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Manage your Chapter Money!



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Money, money, money! Did you score the “big bucks” this year or last year on your chapter’s fundraisers? If so, how are you going to manage that money? Your adviser is going to help a lot with this! It might be holding the money safe or dealing with your school secretary or business manager on your chapter’s account. My second question is: does your chapter have a treasurer officer position? If not, create one! It will help out so much! The treasurer can then work in conjunction with your adviser to provide your chapter with reports at meetings! Lastly, whenever working with money, it always helps to create several forms to keep track of the monies. Here are some ideas for forms:



- Fundraising Form: Whenever you go to go turn in money from fundraises or just plain and simple money raised, create a simple form that lists the amount of 1s, 5s, 10s, 20s, Checks, change, ect.
- Monthly Form: Create this in an Excel worksheet to keep track of money raised, current totals of accounts, and money spent.
- Yearly Form: Compile a yearly report of all the basics from the monthly reports. These basics include totals of accounts for each month.

Forms can be time consuming, but in the long run it will look much more presentable! The biggest advantages to having forms are that they are a quick and easily accessible record of your chapter’s funds!



Capitol Leadership was a huge success! The NEC hopes that everyone who was able to come had a great time and continues the skills they gained in their community and state and that they pass on what they learned!

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NAP and FCCLA...

The National Association of Parliamentarians is the oldest non-profit association of parliamentarians in the world. They focus on the fundamental use of parliamentary law and partner up with many student organizations, including the greatest student-led organization, FCCLA.

The goals of NAP are to:

- encourage its members and the general public to learn the principles and practice of democratic decision-making;
- help teachers instruct people of all ages—from public and private school students to active professionals to retirees involved in their communities— in parliamentary procedure at all levels;
- promote collaboration and professional development among parliamentarians
- provide widely recognized, authoritative accreditation of parliamentarians serving the general public.

If you are interested in putting your parliamentary skills to test and a practice running an effective meeting, there is an opportunity to join the NAP. In order to become a member you must pass (70%) on a hundred question test about the parliamentary law. To study for the test you can order the “*Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised*” at www.fcclainc.org or download the study guide off of the NAP website, www.parliamentarians.org. After sending in the official application and first year membership dues, and passing the parliamentary procedure test, you will become an official member. NAP will also offer NLC attendees the opportunity to take the test and become a member in Anaheim this summer.



Ashton Fine
V.P. of Development

Who Are You?

Picture this... You are sitting on a plane back from an FCCLA meeting and someone asks you, “What organization are you with?” and the conversation starts there! You never know who you are sitting next to, you never know who’s in ears reach, and you never know when you are going to get development opportunities. For example, A few months ago I was flying home from a leadership conference, and wearing an FCCLA polo shirt. The person next to me, like usual, asked me what organization I was involved in. I went on to explain the highlights of the organization and gave some facts about FCCLA. However, the main idea I want to point out from this conversation is that even though I was talking to the person right next to me, I was in ears reach of many other people. A few isles down, a school superintendent, heard what I was saying and listened in. He could tell I was passionate about FCCLA and excited to tell everyone I could. He took the information he heard back to his school to investigate whether they had an FCCLA chapter and if not how to bring it into their school district.

My simple conversation with a person next to me helped develop another chapter! Opportunities are constantly being presented to develop our organization, so take what you know about FCCLA and use your communication skills. You, as members, are the ambassadors of our great organization of FCCLA! So recognize the opportunities to develop FCCLA, because remember... “You never know who you are sitting by!”

Scholarships!

Check out these great scholarship opportunities through FCCLA! Make sure that you get everything in by April 1, 2011! Information, eligibility and application forms can be found in the Awards section of the national website: www.fcclainc.org under Awards/Scholarships.

- Beth Middleton Memorial Scholarship
- Enjoy the City Scholarship
- Nasco Teach and Train Scholarship
- National Technical Honor Society Scholarship
- Raye Virginia Allen State President's Scholarship
- Wiley Publishing, Inc. Scholarship



Ravi Karia
President



Financial Literacy

One of FCCLA's goals is to increase financial literacy throughout America. We have a well-known National Program called Financial Fitness that is a great resource for chapters, members and advisers to use to teach each others how to make, save, and spend money wisely. Did you know that there are many partnerships with companies who believe in educating the youth of America about finances?

- America Saves is a national campaign involving more than 1,000 non-profit, government, and corporate groups that encourages individuals and families to save and build personal wealth; you can even enroll in FCCLA saves to develop your personal savings plans for college, buying a car, and more.
- Jump\$tart has numerous resources available to FCCLA chapters, members, and advisers on their website: www.jumpstart.org. Check out their activities and initiatives for project ideas and award applications.
- Through Visa USA and Practical Money Skills for Life, you can play interactive games like Financial Football and Soccer online. Teachers can also access free lessons plans for all age groups about financial literacy and there is a large database of articles, tips, and spending guides on their website. Check out more! My personal favorite is the free calculators that show you what you can really afford to purchase (i.e. what kind of car, apartment, student loans, etc.). The website is www.practicalmoneyskills.com- it is a great resource for any Financial Fitness project!

Jennifer Ross
V.P. Of Programs





Trent Misak
V.P. of Membership

What to say about FCCLA

Everyone likes a good car salesman that can make you want that brand new car. As members, in FCCLA we have to be salesmen for potential FCCLA members.

Here are a few selling points to tell potential members.

1. You can compete in STAR events
 2. Travel to different region, state, and national meetings.
 3. Make new friends
 4. You have a chance to earn scholarships.
 5. You can run for office
 6. Lastly for the men, the girl to guy ratio is somewhere around 3:1!
- As FCCLA members go out there and work to convince your peers to make the deal and Join FCCLA!



*"Creating real miracles
by raising funds for chil-
dren's hospitals"*

Joey Platt
V.P. of Community
Service



Ready, Set...Give Back!

Happy Holidays, FCCLA! It's that joyous time of year again which means it's not only a great time to set up the tree and hang those lights, but it's also a great time to give back! The National Outreach Project, Children's Miracle Network, is in full swing again for its second year and there are several ways your chapter can participate! Below are some fun fundraisers you can try in your chapter to benefit Children's Miracle Network.

Have a penny war between grades! For a span of about two or three weeks, set of a jar for each grade to collect as many pennies as they can with the option of placing bills or silver coins in the jars of the competitors to count against them.

Sell "candy grams"! After all, it is the holidays and what better way to incorporate that spirit and Children's Miracle Network than to sell candy canes for your students to send to classmates with a message attached!

Host a kick-ball/dodge-ball tournament! Publicize the event and the cause to your school and community and have the teams pay an entry fee to raise funds for Children's Miraracle Network.

Host a "Dance Marathon"! Children's Miracle Network has kicked of this fairly new fundraiser as a way to celebrate a year full of benefiting Children's Miracle Network. It's a 12-36 hour, all night event in which you dance, host entertainment, and invite families that have benefited from Children's Miracle Network. To find out more information you can visit www.dancemarathon.com.



Danny Brooks
First Vice President

Mentoring to Leave a Legacy

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the halfway mark in the school year. While we try to focus on school responsibilities, it is easy to get distracted by the hustle and bustle of this winter holiday season. As we usher in the New Year, it is customary to reflect and make a few New Year’s resolutions. As youth leaders, we need to give great thought to the strength of our organization. A strong and active membership is vital to the wellbeing of FCCLA. Along with that, our organization needs members who are excited about assuming leadership positions in their chapters.

As seniors graduate and leadership vacancies appear, it is our responsibility to prepare novice members to be leaders and give them the tools to be successful. In our chapters, we can take on a freshman or sophomore to be our “apprentice”. Let these members work side-by-side with us and learn first-hand the responsibilities of leadership. Encourage them to help coordinate activities and allow them to see you acting as a leader. State and chapter officers need to be the role models for younger members. When current officers reach out and help emerging leaders prepare to assume our responsibilities, we can almost guarantee that they will be able to do their jobs more effectively. So, if you are in charge of community service in your chapter, find an interested underclassman and ask them to help you coordinate a service project by serving as a co-chair. As an officer, enthusiastically teach younger members of your executive council about your responsibilities.



Brent Olinger
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Advocacy

FCCLA has been developing many new STAR Events over the years. One of the newest is Advocacy. This event is an individual or team event that recognizes participants who demonstrate knowledge, skills and ability to identify local, state, or national concerns. Participants will research their topic of concern and identify a target audience and potential partnerships. Participants will form a plan and advocate for the issue in an effort to affect public policy or law. There are so many opportunities for diversity in this event. Many issues can be addressed. Keep in mind that it doesn’t have to be a national or state issue. There are many important issues that your city or town may be dealing with. In addition, remember that you want to be very knowledgeable about your issue. Previous knowledge is always helpful when addressing a legislative issue. It is always easier to talk about something that you care about. For the event, students must prepare a portfolio, an oral presentation and complete a case study. The presentation time is ten minutes. Following the presentation evaluators have five minutes to ask questions. Participants will then complete the case study in which the individual or team will be given ten minutes to develop a plan for advocating the provided issue based on their knowledge of the local, state, or national public policy system. Both middle and high school students may compete in this event. If you need any more information about the advocacy event, please talk to your adviser and visit the national website, www.fcclainc.org.

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On behalf of the NEC and as the editor of "The Officer" I would like to thank you for reading this edition. Please look for the next issue which will be coming soon! We hope the information we offered is helpful to you and we wish you the best of luck in implementing these ideas! If you have any questions feel free to contact any member of the NEC.

Thank you,
Morgan Croft



FCCLA is...

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is a nonprofit national career and technical student organization for young men and women in Family and Consumer Sciences education in public and private school through grade 12. Everyone is part of a family, and FCCLA is the only national Career and Technical Student Organization with the family as its central focus. Since 1945, FCCLA members have been making a difference in their families, careers, and communities by addressing important personal, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education.

