

CONNECTION TEAM REPORTS

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Presidents Message

I hope everyone had a great summer and that those of you that went to National had a great time. I enjoyed getting to know and spending time with everyone that went. I also hope that the new school year is finding everyone well and you are all starting to get back into the swing of things. I am excited for a new year and for all of the upcoming events and hope you are too. The other officers and I have been working hard throughout the summer to plan a fun Fall Rally for October and are very excited about it. I hope that your chapters are excited about the year and ready to get involved again. If everyone is enthusiastic and involved from the start I know we can have a great year in NH FCCLA. Whether it's competing in the poster, name tag or creed contests at Fall Rally, doing a national program, helping with the Feed the Children community service project, doing a STAR event, or filling out written competitions, there's a way for everyone to get involved with FCCLA. So keep recruiting members, having chapter meetings, and preparing for Fall Rally as the year gets started and "Let your music play with FCCLA."

Stephanie Hinten - President

National Leadership Meeting

This July I went to Orlando, Florida for the FCCLA nationals. The theme this year was Excellence Electrified. National was an amazing experience that I will never forget!

We had about forty people go to National from New Hampshire this year and we had thirty people compete in Star events. (Students Taking Action with Recognition) We had eighteen people receive gold metals, eight receive silver and four receive bronze. Everyone did very well and put forth so much effort great job everyone. Start thinking about the upcoming year and start working on a Star Event early.

New Hampshire also had an opportunity to send three people to count votes for the election of the 08-09 national officers that happened while we were at nationals. We counted the southern regions votes. The three of us didn't get back to our hotel until 1 am it was a long night but a great opportunity. We also did a great thing by being a part of the Feed the Children hand out in Orlando. We had to unload trucks and hand out food and hygiene products to the families that applied for it in Florida. It was a very rewarding experience. We are continuing Feed the Children as our state community service project for this year. So lets get started and bring three trucks to New Hampshire this year!

My chapter also went site seeing while we were there. We went to the Magic Kingdom and Universal Studios. After a long day at the conference it was nice to go out to the amusement parks to have fun. At the conference all the state officers had a opportunity to go to meetings and trainings which were a great learning experience. We all bonded and learned so much more about each other. Our state also bonded at our state dinner that was held at Wonderworks. We ate pizza while we watched a magic show.

We hope you all get the opportunity to go to Nashville, Tennessee July10-17 for the 2009 National Conference.

Jordan Hanson - Vice President of STAR Events.

Connection Team Reports

Hello FCCLA members of New Hampshire. Here are the rules of sending in connection team reports. You can get ten points towards a prize if you send in your reports by the fifth of the month. Then if you send in your reports by the fifteenth of the month you can get seven points. Last if you get it in after the fifteenth you get four points. For additional points you can get up to five points on the content.

You should send the reports so we can all know what you are doing or what you are planning to do. It may even give a boost for other chapters to send them in. For rewards you can get a certificate, you get recognized, and at spring conference you can get recognized. Plus top three chapters get a recognition and prize.

Katy Dion – Vice President of Peer Education

Public Relations from National

I went to the National Connection Team meeting at Nationals in Orlando, Florida and they gave us tips of the different types of media to get the word out, places to spread the word, who to contact, and some article tips. Here are some of the things that I took down that might help you when you want to spread the word about FCCLA:

1. Types of Media

TV
Radio
Magazines
Newspapers
School Website
Announcements

2. Places and Ways

Sports games
Freshman/Parent breakfast
Christmas for the needy
Elementary Tea Party
Cook Book
Motivational Speaker

3. Who Should You Contact

School Board
Mayor
School Staff
Police/Sheriff
Governor
School Alumni

4. Article Tips

Catch their eye
Action Pictures
Capture emotion
High resolution
Good headlines
Make it catchy

Kendra Bailey – Vice President of Public Relations

Berlin High FCCLA

Reporter: **Ryan Albert**

The month of September we had 2 meetings here at Berlin High School to inform new members about FCCLA and what it is. We also created a new bulletin board that displays pictures and captions to let others know a little about FCCLA and some of the projects we have worked on. The point of it was to try to get more students interested so they would join. In the meetings we congratulated 3 of our members who went to Nationals. They were Sarah Lememlin, Lindsey Edwards, and Jennifer St. Aman. At the meetings we discussed a few new ideas for community service.

We are off to a great start and hopefully it will continue for the rest of the year.

Pinkerton Academy FCCCLA

Reporter: **Katie Kelly**

Our first activity this year was selling cotton candy to raise money for Feed the Children at the Chester Fair on Saturday, September 6. We raised \$100.00 for Feed the Children and hopefully raised some awareness of the organization.

Pinkerton FCCLA held our first meeting the following Tuesday, September 9. It was quite popular and the whole room was filled with bright and smiling faces ready to take on any task given to them. So this year is sure to be a thrilling and successful adventure!

Officer elections for our chapter were held on the second meeting. Nine officers were elected and ready to take on their new jobs as leaders.

The officers and their offices are as follows:

Kara Wamsley, President
Kelsey Magee, Vice President
Alyssa Shramek, Secretary
Carly Gardiner, Treasurer
Megan Durso, Membership Coordinator
Katie Kluk, National Programs
Katie Kelly, Connection Team Officer
Bryce Williams, Historian
Kelley Kipperman, Public Relations Officer

Our next activity coming up is the Halloween Party for the children of the teachers at the school. It will be held at the end of this month. The chapter will help set up, decorate, and chaperone the party. We will also be organizing a few craft activities and be making cotton candy for the kids, too.

The attendance has not waned since the first meeting. Our latest meeting was filled with dedicated members ready to make nametags for this year's competition at Fall Rally. With new members and support, this year is getting off to a good start and the fun and laughs will certainly continue throughout the rest of the year!

Portsmouth FCCLA

We have held two meetings. We are working on becoming organized. For fundraising we will be selling Cherrydale.

Spaulding FCCLA ECE**Reporters: Kelsey Pinierio**

So for Spaulding high FCCLA has had one local meeting in the month of September, with another one coming on Tuesday. These meetings have been held at Spaulding High, in the Preschool, so there's enough room for our gatherings. There were a little over 10 people that went to this meeting, Most of them being new FCCLA members. I am actually not sure what the total amount that is paid for nationals yet. I will make sure I find that out for the next report that I write. Our school has done relay races learning more about the FCCLA program. We started up again sending money to Denmark. Everyone that signed up on the list is donating a dollar to Denmark once a month. We collected over 80 boxes of backpacks, sports material, clothing, etc to be sent to Africa for the kids that don't have much. This meeting we have on Tuesday is for talking about our fall rally name tags, and poster. I'm not sure of any ways we are using to fund raise.