; Chambers Jr/Sr High School; National Programs in Action Junior
- Michelle Koenig and Tessa Metschke; Chambers Jr/Sr High School; Sports Nutrition Junior

## 10th Place

- Destiny Henne and Marina Peterson; Kearney High School; Chapter in Review Display Senior
- Madalyn Adair; Logan View Jr/Sr High School; Fashion Design Senior

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. FCCLA has more than 160,000 members and more than 5,400 chapters from 48 state associations, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. For more information, visit: <http://www.fcclainc.org> and [www.nebraskafccla.org](http://www.nebraskafccla.org).