

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**NEBRASKA FCCLA RECOGNIZES STATE LEADERS   
AND AWARD WINNERS**

The Nebraska Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) met for the 71st annual State Leadership Conference April 8-10 at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln.

More than 1,250 students and advisers from 83 Nebraska schools traveled to Lincoln to grow their potential with Nebraska FCCLA. A community service event, “FCCLA Serves,” was held at five community agencies across Lincoln with more than 120 students participating and 594 students participated in STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) competitive events. Students placing first and second in STAR events qualified to compete at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia June 28-July 2.

**The 2018-2019 Nebraska FCCLA State Officers**:

Katie Patton of Milford High School, President

Madeline Wittstruck of Milford High School, Vice-President

Molly Paxton of Mullen High School, Secretary

Sabra Schmidt of Medicine Valley High School, Vice-President of Competitive Events

Yasmine Bender of Humphrey High School, Vice-President of Development

Madison Jones of Mullen High School, Vice-President of Membership

Hailey Bixler of Neigh-Oakdale High School, Vice-President of Programs

Rashell Neefe of Hemingford High School, Vice-President of Public Relations

**The 2018-2019 Nebraska State Peer Officer Teams:**

**Family Leader Team:**

Hanna Marshall of Mullen, Chairperson

Alexis Cherry of Twin River, Vice-Chair

Hannah Hiett of High Plains, Secretary

Kate Zakaras of Elmwood-Murdock, Public Relations

Taylor Schaaf of West Holt, Historian

**Career Leader Team:**

Jadyn Chasek of Mullen, Chairperson

Jensen Curtiss of Alliance, Vice-Chair

Lauren Pinkelman of Bloomfield, Secretary

Zack Thomas of Gibbon, Public Relations

**Community Leader Team:**

Jasmine Tutlam-Hazen of Medicine Valley, Chairperson

Roy Cumming of St. Edward, Vice-Chair

Jaiden Johnson of Bloomfield, Secretary

Alyssa Bell of Milford, Public Relations

Lizabeth Larson of Waverly, Historian

**Nebraska FCCLA Administrator of the Year:**

Collin Bargen, Centennial Public Schools Principal

Maxwell Public School Administrative Team: Todd Rhodes, Dan Jensen, Missy Friend

**Nebraska FCCLA Distinguished Service Award:**

Bonnie Hansen, Cozad High School

Ross Butcher, Central Valley Public Schools

**Nebraska FCCLA Spirt of Advising Award:**

Tracy Way, Lincoln Southwest

**Nebraska FCCLA Master Adviser Award**

Nicki Pedeliski, Platteview High School

**Honorary Membership Award**

Erin Rea – Love Adelyn Foundation, Lincoln

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

**Advocacy JR**

State Champion - Payton Fitchner and Madison Reeves, St. Edward, Gold

State Runner-Up - Sophia Birch, Milford, Gold

**Advocacy SR**

State Champion - Valeria Perez and Matthew Wendell, Perkins County, Silver

State Runner-Up - Hailey Schademan, Boone Central, Silver

**Applied Math for Culinary Management SR**

State Champion - Angel Sweeney, David City, Silver

State Runner-Up -Karen Ruiz and Jacob Woodmancy, Perkins County, Bronze

**Career Investigation JR**

State Champion -Jenny Goesch, Boyd County, Gold

State Runner-Up -Taylor Svoboda, Mullen, Gold

**Career Investigation SR**

State Champion -Hannah Pearson, Thedford, Gold

State Runner-Up -Hannah Pederson, Aurora, Gold

**Chapter in Review Display SR**

State Champion -Claire Harrison, Franklin, Gold

State Runner-Up -Isadora Schwab, Fairbury, Gold

**Chapter in Review Portfolio JR**

State Champion -Alexis Butterfield and Ryann Haburchak, Chambers, Gold

State Runner-Up -Kaycee Boltz and Emma Siemek, Maxwell, Silver

**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 -Abby Lawton, Overton, Gold

State Runner-Up -Natalie Reeg and Whitney Schmidt, Twin River, Gold

**Chapter Service Project Display SR**

State Champion -Yasmine Bender, Triniti Gembica, and Mikayla Martensen, Humphrey, Gold

State Runner-Up -Karen Haussermann and Mikayla Weiss, Franklin, Gold

**Chapter Service Project Portfolio JR**

State Champion -Mercedes Heckert, Neligh-Oakdale, Gold

State Runner-Up -Trista Degross, Bailey Desrosiers, and Jaycie Stout, Burwell, Silver

**Chapter Service Project Portfolio SR**

State Champion -Sheldon Johnson and Hope Stone, Medicine Valley, Gold

State Runner-Up - Sidney Enochs and Jaycee Wallace, Overton, Silver

**Culinary Arts Occupational**

State Champion - Preston Clapp, Yajaira Castillo, and Aubrey Jensen, Ralston, Gold

State Runner-Up -Tyler Jaixen, Anthony Gayton, and Jordan Heim, Plattsmouth, Silver

**Early Childhood Education Occupational**

State Champion - Mariah McKeeman, Maxwell, Silver

**Entrepreneurship JR**

State Champion - Chloe Soltis and Mercedes Peterson, Chase County, Silver

State Runner-Up - Alec Janousek, Platteview, Bronze

**Entrepreneurship SR**

State Champion - Hannah Jenkins and Chloe Carlson, Arapahoe, Gold

State Runner-Up - Emma Hoffschnieder, Burwell, Gold

**Environmental Ambassador JR**

State Champion - Cade Farewell and Ellie Metschke, Chambers, Silver

**Fashion Construction SR**

State Champion - April Johnson, Boone Central, Gold

State Runner-Up - Ashtynn Putnam, Minden, Gold

**Fashion Design SR**

State Champion - Zoe Cole, Waverly, Gold

State Runner-Up - Bailey Johnson, Alliance, Silver

**Focus on Children JR**

State Champion - Alex Schemek, Jacob Sjuts, and Jason Sjuts, Humphrey, Gold

State Runner-Up - Erin Ladkamer and Cassidy June, Milford, Gold

**Focus on Children SR**

State Champion - Katie Swan, Emily Bryant, and Macy Holtam, Elkhorn, Gold

State Runner-Up - Moriah Aberle, Franklin, Gold

**Food Innovations JR**

State Champion - Kaylee Hilbers and Kaitlin Mundil, Logan View, Gold

State Runner-Up - Emmalee Harder, Baylie Shearer, and Jenna Albers, Randolph, Gold

**Food Innovations SR**

State Champion - Kiersten Wheelr and Joseph Hiatt, Boyd County, Gold

State Runner-Up - Lexi Simants and Miguel Reese, Brady, Gold

**Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation SR**

State Champion - Haley Jones, Mullen, Gold

State Runner-Up - Colton Gieselman, Bloomfield, Silver

**Illustrated Talk JR**

State Champion - Daisy Kanode, Exeter-Milligan, Gold

State Runner-Up - Kelsey Osborn and Harlie Pinkerman, O’Neill, Gold

**Illustrated Talk SR**

State Champion - Alex Brestel, Kalli Kayl,and Bailey Reed, Boyd County, Gold

State Runner-Up - Jaclynn Butler, Maxwell, Gold

**Interior Design SR**

State Champion - Chris Bialas, Humphrey, Gold

State Runner-Up - Sara Zimmerman, Platteview, Gold

**Interpersonal Communications JR**

State Champion - Calli Weston, Overton, Gold

State Runner-Up - Taylor Schaaf, West Holt, Silver

**Interpersonal Communications SR**

State Champion - Hailey Bixler and Emma Bixler, Neligh-Oakdale, Gold

State Runner-Up - Grace Ellis and Trenton Brown, Waverly, Gold

**Job Interview SR**

State Champion - Alice McDonald, Aurora High School, Gold

State Runner-Up - Jordan Wilbur, Franklin High School, Gold

**Leadership SR**

State Champion - Hannah Horne, Exeter-Milligan, Silver

State Runner-Up - Madison Jones, Mullen, Silver

**Life Event Planning JR**

State Champion - Aleesha Bergman, Neligh-Oakdale, Gold

State Runner-Up - Irelyn Rosfeld, Callaway, Gold

**Life Event Planning SR**

State Champion - Hayley Vitosh, Chase County, Gold

State Runner-Up - Edgar Torres and Amandeep Cheema, Scottsbluff, Gold

**National Programs in Action JR**

State Champion - Kennedi Covert and Katrina Borowiak, Twin River, Gold

State Runner-Up - Dream Daugherty, Kaitlyn Heinke, and Mandi Biekert, Logan View, Silver

**National Programs in Action SR**

State Champion - Andrea Jackson and Madison Yelken, Franklin High School, Gold

State Runner-Up - Ireylnd Pearson, Twin River, Gold

**Nebraska Consumer Issues JR**

State Champion - Braiden Moss, Burwell, Gold

State Runner-Up - Stephanie Magnuson, Overton, Gold

**Nebraska Family Challenges & Issues**

State Champion - Harley Cahot, Chloe Kaufman, and Hailey Scofield, O’Neill, Gold

State Runner-Up - Tara Beckmann, Blake Byerly, and Andrew Hochsteine, Bloomfield, Gold

**Nebraska Family Challenges and Issues SR**

State Champion - Courtney Abbott, Wheeler County, Gold

State Runner-Up - Emilee Taylor, Burwell, Silver

**Nebraska Health and Wellness JR**

State Champion - Jenae Whitaker, Chambers, Gold

State Runner-Up - Alexus Sindelar, Pierce, Silver

**Nebraska Health and Wellness SR**

State Champion - Tiffany Mayfield, Burwell, Gold

State Runner-Up - Grace Sommer and Scarlett Shifflett, Maxwell, Gold

**Nebraska Parliamentary Procedure**

State Champion - Alexis Schnoor, Piece, Bronze

State Runner-Up - Jett Simpson, Maxwell, Bronze

**Nutrition and Wellness JR**

State Champion with a gold-Wyatt Ehlers, Chambers

State Runner-Up with a silver-Sara Morrow, O’Neill

**Nutrition and Wellness SR**

State Champion - Ashley Robinson, Nebraska City, Gold

State Runner-Up - Leslie Aspen, Kearney. Gold

**Parliamentary Procedure SR**

State Champion - Jenna Ebbers, Alexandra Farmer, Maria Jauken, Gregg Leplatt, Ryann Lewis, Megan Mowry, Kayla Mues, and Kaelie Tomlin, Cambridge, Silver

State Runner-Up - Halie Andreasen, Maggie Cleveland, Brook Groth, and Destiny Umbarger, Boone Central, Silver

**Promote and Publicize FCCLA! JR**

State Champion - Kiryn Kayl, Andrea Hipke, and Kaci Mashino, Boyd County, Silver

State Runner-Up - Tessa Metschke and Mary Walnofer, Chambers, Silver

**Promote and Publicize FCCLA! SR**

State Champion - Josiah Gonzaels, Scottsbluff, Silver

State Runner-Up - Jessi Brester, Tonya Brester, and Erin Prusa, Howells-Dodge, Silver

**Recycle and Redesign JR**

State Champion - Kyler Horn, Brady, Gold

State Runner-Up - Ashley Pischel, O’Neill, Gold

**Recycle and Redesign SR**

State Champion - Caitlin Murphy, Exeter-Milligan, Gold

State Runner-Up - Kim Hines, Creighton, Gold

**Sports Nutrition JR**

State Champion - Audrey Coufan, Cara Dvorake, and Janessa Schmidt, Howells-Dodge, Gold

State Runner-Up - Alex Neefe, Hemingford, Silver

**Sports Nutrition SR**

State Champion - Vianna Smith, Aurora, Gold

State Runner-Up - Alyssa Coufal and Taya VanLengen, Howells-Dodge, Gold

**Teach and Train JR**

State Champion - Kade Youngblood, Chambers, Gold

State Runner-Up - Alexis Richmond, Chase County, Silver

**Teach and Train SR**

State Champion - Madison Glendy, Hemingford, Gold

State Runner-Up - Cole Martinez, David City, Gold

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

Theresa McDowell, Franklin

Candace Cain, Burwell

Tracy Way, Lincoln Southwest

Michelle Galles, Wakefield

Angie Ehlers, Overton

Ann Mann, O’Neill

Jerlyn Hohnholt, Maxwell

Sheelagh Lucas, Maxwell

Virginia Whidden, St. Edward

Kelli Walz, Callaway

Suzanne Martin, Medicine Valley

Marla Prusa, Howells-Dodge

Sandy Bongers, East Butler

Kimberly Scarborough, Neligh-Oakdale

Mallory Gregory, Waverly

Kathleen Kennedy, Central Valley

Lisa Groth, Boone Central

Chelsey Greene, Aurora

Pat Kassmeier, Logan View

**Nebraska FCCLA Knowledge Bowl Team Champions:**

*Maxwell – Champions*

**Red and White Affiliation Awards:**

Battle Creek

Plainview

Howells-Dodge

O’Neill

Perkins County

**Nebraska Public Relations Award:**

Twin River

**Future FACS Teacher Recognition:**

Yasmine Bender, Humphrey

Danika Cumming, Maxwell

Jamie Janousek, Platteview

Grace King, Millard South

Cole Martinez, David City

Hailey Ostanowski, St. Edward

Kelsey Reiman, Boyd County

William Wilton, Centennial

**Say Yes to FCS Collegiate Signing Participants:**

Kelsey Reiman, FACS Education, Wayne State College, Boyd County

Brandon Caha, Culinary Arts, Johnson & Wales University, Lincoln Southwest

Danika Cumming, FACS Education, Chadron State College, Maxwell

Mariah McKeeman, Early Childhood Education, Eastern Wyoming Community College, Maxwell

Jamie Janousek, FACS Education, Wayne State College, Platteview

Maddi Miller, Early Childhood Education, Wayne State College, Platteview

Lexi Belt, Interior Design, Metro Community College, Platteview

**Ultimate Leader Award:**

Jordan Bidwell, Overton

**Nebraska National Program Awards:**

**Career Connection** – Howells-Dodge

**Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety (FACTS) –** Dundy County-Stratton

**Families First –** Twin River

**Financial Fitness –** Gibbon

**Community Service –** Elkhorn South

**STOP the Violence –** Humphrey

**Student Body –** Aurora

**Chapter Developer Awards:**

1st Place: O’Neill

2nd Place: Howells-Dodge

3rd Place: Overton

**Gold Chapter Awards:**

Aurora

Chase County

Cozad

Elkhorn South

Franklin

Gibbon

Hemingford

Howells-Dodge

Humphrey

Lincoln Southwest

Maxwell

Medicine Valley

Neligh-Oakdale

Ord

Overton

Plainview

St. Edward

Sutton

Waverly

**Silver Chapter Awards:**

Battle Creek

Callaway

Dundy County-Stratton

Kearney

Twin River

Wakefield

West Point-Beemer Jr. High

West Point-Beemer High

**Adviser Years of Service Recognition Awards:**

35 Years: Marla Prusa, Howells-Dodge

30 Years: Cathy Oschner, Perkins County

20 Years: Mary Lou Vossler, Exeter-Milligan; Lisa Johnson, Plattsmouth; Kimberly Scarborough, Neligh-Oakdale

15 Years: Lisa Groth, Boone Central

10 Years: Angie Ehlers, Overton; Pam Johnson, Minden

5 Years: Mallory Gregory, Waverly

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