



Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Inc.

TOP TEN THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT FCCLA:

1. FCCLA is the only career and technical student-led organization with the family as its central focus.
2. FCCLA is the Career and Technical Student Organization that functions as an integral part of the Family and Consumer Sciences Education curriculum and operates within the school system.
3. FCCLA is the ultimate leadership experience, focusing on character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communications, practical knowledge, and career preparation.
4. FCCLA has a national membership of nearly 220,000 young men and women in 7,000 local chapters in 53 state associations including, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. Our membership also includes an extensive national network of Alumni and Associates – former student members that are still involved in the organization.
5. FCCLA has nine national programs that focus on or address vital issues that are affecting our nation today, including the recent financial downturn, school violence, childhood obesity, and the shortage of skilled workers.
6. FCCLA is endorsed by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS), the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE), and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). Family and Consumer Sciences Education may be supported by Perkins Funding.
7. Each year, FCCLA continues its work in supporting charitable organizations in their efforts to better the standards of living for people throughout our nation. Recent efforts include raising nearly \$220,000.00 for the Feed The Children organization this past year and raising over \$650,000.00 for the American Cancer Society.
8. Family and Consumer Sciences Education is the foundation for a healthy, responsible, and productive life outside of high school and post-secondary education – regardless of the occupation a student wishes to pursue.
9. In FCCLA, students have the opportunity to advance their leadership potential through the process of running for, and holding the responsibilities of an office on a local, regional, state, and national level.
10. STAR Events are the competitive events where students learn cooperative action and leadership skills through projects that they present at the district, state, and national level.