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NEBRASKA FCCLA RECOGNIZES 2019 STATE LEADERS AND AWARD WINNERS

The Nebraska Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) met for the 72nd annual State Leadership Conference April 7-9 at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln.

More than 1,300 students and advisers from 85 Nebraska schools traveled to Lincoln to develop their personal leadership and future careers with Nebraska FCCLA. A community service event, “FCCLA Serves,” was held at five community agencies across Lincoln with more than 120 students participating. During three Miracle Minutes, Nebraska FCCLA members and advisers donated more than $1,800 to the Nebraska FCCLA Impact fund, which will be used to support chapters directly impacted by natural disasters.

During the conference, 656 students participated in STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) competitive events. Students placing first and second in the competitive events qualified to complete at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California June 30-July 4.

In addition to the competitive events, elections of FCCLA state officers and leadership positions were held during the conference.

2019-2020 Nebraska FCCLA State Officers:

Sydney Erickson – Pierce – President
Makenna Welke – O’Neill – Vice-President
Alexis Cherry – Twin River – Secretary
Caitlin Murphy – Exeter-Milligan – Vice-President of Competitive Events
Sydney Schildt – Milford – Vice-President of Development
Alyssa Bell – Milford – Vice-President of Membership
Jaiden Johnson – Bloomfield – Vice-President of Programs
Irelynd Pearson – Twin River – Vice-President of Public Relations
2019-2020 Nebraska State Peer Officer Teams:

Overall SPOT Council

SPOT Council Coordinator – Conner Oberhauser – Twin River
SPOT Council Vice Coordinator – Alexis Richmond – Chase County
SPOT Council Secretary – Taylor Svoboda – Mullen

Family Leader Team:

Chairperson – Conner Oberhauser – Twin River
Vice Chairperson – Hannah Smith – Overton
Secretary – Emily Carstens – Creighton
Public Relations Chairperson – Emily Pedersen – Aurora
Historian – Ashlyn Schildt – Milford

Career Leader Team:

Chairperson – Taylor Svoboda – Mullen
Vice Chairperson – Sophia Birch – Milford
Secretary – Jett Simpson – Maxwell
Public Relations Chairperson – Irelyn Rosfeld – Callaway
Historian – Alexandra Eisenhauer – Bloomfield

Community Leader Team:

Chairperson – Alexis Richmond – Chase County
Vice Chairperson – Rebekka Jay – Logan View
Secretary – Cassidy June – Milford
Public Relations Chairperson – Harleigh Claussen – O’Neill
Historian – Braiden Moses – Burwell

Nebraska FCCLA Family and Consumer Sciences Education Scholarship:

William Wilton, Centennial

Nebraska FCCLA Non-FCS Education Scholarship:

Katie Patton, Milford

Nebraska FCCLA Administrator of the Year:
Ryan Ricenbaw, Waverly Public Schools

**Nebraska FCCLA Distinguished Service Award:**

Stacy Luedtke Richmond, Lincoln High School

**Nebraska FCCLA Spirit of Advising Award:**

Mary Lou Vossler, Exeter-Milligan

**Nebraska FCCLA Master Adviser Award**

Britton Andreasen, Twin River

**Nebraska FCCLA Mentor Adviser Award**

Suzanne Martin, Medicine Valley

**Honorary Membership Award**

Jeanne Bietz, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

**Nebraska FCCLA State Degree Recipients:**

William Wilton, Centennial

Lana Hebda, Twin River

Hallie Ellenwood, Twin River

Members and chapters receiving State Champion and State Runner-up for STAR event are as follows:

**Advocacy JR**

State Champion – Hannah Yrksoski and Libery Baker, Twin River Jr., Silver

State Runner-Up – Milli Ciprian, Kearney High School, Silver

**Advocacy SR**

State Champion – Brianna Gable, Waverly High, Gold

State Runner-Up – Jenna Ebbers, Cambridge High, Silver

**Applied Math for Culinary Management SR**

State Champion – Riley Riggs and Lainey Werts, Saint Edward, Silver

**Baking and Pastry Pilot**

State Champion – Asya Johnson and Brin Jinright, Centennial, Gold

State Runner-Up – Audri Wolf, Katie Frech, and Rachel Stanke, Milford, Silver
Career Investigation JR
State Champion – Rachel Malander, Boone Central, Gold
State Runner-Up – Annie Corkle, O’Neill, Gold

Career Investigation SR
State Champion – Trevor Brooks, Boyd County, Gold
State Runner-Up – Triniti Gembica, Humphrey, Silver

Chapter in Review Display JR
State Champion – Miranda Batenhorst and Addison Lange, Scribner-Snyder, Gold
State Runner-Up – Stella Heapy and Alania Eberle, Medicine Valley, Silver

Chapter in Review Display SR
State Champion – Claire Harrison, Franklin, Gold
State Runner-Up – Aleesha Bergman and Meredith Wiseman, Neligh-Oakdale, Silver

Chapter in Review Portfolio JR
State Champion – Lynzi Becker and Alyssa Kolbo, Cozad, Gold

Chapter in Review Portfolio SR
State Champion – Margaret Mcginnis, Sydney Lindsedt, and Natalie Engel, Cozad, Gold
State Runner-Up – Samantha Hipke and Elsie Magwire, Boyd County, Silver

Chapter Service Project Display JR
State Champion – Paola Murillo and Daisy Martinez, Gibbon, Gold
State Runner-Up – Anne Cook, Erin Stara, and Paige Willcoxon, Elkhorn High, Gold

Chapter Service Project Display Occupational
State Champion – Daniela Marino and Joseph Ertzner, High Plains, Silver

Chapter Service Project Display SR
State Champion – Hannah Schultz, Ali Cottrell, Raine Taylor, Medicine Valley, Gold
State Runner-Up – Piper Cudzilo, Angel Taylor, Maxwell, Gold

Chapter Service Project Portfolio JR
State Champion – Kennedi Covert, Twin River, Gold
State Runner-Up – Tanner Hollinger, Alex Noyd, Lily Peterson, Cross County, Silver
Chapter Service Project Portfolio SR
State Champion – Gracelyn Adams, Mariah Smalley, and Heather Atkinson, Boyd County, Gold
State Runner-Up – Jaycee Wallace, Overton, Gold

Culinary Arts Occupational
State Champion – Alela Heim, Jorden Heim, and Valeria Marquez, Plattsmouth, Gold
State Runner-Up – Juan Guerrero-Franco and Yajaira Castillo, Ralston, Silver

Entrepreneurship JR
State Champion – Taylor Svoboda, Mullen, Gold
State Runner-Up – Blake Byerly, Bloomfield, Silver

Entrepreneurship SR
State Champion – Gabrielle Krutsinger, Chase County, Gold
State Runner-Up – Hanna Marshall and Molly Paxton, Mullen, Gold

Environmental Ambassador JR
State Champion – Hana Miller and Xiitlaly Sanchez, O’Neill, Silver
State Runner-Up – Jacob Sjuts, Jason Sjuts, and Alex Schemek, Humphrey, Silver

Environmental Ambassador SR
State Champion – Alexis Butterfield and Ryann Haburchak, Chambers, Gold
State Runner-Up – Lizabeth Larsen and Lynnzy Larsen, Waverly, Gold

Fashion Construction SR
State Champion – Mariah Dather, Crofton, Gold
State Runner-Up – Leslie Aspen, Kearney High, Gold

Fashion Design SR
State Champion – Zoe Cole, Waverly, Gold
State Runner-Up – Haley Hosick, Cozad, Silver

Focus on Children JR
State Champion – Jean Cumming, Saint Edward, Gold
State Runner-Up – Peyton Schoone and Abby Fiske, Minden, Gold

Focus on Children SR
State Champion – Calli Weston, Overton, Gold
State Runner-Up – Kelci Hansen, Callie Jackson, and Micah Risch, Howells-Dodge, Gold

**Food Innovations JR**
State Champion – Chloe Pilakowski, Tessa Cherry, and Libby Held, Twin River, Gold
State Runner-Up – Emmalee Glendy and Sophia Doyle, Callaway, Gold

**Food Innovations SR**
State Champion – Roy Cumming, Saint Edward, Gold
State Runner-Up – Sicily Goossen, Alyssa Gourley, Jayde Sorensen, Platteview, Gold

**Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation SR**
State Champion – Mariah Watson, Arapahoe, Gold
State Runner-Up – Haley Jones, Mullen, Gold

**Illustrated Talk JR**
State Champion – Sadie Heckert, Neligh-Oakdale, Gold
State Runner-Up – Jadyn Andersen and Izabella Brown, Mullen, Gold

**Illustrated Talk SR**
State Champion – Melissa Sextro, Joseph Hiatt, Kiertsen Wheeler, Boyd County, Gold
State Runner-Up – Rebecca Zeleski, Overton, Gold

**Interior Design SR**
State Champion – Sydney Schildt and Alyssa Bell, Milford, Gold
State Runner-Up – Kaci Mashino, Andrea Hipke, and Kiryn Kayl, Boyd County, Silver

**Interpersonal Communications JR**
State Champion – Ashlyn Schildt and Myranda Schildt, Milford, Silver
State Runner-Up – Cindy Cooper and Genevieve Dominquez, Maxwell, Silver

**Interpersonal Communications SR**
State Champion – Addie Bardell, Josie Huffman, and Janie Sommer, Maxwell, Gold
State Runner-Up – Naudia Larsen and Madeline Wittstruck, Milford, Silver

**Job Interview SR**
State Champion – Sydney Erikson, Pierce, Gold
State Runner-Up – Emma Hoffschneider, Burwell, Gold

Leadership SR
State Champion – Alexis Richmond, Chase County, Gold
State Runner-Up – Caitlin Murphy, Exeter-Milligan, Gold

Life Event Planning JR
State Champion – Samuel Coble, Mullen, Gold
State Runner-Up – Hailey Hanneman and Grace Ziegler, Aurora, Gold

Life Event Planning SR
State Champion – Alex Brestel, Kalli Kayl, and Bailey Reed, Boyd County, Gold
State Runner-Up – Jose Luna-Duran and Lesly Luna-Duran, Neligh-Oakdale, Silver

National Programs in Action JR
State Champion – Rachel Strain, Makynzie Swantek, and Kamryn Lemburg, Twin River, Gold
State Runner-Up – Abby Lawton, Overton, Gold

National Programs in Action SR
State Champion – Carlin Adams, Calyn Mowinkel, and Elizabeth Ross, Milford, Gold
State Runner-Up – Morgan Sindt and Whitney Bauer, Elm Creek, Gold

Nebraska Consumer Issues JR
State Champion – Tyler Hanson and Andrew Hochstein, Bloomfield, Gold
State Runner-Up – Triston Moses, Burwell, Gold

Nebraska Family Challenges & Issues
State Champion – Alexus Sindelar, Pierce, Gold
State Runner-Up – Angel Brummet, Overton, Gold

Nebraska Family Challenges and Issues SR
State Champion – Maggie Lutz, Sydney Reichart, Dundy County Stratton, Gold
State Runner-Up – Tiffany Mayfield, Burwell, Gold

Nebraska Health and Wellness JR
State Champion – Elizabeth Harding, Kathryn Novocek, and Kathryn Tzunux, Schuyler, Gold
State Runner-Up – Lola Erpelding and Hope Pickel, Elm Creek, Gold
Nebraska Health and Wellness SR
State Champion – Emilee Taylor, Burwell, Gold
State Runner-Up – Melissa Escobar and Vanessa Serrano, Schuyler, Silver

Nebraska Parliamentary Procedure
State Champion – Ellie Fredrick, Saint Edward, Silver
State Runner-Up – Myah Essman, Maxwell, Bronze

Nutrition and Wellness JR
State Champion – Ashley Pischel, O’Neill, Gold
State Runner-Up – Paige Nolan, Humphrey, Silver

Nutrition and Wellness SR
State Champion – Ryanna Polenske, Waverly, Gold
State Runner-Up – Elsie Magwire, Boyd County, Gold

Parliamentary Procedure SR
State Champion – Brooke Groth, Emilie Kelley, Brittany Preister, Erin Reynoldson, Destiny Umarger, and Samantha Weeder, Boone Central, Silver
State Runner-Up – Abbey Maibaum, Allison Altwine, Anastacia Suing, Brittany Tramp, Kaley Einrem, Julie Jones, Valerie Kaiser, Jessica Lange, Crofton, Silver

Promote and Publicize FCCLA! JR
State Champion – Laynee Boltz, Lisselle Lucas, and Elio Nila, Maxwell, Silver
State Runner-Up – Ella Hostetler, Milford, Silver

Promote and Publicize FCCLA! SR
State Champion – Conner Oberhauser, Nic Euse, Alexis Cherry, Twin River, Gold
State Runner-Up – Paige Ervin, Kaelie Tomlin, Abby Andrews, Cambridge, Silver

Recycle and Redesign JR
State Champion – Kade Youngblood, Chambers, Silver
State Runner-Up – Kennan Robinson, David City, Silver

Recycle and Redesign SR
State Champion – Jenny Goesch, Boyd County, Gold
State Runner-Up – Kyler Horn, Brady County, Gold
Say Yes to FCS Education

State Champion – Josiah Gonzales, Scottsbluff, Gold
State Runner-Up – Mackynna Gross, Seward, Silver

Sports Nutrition JR

State Champion – Wyatt Ehlers, Chamber, Gold
State Runner-Up – Brooklyn Macholan, Lilly Praest, and Ashlynn Throener, Howells-Dodge, Gold

Sports Nutrition SR

State Champion – Emma Bixler, Neligh-Oakdale, Gold
State Runner-Up – Audrey Coufal, Cara Dvorak, and Janessa Schmidt, Howells-Dodge, Gold

Teach and Train JR

State Champion – Cassidy June, Milford, Silver
State Runner-Up – Lilly Hoerle, Chambers, Silver

Teach and Train SR

State Champion – Skylar Long, Neligh-Oakdale, Gold
State Runner-Up – Camryn Jensens, Seward, Gold

Nebraska FCCLA presented the Adviser Committed to Excellence (ACE) Award to the following local chapter advisers.

Lisa Groth, Boone Central
Canace Cain, Burwell
Reba Deterding, Cambridge
Abigail Smith, Centennial
Kathleen Kennedy, Central Valley
Michelle Irvine, Cozad
Theresa McDowell, Franklin
Marlene Ronnfeldt, Gibbon
Miranda Bright, High Plains
Darla Windholz, Holdrege
Megan Hillen, Leigh-Clarkson
Tracy Way, Lincoln Southwest
Pat Kassmeier, Logan View
Jerlyn Hohnholt, Maxwell
Sheelagh Lucas, Maxwell
Suzanne Martin, Medicine Valley
Joyce Potthoff, Milford
Pam Johnson, Minden
Kimberly Scarborough, Neligh-Oakdale
Ann Mann, O’Neill
Carmen Hall, Omaha Bryan
Angie Ehlers, Overton
Nicki Pedeliski, Platteview
Britton Andreasen, Twin River
Michelle Galles, Wakefield
Mallory Gregory, Waverly
Sarah Medina, West Holt

**Nebraska FCCLA Knowledge Bowl Team Champions:**

Boyd County

**Red and White Affiliation Awards:**

High Plains
Howells-Dodge
Fairbury
Franklin
Twin River
Aurora
Sutton
Cambridge
Nebraska Public Relations Award:
Twin River

Future FCS Teacher Recognition:
Hailey Ostanowski, St. Edward
William Wilton, Centennial
Josiah Gonzales, Scottsbluff
Leslie Aspen, Kearney
Haley Jones, Mullen
Payje Rayback, Leigh-Clarkson
Skylar Long, Neligh-Oakdale
Mallory Kern, Platteview
Emma Torske, Waverly

Say Yes to FCS Collegiate Signing Participants:
Kailey Clatt, Waverly, Fashion Design, Metro Community College
Zoe Cole, Waverly, Textiles, Merchandising and Fashion Design, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Katie Patton, Dietetics, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Sicily Goossen, Platteview, Culinary Arts, Metro Community College
Josiah Gonzales, Scottsbluff, FCS Education, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
William Wilton, Centennial, FCS Education, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Leslie Aspen, Kearney, FCS Education, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Hailey Ostanowski, Saint Edward, FCS Education, Wayne State College
Haley Jones, Education, Chadron State College

Ultimate Leader Award:
Ellery Jett Simpson, Maxwell

Nebraska National Program Awards:
Career Connection – Grand Island Northwest
Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety (FACTS) – Twin River
Families First – Twin River
Financial Fitness – Logan View
Community Service – Boyd County
STOP the Violence – Howells-Dodge
Student Body – Howells-Dodge

Chapter Developer Award:
Howells-Dodge

New Chapter Affiliation Awards:
Hartington-Newcastle
Holdrege
Madison
Omaha Bryan High School

Gold Chapter Awards:
Boyd County
Chase County
Cozad
Franklin
Gibbon
Hemingford
Howells-Dodge
Kearney
Lincoln Southwest
Logan View
Maxwell
Medicine Valley
Neligh-Oakdale
Overton
Plainview
Sutton
Twin River
Wakefield
Waverly

**Silver Chapter Awards:**

Battle Creek
Callaway
Grand Island Northwest
High Plains
Leigh-Clarkson

**Bronze Chapter Awards:**

Bryan High
Dundy County Stratton
Hartington-Newcastle
Holdrege
Humphrey

**Adviser Years of Service Recognition Awards:**

41 Years: Nancy Bartels, Red Cloud

40 Years: Ann Mann, O’Neill; Sherry Smith, Wheeler Central

30 Years: Patricia Kassmeier, Logan View

15 Years: Margo Houlden, Friend

10 Years: Gaylene Hallman, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Mollie Kriz, Wahoo

5 Years: Lyndee Koch, Brady; Alicia Hoffman, Bruning-Davenport; Chelsie Thayer, Chase County; Janice Nelson, Creighton; Ashley Knust, Elkhorn Valley; Joyce Potthoff, Milford; Susan Waldron, Millard West

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