

Utah FCCLA November 2014 Newsletter



Color Your World with FCCLA! Think Outside the Box!



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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

If you would like your chapter to be recognized for all of the wonderful things you're doing in your families, careers, and communities, please send a brief article and picture to the newsletter at utfcclanews@gmail.com!

Chapter Highlight



The Pine View High School FCCLA chapter has been doing great! Their membership numbers have never been higher, and their officers are passionate and excited to see their chapter succeed! They hope to have their school be proud of what FCCLA has done for them.

They are planning a Halloween party for all of their members and anyone interested in joining.

Another event they are planning is a fundraiser for their chapter. This fundraiser is a 5K and waffle run. People will pay \$10.00 as an entry fee, then they will run or walk and enjoy a waffle from the Waffle Love food truck. However, if they don't want to walk or run, they can still buy the waffle for \$15.00. The Pine View FCCLA chapter members are all very excited for this event and hope it will have a great turnout!



Chapter Highlight



Delta High FCCLA is very excited for this year! They have been focusing highly on member recruitment by participating in their school club drive, as well as highly promoting their chapter in their school by having frequent announcements and publicizing all events throughout the school.

This year they have also enjoyed doing service for the city of Delta and surrounding communities. They have been collecting box tops for the local elementary school and helping with the Delta FACS Sterling Scholar's service project by making pillow cases to give to Richfield's Women's Crisis Center.

Delta High's chapter members are very enthusiastic about all the things they hope to accomplish this year. They are very passionate about FCCLA and are looking forward to presenting their STAR Events at Region and State (and hopefully Nationals), as well as attending Clusters this month.

Chapter Highlight



Bonneville High School's theme this year is "FCCLA is Bursting with Color." They tied this theme into their opening social by making cupcakes and letting members decorate them with different frosting colors and allowing members to tie dye shirts or washcloths. Their opening social was a success and they had a great turnout!

Their chapter has big plans for this year! They will be participating in the Make a Wish, No Texting and Driving, Your Community Connection (YCC), and No Kid Hungry campaigns. They plan on doing fundraisers and community service, along with the Mr. Bonneville competition.

To promote STAR Events, They will be hosting a "Night Under the Stars" activity where members will talk about and explain STAR Events.

Their goals this year are to do a service project and club social every quarter, increase membership, and recognize members on a more personal level.

Alumnus Highlight

By **Giovanna Morales, 2013-14 Utah FCCLA VP of National Programs**

FCCLA is a wonderful student organization that has helped me gain confidence, character and integrity. By being a part of FCCLA I have learned that helping others and giving back to the community is something I enjoy doing. I know I will continue to serve the community in any way that I can, but with a degree, the possibilities are endless in helping others even more and with bigger benefits.

I am currently attending the University of Utah and pursuing my career as an architect with a minor in Urban Ecology and Interior Design. I can say that because of my involvement in FCCLA, I have gained leadership skills, made new friends, increased my knowledge, had life-changing experiences, and given meaningful service.

The statement of "Be the good you wish to see in the world" can inspire one to be a positive influence and change circumstances in order to have positive results. My plan is to build houses for the needy and to help restore buildings that were destroyed in natural disasters. I want to create beautiful, functional buildings that help out the community.

Capitol Leadership in Review



By Kayla Orton, Utah FCCLA VP of Community Service and Alesha Hurst, Utah FCCLA VP of Public Relations



As your Utah State Executive Council, we had the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. and attend Capitol Leadership. This experience taught us professionalism and advocacy through the courses we took.

Capitol Leadership is a unique experience for all who attend because it is not a typical conference. Although there were the usual workshops generally associated with meetings, we also had the opportunity to use what we learned in a fun, hands-on way by completing a service project and advocating on Capitol Hill.

FCCLA partnered up with the Lead2Feed program during the trip. By doing so, we were able to participate in a service learning project focused on feeding the hungry. The 129 student leaders who attended from 33 different states joined together to package 10,000 meals for the Capital City Food Bank! We also made 2,000 snack bags for the D.C. Central Kitchen! These food items will be directed toward the hungry in the Washington, D.C. area, so it was a fun and effective way to give back to our host city.



The main reason for attending Capitol Leadership, however, was to advocate for Carl D. Perkins funding, which is what provides money for CTE programs. We were able to talk to staff members for all of Utah's congressmen and explain the importance of CTE and FACS education. We presented statistics and personal stories to help them understand how Perkins funding positively impacts students. Fortunately, all of Utah's senators and representatives are in favor of continuing Perkins funding, so our job wasn't too hard.

At the conclusion of the conference, we found that none of us wanted to leave! We had learned so much and gained so many new friends that going home seemed like a terrible idea. Eventually, we decided we needed to come back. (How could D.C. handle all of us, anyway?) Now we can't wait to share what we've learned with the rest of the Utah FCCLA members!

