



Michael Izquierdo **National Vice-President of Parliamentary Law**

Michael Izquierdo is a senior at Southington High School in Southington, Connecticut. He first joined FCCLA in 9th grade, and ever since his first meeting, he has enjoyed everything this organization has to offer. In his first year as a member, Michael happily served as his chapter's Vice President of Freshmen. He knew that he wanted to become more involved in FCCLA, so in the spring of that same year Michael ran for the Connecticut FCCLA State Executive Council at their Spring Leadership Conference. Michael attended the National Leadership Conference in the summer in Anaheim, California for the first time and was completely blown away by the immense support this amazing youth leadership organization has all over the country. After serving on the SEC of Connecticut for two years, Michael decided that he wanted to become even more involved, so in the summer of 2009, Michael ran for the National Executive Council. He is so very proud to serve as your 2009-2010 National Vice President of Parliamentary Law.

Outside of FCCLA, Michael enjoys the simple things in life: just relaxing, enjoying a day sitting outside on the porch, and drinking a nice cold glass of lemonade. In the winter, he trades that glass of lemonade for a cup of hot cocoa. There is nothing more Michael enjoys than to spend time with his friends and family. Family means a lot to him and he would do anything for them. His friends are all extremely supportive and, for Michael, there is nothing better than just having a good time hanging out with friends. Michael devotes most his time to FCCLA, but has been a part of his high school's FIRST Robotics Team 195. He loves to cook and bake in his spare time at home and has become the local baker to many of his friends.

Michael already has a plan for what he wants to do in life after high school. Ever since the 7th grade, Michael has wanted to become a pastry chef. It is his dream to become a famous pastry chef and to own a restaurant. He plans on attending Johnson & Wales University next year in Charlotte, North Carolina to receive his associates in Baking and Pastry as well as a bachelor's degree in restaurant management. He knows, however, that no matter where he ends up, he will never forget everything he has learned in FCCLA and all of the valuable experiences FCCLA has given him throughout the years, because this organization has greatly helped him accomplish his dreams.

As the great writer Langston Hughes once wrote, "Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly." Never lose sight or give up on your dreams. Because one day, with enough work and determination, dreams really do come true.