



Anna Lester
National Vice-President of Public Relations

“...The function of leadership is not to gain more followers, but to gain more leaders.”
--Ralph Nader

Anna Lester, a senior at Wright City High School in Wright City, Oklahoma, is currently serving as a member of the 2009-2010 National Executive Council as FCCLA's National Vice-President of Public Relations.

Anna, a passionate advocate for FCCLA and its mission, is a firm believer in Mr. Nader's wise words. She believes that true leadership is about serving and encouraging others, and she is honored to be serving an organization that teaches its members about the importance of becoming an intentional student leader.

Anna joined FCCLA in seventh grade when her adviser introduced her to STAR Events. After traveling to San Diego, California and participating in her first national meeting, she knew FCCLA was right where she belonged. Since then, she has served her chapter for several years as a local officer, served as District President, presented workshops at three National Cluster Meetings, and served as one of Oklahoma's voting delegates at the 2006 National Leadership Meeting. She was also a three-time member of Oklahoma FCCLA's State Executive Council, serving as National Network Member, Regional National Officer Candidate, and National Officer Candidate At-Large. Before her election to the NEC, she was able to attend ten national meetings, complete all four phases of Ultimate State Officer Academy, and speak with members of the United States Congress about CareerTech, FACS, and FCCLA.

Anna's favorite activities other than FCCLA include volunteering at her church's Kids' Fine Arts Day Camp, participating in its Fine Arts Department as a member of the Worship and Drama teams, and rocking out as one of the lead vocalists for Elev8, a youth worship band. Other than performing, Anna's interests include spending time at the lake, taking vacations with her family, and leading her school's Youth Alive chapter.

About FCCLA, Anna says, “Any organization that can mold an intimidated seventh grader into a confident, capable leader is truly amazing. I am honored to be a part of the Ultimate Leadership Experience!”