FCCLA SPEAKS
FALL NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Fall Leadership Institute**
  NOVEMBER 12th - 15th, 2026
  Anaheim, California
- **District Competitions**
  JANUARY 2027
  varies by district
- **State Leadership Conference**
  MARCH 9th - 11th, 2027
  JUMP, Downtown Boise

Social Media

Follow IdahoFCCLA on Instagram and Facebook to stay up to date on opprotunities!

- **Tag @IdahoFCCLA** to highlight stories
- **Email PR Officer Lydia Nelson** with photos and descriptions of FCCLA accomplishments to be featured directly!

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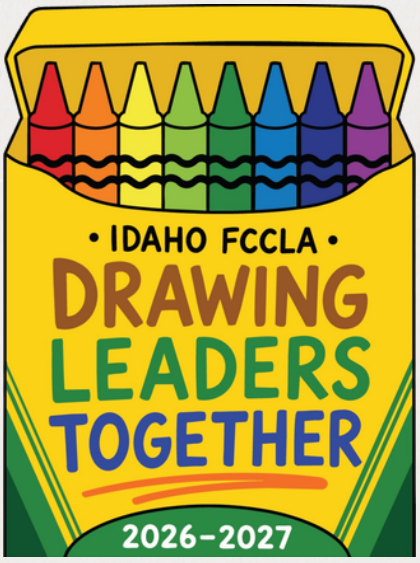



President's Message

Welcome to the Year!

Hello Idaho FCCLA!!!

We're nearing the holiday season, which means we have successfully made it through a busy time of the year! Whether attending BASIC, a Fall Leadership Conference, chapter meetings, or simply surviving the first few months of school, the Idaho FCCLA State Officer Team extends our congratulations to you and all of your accomplishments.

Idaho FCCLA is excited to bring this year's state theme, "Drawing Leaders Together", to life. This theme represents the importance of connection as leaders and shows that in FCCLA we are never alone in our leadership journey. As we prepare for the State Leadership Conference in March, I implore you to bring leaders together in your own lives. Organize a community service project, celebrate accomplishments with your chapter, work on STAR projects with others; the opportunities are limitless.

I'm so excited for all the opportunities coming up in your future. Maybe it's your first year navigating STAR competitions, or maybe you're making college plans. No matter what your next adventure is, FCCLA or your future, the Idaho FCCLA State Officers are here to help you. Reach out with any questions you may have, and we will be there for you. I'm so proud of every one of you, and I'm so grateful that FCCLA has drawn leaders like us together!





Megan Peters
President

National Programs

FCCLA has eight national programs to help you develop real-world skills, gain leadership experience, and make a difference in your communities. By participating in these programs, you will get recognized and have the opportunity to win up to $1,000 at the National Leadership Convention.

Career Connection:
You will learn about your own skills, the workplace, and future careers that could be interesting. Some examples of projects could be hosting a career fair or helping other students create a resume.

Community Service:
This is a way for you to identify a need in your community and organize a project to fulfill that need. Some examples of projects are organizing a food drive or a highway cleanup.

Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety (FACTS):
You will learn what it means to drive safely and help others learn the same. Some examples of projects are creating a distracted driving simulation or a seat belt awareness campaign.

Financial Fitness:
Teaches you how to earn, spend, save, and protect your money. Some project ideas taught at a senior center include how to detect scams or a blind taste test of name brand vs. generic.

Families First:
Focuses on how families are a foundational unit of society and encourages you to become strong family members and leaders. Some ideas for projects are creating care packages with baby essentials and teaching others how to babysit.

Stand Up:
Encourages you to plan and carry out advocacy activities to make a positive impact in your community and develop leadership skills. Some examples of projects are a suicide prevention campaign or an anti-bullying campaign.

Student Body:
Teaches you to make informed decisions for your physical and mental health and encourages you to build healthy habits. Some examples are teaching other students about stress management or having a positive message campaign.

Power of One:
Teaches you how to set meaningful goals and work to achieve them through five different units. Some goal ideas are eating no junk food for a month or a weekly family game night.

Fall Fundraising



Ella Salmonsen
VP of Programs and Development

Hello Idaho FCCLA! As we are kicking off another year, it's now the best time to start thinking about your chapters' finance goals! Whether you're raising money for conferences, planning chapter activities, or looking for community sponsors, having a strong financial plan can help set your chapter up for success. As your State Vice President of Finance, I'm excited to share ideas and resources to help chapters make the most of fundraising this year!

Fall Fundraising and Finance Tips

- Start with a goal: Set a realistic fundraising goal for your chapter and create a plan to reach it.
- Think outside the box: Try restaurant partnerships, fall-themed fundraisers, or community events.
- Connect with your community: Reach out to local businesses about donations and sponsorship activities.
- Budget for success: Plan for conferences, competitions, and chapter activities so you're financially prepared.
- Funding for the future: Small Start Big Dream. This fall, set one financial goal for the year, whether it's covering conference registration fees or funding chapter events. Break that goal into smaller, more achievable steps and get creative with your fundraising.

Remember: Every dollar raised is another opportunity to grow as a leader!



Kohen Borzick
VP of Finance

Say Yes to FCS College and Careers

Hey Idaho FCCLA!

I have had so many amazing opportunities because of FCS, and I want to share with you what you can get out of it. One of my favorite opportunities is the **Say Yes to FCS scholarship**, which is available for seniors who are looking to start college. Everyone pursuing a career in FCS is eligible for this scholarship, and all you have to do is go on the Idaho FCCLA website, click on the scholarship tab, and begin filling out the simple application. Applications close on **February 5th**, so apply now and earn a chance at scholarship money during SLC!

Even if your college journey isn't starting yet, it's still the perfect time to explore different ideas for your future and figure out what FCS career you might want to pursue. There is an FCS-centered career out there for every person's passion. If you like working with kids, you can become a teacher or a social worker. If you work best with creativity, a chef in the culinary arts or a fashion designer could be perfect for you. If you want to focus on helping people, you can become an event planner or a consumer advocate. There are so many jobs that can relate to FCS and likely dozens you've never heard of or looked into yet. This is your chance to start looking into which FCS careers will be impactful for you!



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Find Your STAR EVENT

Competitions are just right around the corner, and it is never too early to start thinking about and preparing for your event! As you start to think through the different competitions and find what's right for you, I encourage you to pick an area that includes something that truly sparks your interest, and that you can get excited about!

Not sure where to start? There are so many resources available to you to make choosing your competition quick and easy! Did you know that there are multiple quizzes available to take on the National FCCLA page that will tell you exactly which competition is right for you based on your hobbies and leadership strengths? This can be found on the FCCLA website under the tab Engage, or under Competitive Events! A really great tool to use when making this decision is called career clusters! This resource can help you to build the framework for and help you find the best STAR event for you!

Career clusters fall under these main six categories:

Arts and design, which focuses on Fashion and textiles, visual design, and industries where students can apply design into their lives through creative and critical thinking, and innovation.
Hospitality and tourism, which prepares students mainly for culinary arts, but also various event planning.
Financial services. This cluster covers everything that has to do with managing money and personal finances
Education and training, which includes competitions focused on careers in teaching and educational leadership
Human services, which focuses on counseling, mental health, and personal care
Public service which introduces students to careers where they can serve the community and create a safer, healthier environment.



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