



FCCLA SPEAKS



HOLIDAY EDITION

December 2025



President's Message

Hey Idaho FCCLA!

As we head into competition season, I can feel the excitement building. This is the time of year when your hard work, creativity, and dedication truly shine. Whether you're competing in STAR Events, leading service projects, or supporting your peers, every effort you put in reflects what FCCLA is all about—growth, leadership, and making a difference.

While competitions help us grow in huge ways, I want to challenge you to think even bigger. If you've ever looked at leaders in the red blazer and thought, "Maybe that could be me," I'm here to tell you: it absolutely can. Running for state office isn't about being the most experienced—it's about having the heart, the drive, and the willingness to take a chance on yourself.

This season is your moment. Step up. Stand out. And don't be afraid to go after the opportunities that could change your life. If you're even thinking about state office, talk to us—because we believe in you, and we'd love to see one of you take that next step.

Averie Lewis
President



Creative & Effective Holiday Fundraising Ideas

The holiday season is the perfect time for FCCLA chapters to raise money while spreading cheer! Here are a few creative ideas:

Holiday Craft Sale:

Members can create handmade ornaments, wreaths, cards, or small gifts to sell at school or community events.

Gift Wrapping Service:

Offer gift wrapping for a donation at local stores, school events, or community centers.

Holiday Treats and Bake Sales:

Bake and sell cookies, brownies, or other seasonal treats. You can even create festive gift packages.

Themed Photo Booth:

Set up a winter or holiday photo booth at school or community events for a small fee per photo.

Charity Raffle or Silent Auction:

Partner with local businesses to donate prizes and hold a raffle or auction to benefit your chapter.

Community Tie-In:

Combine fundraising with giving back by collecting donations for local shelters or toy drives while hosting an event.

Fundraisers are not only a chance to support your chapter financially, they help members build teamwork, creativity, and leadership skills, all while spreading holiday cheer. Pick an idea that suits your chapter, get creative, and make this holiday season unforgettable!

Hannah Henrie
VP of Finance



Salvation Army Outreach Project



This year Idaho FCCLA is continuing their partnership with The Salvation Army to strengthen communities through service, leadership, and compassion. This partnership gives chapters across the state opportunities to support their local community. This holiday season, we encourage you to reach out to your local Salvation Army and serve your community. Here are some ideas of how your chapter can partner

with The Salvation Army:

- Food Drive
- Clothing Drive
- Holiday Toy Collection
- Hygiene Kit Assembly

Lauren Dobson
First VP



Competition Ready: Preparing for STAR Events

With District STAR Events right around the corner, now is the time to focus on preparation. December is the perfect month to refine your project, organize your materials, and start building confidence for competition day.

Begin by rehearsing—out loud and often. Practice your speech, walk through your visuals, and get comfortable with timing. Present to a friend, adviser, or even your camera. The more familiar you are with your content, the smoother your presentation will feel.



If your event includes a board or portfolio, take time to polish every detail. Double-check formatting, guidelines, captions, and overall organization. Clean, consistent, and professional materials always make a strong impression.

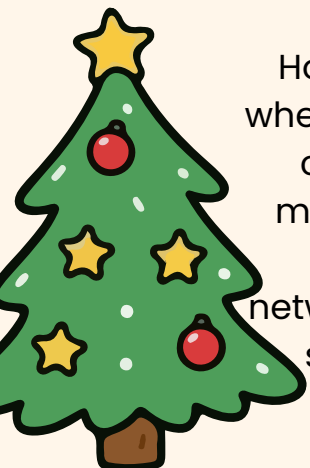
Remember, STAR Events are about growth just as much as competition. Your hard work now will pay off at districts and beyond. If you have any questions or need help preparing, don't hesitate to reach out!



Addisyn Jones
VP of Competitive
Events

Holiday Membership Ideas

With the cold weather rolling in and the Holidays coming up, there are many opportunities for growing your membership through fun winter themed activities. Getting everyone's holiday cheer up as well as their excitement for the new year within FCCLA is easier than it seems! Here are a few fun activities that you might try and recreate within your own chapter this holiday season:



Winter Warm-up

Host a hot chocolate social where new/potential members can interact with current members/officers - a great opportunity to practice networking, ask questions, and slowly ease into the idea of joining FCCLA.

Competition practice: Gingerbread edition

Hold a mock competition day and have members create their own gingerbread houses to later present to a panel of judges - with this, you could potentially have a prize for the winner.

Makaela Brown-Muthoni
VP of Public Relations &
Membership

