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Farewell From the President

Hello Everyone,

Wow, I still can't believe that this past year has flown by so fast. There were so many fun and electrifying events that we all had the opportunity to experience. The best part of all is that at each and every one of them the opportunity to learn something new was always presented.

During the National Leadership Meeting, Regional Leadership Meetings, and the State Leadership Conference members enjoyed the variety of interesting workshops, keynote speakers, competing in STAR Events, participating in our state-wide community service project Feeding America, and meeting so many new people. At each of these meetings a new possibility of experiencing excellence was within each of our members grasp. Hopefully, each and every one of you jumped with both feet forward to take that chance and truly learn what this past year's theme, "Excellence Electrified," was all about. One thing that I hope all members learned from this year is that our successes, dreams, and hard work do not stop here. Our Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America

organization is the building block to encourage all of you to take everything you have gained and put it towards your future. All of the wonderful memories and lessons will be so useful because this year, this chapter of our lives has ended which only means that another is just beginning. For some this means another school year and being a member of FCCLA; for others graduation, becoming an Alumni and Associates Please see **PRESIDENT** on Page 3



2008-2009 PA FCCLA State Officers

Keep Your Membership Electrified

Membership is the basis to what FCCLA truly is! If your membership is down in the dumps, I hope my ideas can help you along the way. In my previous Hotline articles, I have spoken about the "3 R's of Membership" and also ways to humor and keep your members interested. These are all perfect ways to get your members enthused, but there are many ideas and not these alone. If you need new ideas, always ask for help; you could always ask

your members what they want to do. Bring in new ideas to your chapter and get some outside help. There are many brilliant people that help run FCCLA. You could always ask your Vice President of Membership or the State Facilitator. One idea includes assemblies; show your members what your chapter does best. Get new members involved! Ask them what they want to do and what things they want from FCCLA. Always keep a fresh mind and

try many new things. Go to state and national conferences and always have fun with FCCLA!

It has been a great honor to be your 2008-2009 Vice President of Membership and I hope my ideas and gestures have helped your chapter throughout the year!

Jarrett Miller
2008-2009 PA FCCLA
Vice President of
Membership

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Go Beyond the Label at this year's National Leadership Conference

Get ready to put your boots on as FCCLA goes into full swing in Nashville, Tennessee on July 12-16. Besides STAR Events, a great Keynote address, workshops, and USA State Officer Academy, there is much more going on in the Country Music Capital of the World.

There is the General Jackson Boat Cruise that sails down the Cumberland River with lively entertainment for the whole family. The Grand Ole Opry, right next door, is world renowned for being the heart of the country music and has had country stars performing on the

stage for over 85 years! Of course, there is the Country Music Hall of Fame and many places where you may even learn how to line dance! Make sure to bring your bathing suits for the Tuesday night Beach party! Finally, after the Closing Session, you and your friends can dance the night away at the Gala Wednesday evening. Do you want to ROCK in Nashville this summer? I hope I see you all there!

Ashley Oliver

2008-2009 Chairperson of Development

2009 Pennsylvania STAR Events National Team

FOUNDATIONAL STAR EVENTS

Applied Technology-- Kiersten Steele, Kiersten Mullins, Tiffany Hale-York County School of Technology Early Childhood B; **Career Investigation**--Emily Kirk-Cambria Heights Middle School; Kate Peterson-Cedar Crest High School; **Entrepreneurship**--Alyssa Beagle, Lyssa Rupert-Danville High School; Alexandra Jany-Lehigh Career and Technical Institute CAP Child Care; **Focus on Children**--Elizabeth Schweiger, Shaina Sclesky-Cambria Heights Middle School; Adriana Vazquez, Tracey Rodriguez-Pocono Mountain East High School; Alica Bastress, Melissa Gotthard-Shumate, Staci Sweigart-Cumberland Perry Child Care PM; **Illustrated Talk**--Lalitha Durlin-Warrior Run Middle School; Brittany Bird, Taylor Rupert-Danville High School; Lacy Cochran-Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center PM; **Interpersonal Communications**--Marki Schaefer, Sierra Crowell-Cambria Heights Middle School; Kimberly Spike-Cedar Crest High School; Felicia Seebold, Samuel Miller-Cumberland Perry Child Care PM; **Job Interview**--Lacey Vallery-Cambria Heights Senior High School; Devon Miller-Lehigh Career and Technical Institute Culinary Arts PM; **Life Event Planning**--Alyssa Wills-Cambria Heights Middle School; Brad Mikitko-Cambria Heights Senior High School; Alex Medlar-Pottstown High School; **National Programs in Action**--Ashleigh Sheets, Gianna Reynolds-Warrior Run Middle School; Heather Lechleitner, Katie Gregory-Northwest Area Senior High and Middle School; Chelsie Lang-Berks Career and Technology Center East OCD AM; **Parliamentary Procedure**--Alex Schriefer, Breana Gilkinson, Kaitlyn Burns, Nikki Johnson, Ryan Hoelke-North East High School; **Recycle and Redesign**--Julie Bush-Warrior Run Middle School

LEADERSHIP STAR EVENTS

Chapter Service Project Display--Katie Adkins, Cruz Hassler-James Buchanan High School Senior Chapter; Melissa Harlan-South Williamsport Junior Senior High School; Angela Lopez, Shannon Patrick, Ashley Weiss-Cumberland Perry Child Care PM; Brittany Smith, Desiree' Rogers, Elena Hernandez-York County School of Technology Early Childhood B; **Chapter Service Project Manual**--Ashley Angle, Tori Nolan-James Buchanan High School Junior Chapter; Denise Garver, Hanna Wooley-Mohawk High School; Sierra Deangelo, Hillary Flook, Jacqueline Hohl-South Williamsport Junior Senior High School; Catherine Lang, Theresa Lockhoff-Western Center for Technical Studies; Candida Kingston-Columbia Montour Area Vocational Technical School; **Chapter Showcase Display**--Jacob Smith, Scott Krug-Cambria Heights Senior High School; Taylor Burnham-North East High School; Bryana Gates, Crystal Garner, Katelyn Hallman-Center for Arts and Technology Pickering PM; Brandi Davis-Columbia-Montour Area Vocational Technical School; **Chapter Showcase Manual**--Charles Timmons, Rebecca Starliper-James Buchanan High School Senior Chapter; Briana Miller, Brittany Rossi, Caitlin Mierzejewski-Berks Career and Technology Center West PM; KateLynne Shaak; Heather Schwenk; Jennifer Hornickell-Lebanon County Career and Technology Center

CAREER PREPARATION STAR EVENTS

Culinary Arts--Samantha Cancro-Lehigh Career and Technical Institute Commercial Baking; Juana Mauras-Pottstown High School; Cody Fisher-Berks Career and Technology Center West PM; **Early Childhood**--Brittany Bowers-Northumberland County Career and Technology Center; **Hospitality**--Colby Hunter, Courtney Myers-Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center PM; **Interior Design**--Ashley Seneta, Kristen Bonaminio-North East High School

NEW STAR EVENTS

Promote and Publicize FCCLA!--Brady Millin-West Forest Junior Senior High School;

Teach and Train--Lauren Hall-Sun Valley High School; Aida Santos-York County School of Technology Early Childhood B

STAR EVENTS PROCRASTINATION

So how many times have you said it, "I know, I know, I will get it done..."? However, it is the night before you present at State Leadership Conference and you are still trying to put the finishing touches on the

STAR Event project. There is no printer, no one to answer questions about the project and you haven't even practiced your presentation yet!

Well that might have been the case just before the Mini

Star Events Affair, but you had no excuses for States, if you had attended the Mini Star Event Affair and received a preliminary evaluation from our fantastic judges!

I know I took advantage of the opportunity to present and

I earned a Gold. The Mini STAR Events Affair has been a work in progress throughout my year as a State Officer. This goal was reached when the Mini STAR Event Affair was held at Warrior Run Please see **MINI** Page 6

2009-2010 State Officers of Pennsylvania Association Family, Career and Community Leaders of America

The 2009-2010 State Executive Council has begun their term of service to PA FCCLA. At the time of the State Leadership Conference, there were eight state officer candidates: three from the Central Region, two from the Eastern Region, and three from the Western Region. All eight candidates were elected to office at the conference. One vacancy was left, and by vote of the new State Executive Council, Jarrett Miller was elected as State Officer At Large. The following are your 2009-2010 State Executive Council:

Serving the membership are: State President-Ethan Deitrich, Catasauqua High School; First Vice President and Western Region Chairperson-Jarrett Miller, West Forest Jr/Sr High School; Secretary-Jacqueline Neff, Charleroi Area High

School; Vice President of Meetings-Spencer Johnson, Columbia-Montour Area Vocational Technical School; Vice President of Recognition-Amanda Morales, A. W. Beattie Career Center; Vice President of Membership-Jared Sullenberger, Charleroi Area High School; Vice President of Public Relations and Central Region Chairperson-Julie Bush, Warrior Run High School; Vice President of National Programs-Lalitha Durlin, Warrior Run High School; Vice President of Elections and Eastern Region Chairperson, Nathan Morrissey, Catasauqua High School. There were no candidates for Vice President of Middle Level Chapters. The State Executive Council Advisers are: Eugenia Emert, Mary Alyce Knauff, Kathleen Funkhouser, Sally Matje, Deborah Dobies, and Deborah Waughen.

Welcome New Members to the Board of Directors

Recently, three members of the Board of Directors were recognized for milestone Years of Service. Sally Everhart has served twenty years; Jon Horton and Sue Fisher were recognized for fifteen years of service. The Board of Directors acknowledged with appreciation the service of Lois Nunnermacker for her many years of representing the Middle Level Advisers on the Board of Directors.

Five new members are welcomed to the Board of Directors. They are Lynn Beach, Business and Industry Fashion Merchandising; Jane Berry, Teacher Educator; Gary Fedorcha, Vocational Administrator Representative; John T. O'Connell, Jr, Culinary Arts; and Nadine Standley representing Hotel Management. Elected to another term are Western Region Adviser Representatives, Mary Alyce Knauff and Jeanne Lamb; and Eastern Region Adviser Representative, Eugenia Emert. The new student representatives are State President, Ethan Deitrich; and Vice President of Membership, Jared Sullenberger. Kathleen Funkhouser will also serve one year, ex-officio, as Jared's adviser.

Others serving on the Board of Directors are Jon Horton, William Beardsley, Carol Brann, Elberta Clinton, Lynnette Dallmann, Brad Ferko, Jean Kelleher, Sally Matje, Joan McNew, Gregory Nothstein, Cathy Rummel, and Brandy Wright.

Contact Cathy Rummel with nominations for the following vacancies: one Vocational School Administrator and one Eastern Region Adviser.

State Leadership Conference

This year marked the 63rd Annual PA FCCLA State Leadership Conference. This year's conference was on March 18th-20th, 2009 at the Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center in Lancaster, PA. This year's theme was Excellence Electrified. The State Executive Council acted as the cast of *Grease* to begin the First General Session, which gave an interesting twist to the theme. There were greetings presented from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and from the National FCCLA organization to all the FCCLA members, advisers and guests. This was a great beginning to the conference.

The Keynote address shortly followed the regional meetings. The keynote address was titled, "The Magic of Your Potential", given by Mr. Tim Piccirillo. He kept the audience's attention by telling them his story of living with Tourettes Syndrome and what saved his life from depression. The key that saved his life

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member, working, and college are all right around the corner. Even so, whichever path you face, never forget those life lessons FCCLA has taught you because no matter where life takes you those lessons and memories will help pave the way to your future. A piece of advice I would like to leave as my final motivation for all of you this year, is to always follow your dreams and remember exactly where you want to pave your way through life. No matter what others tell you and the obstacles you may have to face, having ambition and a dream is never something that should be given up. Nothing is ever impossible because hard work and determination will get everyone wherever their dreams take them. Personally, this past has been such an honor for serving as your 2008 – 2009 Pennsylvania FCCLA State President along with the rest of the State Executive Council. I hope you all gained many great memories at all of the different meetings and activities that were participated in throughout the year.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Motto
2008 – 2009 Pennsylvania FCCLA State President



2009 STAR Events Medal Results

FOUNDATIONAL EVENTS

Applied Technology--*GOLD*-Kiersten Steele, Kiersten Mullins, Tiffany Hale-York County School of Technology Early Childhood B

Career Investigation--*GOLD*-Ashley Kovall-Cambria Heights Senior High School; Kate Pererson-Cedar Crest High School; Emily Roat-Warrior Run High School; *SILVER*-Emily Kirk-Cambria Heights Middle School; Shane Scott-Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center PM; Michelle Waughen-Montgomery Area High School; Katie Lewis-Pocono Mountain East High School; *BRONZE*-Nicole Renwick-North East High School

Entrepreneurship--*GOLD*-Alexandra Jany-Lehigh Career and Technical Institute; *SILVER*- Shardai Gans-A. W. Beattie Career Center AM; Anika Kennedy, George Evans, Krista Lewchenko-Beaver County Career and Technology Center AM; Nicholas Schaeffer-Berks Career and Technology Center West AM; Jacqueline Neff, Janice Camut, Kaitlin McAlister-Charleroi Area High School; Alyssa Beagle, Lyssa Rupert-Danville High School; Rachel Gollhardt, Jeffrey Feath-North East High School; *BRONZE*- John Anderson, Michele Mehalic-Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center PM

Focus on Children--*SILVER*-Paige Parker-Berks Career and Technology Center West AM; Elizabeth Schweiger, Shaina Slesky-Cambria Heights Middle School; Alica Bastress, Melissa Gotthard-Shumate, Staci Sweigart-Cumberland Perry Area Vocational Technical School Child Care PM; Ashley Hoffman, Christine Schrader, Yanina Gonzalez-Delaware County Technical School Folcroft; Kirsten Fegley, Kristy Reis-Lehigh Career and Technical Institute; Callie Wallace, Erin McConahy-Mohawk High School; Adrianna Vazquez, Tracey Rodriguez-Pocono Mountain East High School; Amanda Lewis, Nakoa Baker-York County School of Technology Early Childhood A; *BRONZE*-Ashlee Hecker, Cheyenne Contsicos-Berks Career and Technology Center East OCD AM; Laura Helsel-Jersey Shore Area High School; Hannah Brouse, Samantha Reed-Warrior Run High School; Brianna Evans, Dakota McNew-York County School of Technology Early Childhood B

Illustrated Talk--*GOLD*-Lacy Cochran-Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center; *SILVER*-Sarah Bensinger-Northumberland County Career and Technology Center; Lalitha Durlin-Warrior Run Middle School; Cassandra Lunger-Columbia-Montour Area Vocational Technical School; Brittany Bird, Taylor Rupert-Danville High School; Ashleigh Raugh-Lehigh Career and Technical Institute; Amanda Firth, Kayla Smith-York County School of Technology Early Childhood A; *BRONZE*-Harley Noss, Skylla McLaughlin, Jeffrey Metcalf-Beaver County Career and Technology Center PM; Kayla Nevil, Rachel Rinehart-Mifflinburg High School; Tonya Hillegass-Pottstown High School

Interpersonal Communications--*GOLD*-Kimberly Spike-Cedar Crest High School; *SILVER*-Marki Schaefer, Sierra Crowell-Cambria Heights Middle School; Hayley Kay, Samantha Zampetti-Danville High School; Blair Elmugo, Madison Bratcher-Pocono Mountain East High School; *BRONZE*-Felicia Seebold, Samuel Miller-Cumberland Perry Area Vocational Technical School Child Care PM

Job Interview--*GOLD*-Lacey Vallery-Cambria Heights Senior High School; Jasmine Allamon-Cumberland Perry Area Vocational Technical School Child Care PM; Devon Miller-Lehigh Career and Technical Institute; Shelbi Spriggle-Mifflinburg High School; *SILVER*- Brittany Caldwell-A. W. Beattie Career Center PM; Jarred Reinert-Berks Career and Technology Center East Culinary Arts AM; Cortney Grenier-Columbia-Montour Area Vocational Technical School; Tametria Clark-Delaware County Technical School Folcroft; Brandon Brinkley-Pottstown High School; Maria Cisneros-Reading Muhlenberg Career and Technology Center; Kelsey Ewing-Western Center for Technical Studies; *BRONZE*-Stacey Hughes-Northumberland County Career and Technology Center

Life Event Planning--*SILVER*-Alyssa Wills-Cambria Heights Middle School; Brad Mikitko-Cambria Heights Senior High School; Darnell Dargan, Giovanni Ambert, Vianni Correa-Pocono Mountain East High School; Megan Farrell-West Forest Junior Senior High School; *BRONZE*-Alex Medlar-Pottstown High School

National Programs in Action--*GOLD*-Chelsie Lang-Berks Career and Technology Center East OCD AM; Heather Lechleitner, Katie Gregory-Northwest Area Senior High and Middle School; Devin Hayostek, Janelle Wills-Cambria Heights Senior High School; *SILVER*-Stefanie Little-Berks Career and Technology Center West AM; Kayla Bonaminio, Kristen Neff-North East High School; Kierstin Steer, Shelby Straub-South Williamsport Junior Senior High School; Ashleigh Sheets, Gianna Reynolds-Warrior Run Middle School; *BRONZE*-Alyssa Greeney-Mifflinburg High School;

Parliamentary Procedure--*BRONZE*-Alex Schriefer, Breana Gilkinson, Kaitlyn Burns, Nikki Johnson, Ryan Hoelke-North East High School

Recycle and Redesign--*GOLD*-Julie Bush-Warrior Run Middle School; *SILVER*-Loren Schweiger-Cambria Heights Middle School; *BRONZE*-Molly Hayden-West Forest Junior Senior High School

LEADERSHIP EVENTS

Chapter Service Project Display--*GOLD*-Bethany Leo-A. W. Beattie Career Center AM; Travis Born-Cambria Heights Senior High School; Vincent Parrish-Cambria Heights Senior High School; Ashley White, Darise Matthews-Smith-Center for Arts and Technology Brandywine AM; Dawn Kotchman, Larry Pierce, Verneia Ross-Charleroi Area High School; Angela Lopez, Shannon Patrick, Ashley Weiss-Cumberland Perry Area Vocational Technical School Child Care PM; Katie Adkins, Cruz Hassler-James Buchanan High School; Ashley Sims, Kira Uhler-Lebanon County Career and Technology Center; Melissa Harlan-South Williamsport Junior Senior High School; Amber, Roelke-York County School of Technology Early Childhood A; Brittany Smith, Desiree' Rogers, Elena Hernandez-York County School of Technology Early Childhood B; *SILVER*-Hannah Berlin, Shawn Knopsnider, Jasmine Patel-Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center

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Chapter Service Project Manual--*GOLD*-Denise Garver, Hanna Wooley-Mohawk High School; Dianna Baker, Jessica Blessel, Katelynn Foster-Shanksville-Stonycreek School District; *SILVER*-Katie Collins, Julie Young-Center for Arts and Technology Brandywine PM; Candida Kingston-Columbia-Montour Area Vocational Technical School; Ashley Kitner, Heather Arnold-Cumberland Perry Area Vocational Technical School Child Care PM; Ashley Angle-Huntingdon County Career and Technology Center; Tori Nolan-James Buchanan High School Junior Chapter; Sierra Deangelo, Hillary Flook, Jacqueline Hohl-South Williamsport Junior Senior High School; Catherine Lang, Theresa Lockhoff-Western Center for Technical Studies

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CAREER EVENTS

Culinary Arts--*GOLD*-Samantha Cancro-Lehigh Career and Technical Institute; Juana Mauras-Pottstown High School; Cody Fisher-Berks Career and Technology Center West PM; *SILVER*-Michael Ledonne-A. W. Beattie Career Center AM; Jackie Boyle-Beaver County Career and Technology Center AM; George Allison-Beaver County Career and Technology Center PM; Matthew Reilly-Berks Career and Technology Center East Culinary Arts AM; Katie Moore-Berks Career and Technology Center East Culinary Arts PM; Charlie Moronski-Center for Arts and Technology Pickering PM; Alan Kantorik-Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center AM; JD Baughman-Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center; Shane Walls-Delaware County Technical School Folcroft; Jacob Sharp-Huntingdon County Career and Technology Center AM; Jessica Sweet-Jersey Shore Area High School; Carl Weaver-Lehigh Career and Technical Institute; Antonio Inzillo-Lehigh Career and Technical Institute; Devin Metzger-Lehigh Career and Technical Institute; Sarah Topolski-Northumberland County Career and Technology Center; Jacob Frizzell-Reading Muhlenberg Career and Technology Center; *BRONZE*-Joshua Updegraff-A. W. Beattie Career Center PM; Michael Keisling-Center for Arts and Technology Pickering AM; Stephen Long-Huntingdon County Career and Technology Center PM

Early Childhood--*GOLD*-Brittany Bowers-Northumberland County Career and Technology Center; *SILVER*-Stephanie McNear-Berks Career and Technology Center West PM; Shaleah Whittington-Delaware County Technical School Folcroft; Angela Binner-Lebanon County Career and Technology Center; Erin Koch-Lehigh School Career and Technical Institute Child Care CAP; *BRONZE*-Mersades McClam-Pottstown High School; Paula Calderon-Reading Muhlenberg Career and Technology Center Early Childhood Education; Patricia Russell-Western Center for Technical Studies

Hospitality--*SILVER*-Justine Young, Lauren Mohn-Berks Career and Technology Center East Culinary Arts AM; Courtney Myers, Colby Hunter-Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center; Morgan Wakley-North East High School

Interior Design--*GOLD*-Ashley Seneta, Kristen Bonaminio-North East High School

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BRONZE-Lauren Hall-Sun Valley High School

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Seniors!!! Stay involved and become an Alumni and Associates Member!!



Good job to all of the STAR Events participants!

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE STAR EVENTS

Food and Beverage Service--GOLD- Gunnar Rightnour-Berks Career and Technology Center East Culinary Arts AM; **SILVER-Rebekah Kelly**-Berks Career and Technology Center West PM; **Crystal Flanner**-Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center AM; **Alaina Steadman**-Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center; **Aubrey Pfaff**-Delaware County Technical School Folcroft; **Renee Kauffman**-Huntingdon County Career and Technology Center; **Jessica Moyer**-Lehigh Career and Technical Institute; **Jordan Delgado**-Lehigh Career and Technical Institute; **Louis Gallagher**-Lehigh Career and Technical Institute; **Jonathan Cox**-Lehigh Career and Technical Institute; **Samantha Rozecki**-Pottstown High School; **DaNeisha Hall**-Reading Muhlenberg Career and Technology Center; **BRONZE-Brianna Sanders**-A. W. Beattie Career Center AM; **Audrey Aldridge**-Beaver County Career and Technology Center PM; **Jennifer Griess**-Berks Career and Technology Center East Culinary Arts PM

Pastry Arts Baking--SILVER- Sean Nevins-Huntingdon County Career and Technology Center AM; **Tiffany Watkins**-Huntingdon County Career and Technology Center PM; **Meghan Bradigan**-Northumberland County Career and Technology Center; **BRONZE-Rebecca Sorrells**-A. W. Beattie Career Center AM; **Amanda Morales**-A. W. Beattie Career Center PM; **Ashley Perkins**-Beaver County Career and Technology Center AM; **Cassandra Welsbacher**-Beaver County Career and Technology Center PM; **Aimee Campbell**-Berks Career and Technology Center East Culinary Arts AM; **Gary Stuffle**-Berks Career and Technology Center East Culinary Arts PM; **Todd Wagner**-Center for Arts and Technology Pickering AM; **Ashley Riggle**-Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center; **Brent Smith**-Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center; **Denise Jones**-Columbia-Montour Area Vocational Technical School; **Rhonda Woodson**-Delaware County Technical School Folcroft; **Duane McDonald**-Lehigh Career and Technical Institute; **Samantha Miller**-Lehigh Career and Technical Institute; **Richard Kilpatrick**-Lehigh Career and Technical Institute; **Bryandon Johnston**-Lehigh Career and Technical Institute; **Robyn Richardson**-Pottstown High School; **Alex Godfrey**-Reading Muhlenberg Career and Technology Center; **Jennifer Santos**-Reading Muhlenberg Career and Technology Center;

Pastry Arts Cake Decorating--GOLD- Jessica Hatheway-A. W. Beattie Career Center PM; **SILVER-Samantha Neff**-A. W. Beattie Career Center AM; **Abigail Boustead**-Beaver County Career and Technology Center AM; **Andrew Kasrenbaum**-Berks Career and Technology Center East Culinary Arts AM; **Krista Balkiewicz**-Berks Career and Technology Center West AM; **Shenan Ferrara**-Berks Career and Technology Center West PM; **Laura Lash**-Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center; **Jonathan Santos**-Lehigh Career and Technical Institute; **Kayla Toth**-Lehigh Career and Technical Institute; **Stephanie Strohl**-Lehigh Career and Technical Institute; **Alyssa Lanscak**-Lehigh Career and Technical Institute; **Christine Jurado**-Lehigh Career and Technical Institute; **Hannah Reigle**-Northumberland County Career and Technology Center; **Tabitha Care**-Reading Muhlenberg Career and Technology Center; **BRONZE-Christina Weller**-Berks Career and Technology Center East Culinary Arts PM; **Rob Smith**-Center for Arts and Technology Pickering PM; **Rachel McFadden**-Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center; **Aquilla Summers**-Delaware County Technical School Folcroft; **Yaniliz Hiraldo**-Reading Muhlenberg Career and Technology Center

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High School on Sunday, March 8, 2009. At the event there were eight students representing four school districts and nine evaluators. The students were: Gianna Reynolds, Ashleigh Sheets, Lalitha Durlin, Michele Waughen, Alyssa Greeney, Emily Roat, Shelbi Spriggle, and Julie Bush. The judges were Spencer Johnson, a FCCLA State Officer and a student at Columbia Montour Area Vocational Technical School, Greg Nothstein, the Alumni and Associates Representative on the FCCLA Board of Directors, Justine Bush a former State Officer, Carol Brann, FCCLA Board Secretary and five dedicated teacher evaluators: Mrs. Waughen, Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Finck, Mrs. Cover and Mrs. Terefencko.

A lasagna dinner was held after the awards presentation of mini crystal stars. Follow up and evaluations were conducted. I want to thank everyone who attended and thank the judges that

took the time to come and evaluate.

Everyone who attended the State Leadership Conference did great on their STAR Event. I am going to try to set another Mini STAR Events Affair up in 2010, to help people stop procrastinating and to get their STAR Events done before State Leadership Conference.

Good luck to anyone who is going to Nationals to compete in a STAR Event!

This year was an electrified experience for me as the Vice President of Middle Level Chapters. I hope you have had an "Excellence Electrified" year! Keep up with FCCLA and try to help out in your community!

Julie Bush
2008-2009 Vice President of Middle Level Chapters

National Programs

These chapters completed one or more National Programs and submitted applications to National FCCLA for recognition on the national level by March 1. Congratulations on a job well done!

Career Connection-Northwest Area Senior High and Middle School
Community Service-James Buchanan High School, Mohawk High School, Northwest Area Senior High and Middle School

Student Body-Mohawk High School

Pennsylvania FCCLA chapters are involved in many national programs and are encouraged to complete the online recognition application by March 1 of each school year.

RECOGNITION AT THE 63rd ANNUAL STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Our FCCLA members and advisers have done an electrifying job throughout this year. Pennsylvania FCCLA recognizes these members as well as the people working behind the scenes in order to make the 2009 State Leadership Conference successful for everyone.

Chapter Member of the Year recognizes members who go above and beyond the normal standards in the local chapter. Chapter Membership Bakers Dozen recognizes chapters who have increased their membership from the previous year by 13 members this year. Receiving this recognition were Center for Arts and Technology Pickering PM, South Williamsport Junior Senior High School, and Titusville Middle School.

National Programs 25% Member Participation recognizes chapters in which at least 25% of their members participate in the same national program. Chapters were recognized for participating in the FCCLA National Programs-Career Connection, Community Service, F.A.C.T.S., Families First, Power of One, STOP the Violence, and Student Body. Congratulations to those members and chapters who received these awards at the regional meetings.

At the Annual Business Meeting, the following membership awards were presented: Largest Comprehensive Membership-Knoch High School, Largest Occupational Membership-Delaware County Technical School Folcroft, Largest Regular Middle Level Membership-Pottstown Middle School, Largest Percentage Increase Comprehensive Membership-Sun Valley High School, Largest Percentage Increase Occupational Membership-Berks Career and Technology Center East Culinary Arts AM, Largest Percentage Increase Middle Level Membership-Titusville Middle School, Fifty Plus Membership-Delaware County Technical School Folcroft, Knoch High School, Titusville Middle School. Titusville Middle School was also recognized for one hundred percent family and consumer sciences FCCLA membership. Congratulations to the chapters who received these awards.

At the Banquet program the local chapter service award, state service award, and honorary membership awards were given for state recognition. Advisers also received awards for years of service, the Adviser Mentor Award, the 2009 Spirit of Advising, and the Adviser of the Year. Cathy Rummel, Halifax High School was recognized for serving 30 years as an FCCLA adviser. Deborah Waughen, Warrior Run High School; and Sally Matje, Columbia-Montour Area Vocational Technical School received the Adviser Mentor recognition and Deborah Dobies from A. W. Beattie Career Center was honored with the 2009 Spirit of Advising Award. Adviser Mentors and Spirit of Advising award recipients will also be recognized at the National Leadership Conference. The Central Region Adviser of the Year was Lee Ann Witter-Keefer, James Buchanan High School; Mary Alyce Knauff, Forest Area School District, was recognized as the Western Region Adviser of the Year. The nominations for Adviser of the Year are made by local chapter members. New chapters participated in the Chapter Charter Ceremony. Chapters receiving their Chapter Charter were Bradford Area High School, Central High School, Council Rock North High School, Lehigh Career and Technical Institute SOC Culinary Arts AM, Lehigh Career and Technical Institute SOC Culinary Arts PM, Pottstown Middle School, Reading Muhlenberg Career and Technology Center Baking AM, Reading Muhlenberg Career and Technology Center Baking PM, Reading Muhlenberg Career and Technology Center Culinary Arts AM, Reading Muhlenberg Career and Technology Center Culinary Arts PM, Reading Muhlenberg Career and Technology Center Early Childhood Education, and Shanksville-Stonycreek School District.

The STAR Events medals were awarded and the Pennsylvania National Team was announced at the Third General Session. Congratulations to all of the members and advisers who received awards and an excellent job to every one of you for making the 2009 State Leadership Conference so electrifying!

Reported by Spencer Johnson 2008-2009 State Chairperson of the Central Region

Electrifying Race

During this year's Pennsylvania FCCLA State Leadership Conference one of the electrifying activities that members could participate in was the Electrifying Race! Members raced through the hotel in groups of five, there were thirteen teams, figuring out the clues given to them by state officers, advisers, and alumni as to where the next person would be. The clues were in riddles and the nine questions they had to answer to get the clues were all about FCCLA! It was an exciting hour filled with laughter, exhilaration, and competition that ended when one team won. Congratulations to these winners!

Giuliana Angione
2008-2009 State Secretary

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was the teacher that taught him that he wasn't defined by his disease. It was a great keynote address!

The following day was mostly for STAR Events participants, workshops and exhibits. There were morning and afternoon workshops such as "Leadership is a Choice" by Tim Piccerillo, "NRG/Powered By Choice" By Rebecca Stamet, M.P. H, and "Membership in Motion" by Maureen Gburek, Community Service and many others.

There were also some great career exhibits such as the American Trauma Society and the YTI Career Institute.

The last day of the conference was to recognize all the hard work shown by the STAR Events participants, National STAR Events Team, Advisers, and to install the 2009-2010 State Officers.

It was an honor to have served on the 2008-2009 State Executive Council. This year's State Leadership Conference was very ELECTRIFYING. I hope everyone enjoyed the State Leadership Conference as much as I did. Best wishes to all FCCLA members in the next FCCLA year. Thank You.

Kaydie Mitchell
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2009 PA FCCLA Scholarship Winners

PA FCCLA members were electrified for post-secondary training by receiving scholarship awards from seven colleges and universities totally more than \$230,000. The schools awarding scholarships are: Connecticut Culinary Institute, Carlowe College, Culinary Institute of America, IUP Academy of Culinary Arts, Johnson and Wales University, The Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College, and Sullivan University. Information about available scholarships is posted on the PA FCCLA Website. Scholarships were awarded to winners of STAR Events in Applied Technology, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood, Entrepreneurship, Focus on Children, Food and Beverage Service, Hospitality, Pastry Arts Baking, and Pastry Arts Cake Decorating. Scholarship recipients are:

A. W. Beattie Career Center-Jessica Hatheway, Amanda Morales, Samantha Neff; **Beaver County Career and Technology Center**-George Allison, Anika Kennedy, George Evans, Krista Lewchenko; **Berks Career and Technology Center East Culinary Arts**-Gunnar Rightnour, Katie Moore; Justine Young, Lauren Mohn; **Berks Career and Technology Center West**-Cody Fisher, Stephanie McNear, Nicholas Schaeffer; **Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center**-Alan Kantorik, Laura Lash, Colby Hunter, Courtney Meyers; **Cumberland Perry Area Vocational Technical School**-Alica Bastress, Melissa Gotthard-Shumate, Staci Sweigart; **Delaware County Technical School Folcroft**-Shaleah Whittington, Ashley Hoffman, Christine Schrader, Yanina Gonzalez; **Huntingdon County Career and Technology Center**-Tiffany Watkins, Sean Nevins; **Jersey Shore Area High School**-Jessica Sweet, Laura Helsel; **Lehigh Career and Technical Institute**-Samantha Cancro, Devon Metzger, Antonio Imzillo, Kayla Toth, Louis Gallagher, Jonathan Cox, Jordan Delgado, Erin Koch, Kirstin Fegley, Kristy Reis, Alexandra Jany; **Mohawk High School**-Callie Wallace, Erin McConahy; **North East High School**-Morgan Wakley; **Northumberland Career and Technology Center**-Meghan Bradigan, Brittany Bowers; **Pocono Mountain East High School**-Adrianna Vasquez, Tracey Rodriguez; **Pottstown High School**-Juana Mauras, Robyn Richardson; **Reading Muhlenberg Career and Technology Center**-Jennifer Santos, Alex Godfrey; **York County School of Technology**-Amanda Lewis, Nakoa Baker, Kiersten Steele, Kiersten Mullens, Tiffany Hale

FEEDING AMERICA

Pennsylvania FCCLA's Statewide Community Outreach Project, Feeding America, was very successful at the 2009 State Leadership Conference. Feeding America is the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity. Their mission is to feed America's hungry through a nationwide network of member food banks and engage the country in the fight to end hunger. Feeding America has 200 food banks serving all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The network secures and distributes more than two billion pounds of donated food and grocery products annually. The State Executive Council chose Feeding America because they knew that they would be making a significant difference in people's lives.

Prior to the conference, all chapters were asked to bring in a tally of the amount of food or money they have raised throughout the year and also canned goods to go to the Lancaster area through the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. With each item brought in and dollar amounts chapters received a numbered ticket that they could place in a themed baskets designed by State Officers and a few chapters. Chapters could then place any amount of tickets in a can to a corresponding basket to be able to have a chance to win it.

Chapters were very enthusiastic in the project. A total of over 1,000 items and \$475.00 of raised money were brought in from all over the state. This is a very good amount and support towards the organization. The winners of all eight baskets were announced Thursday night at the banquet and picked up later that night. The next day at the Third General Session, Tara Davis from the Pennsylvania Central Food bank came to accept the donation of PA FCCLA. She was very excited about our organization's effort. She then spoke about hunger across America and the contribution will directly be affecting the local Lancaster Area. Ms. Davis then received the canned goods a short time later and they were put into good use in helping others.

The 2008-2009 State Emphasis Committee and the entire 2008-2009 State Executive Council would like to extend a thank you to all the members who contributed to the Outreach Project at the State Leadership Conference by either bringing in canned goods or money donations and all the chapters who incorporated Feeding America into their communities. Hunger is a direct and apparent problem in our country today but, it can be overcome with continued support such as what PA FCCLA put forth this year. You all have something to be very proud of!

Melissa Dubrawka
2008-2009

Vice President of National Programs