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Support of Career and Technical Education

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October 2023, WASHINGTON, D.C. –Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members, and Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) professionals united in Washington, D.C. to advocate for Career and Technical Education (CTE) during the annual FCCLA Capitol Leadership meeting from October 9-11, 2023.

(Insert Attendees Name(s)) from (Insert City/Chapter Name) attended FCCLA’s Capitol Leadership where they joined with youth leaders from across the nation to use their voice and passion to promote the need for the continuation of congressional support to fund Career and Technical Education. (Name of Chapter/Student) had the opportunity to personally meet with (Name of Senator/Representative) to gain the support necessary to ensure all students have access to Family and Consumer Sciences education.

During Capitol Leadership, FCCLA hosted a legislative briefing on Tuesday, October 10 in the historic Hart Senate Office Building aimed at empowering its members with essential knowledge regarding key legislative acts. The briefing, which focused on the PREP Act, the RETAIN Act, and the RAISE Act, ensured FCCLA members were well-informed as they met with members of Congress to advocate for legislation that improves teacher preparation, retention, and support.

“(Insert quote from a student about Capitol Leadership experience),” said (Student’s Name), (Officer Position, if any) from (Insert School Name).

Capitol Leadership is the first of three national FCCLA gatherings held annually where members and FCS educators develop their leadership style, learn real-world skills, and explore Career Pathways. Upcoming conferences include the 2023 National Fall Conference in Birmingham, AL and the 2024 National Leadership Conference in Seattle, WA.

***About FCCLA***

*Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a dynamic and effective student-led national organization supporting youth on their journey to become the leaders of tomorrow and helping them address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education.*

***FCCLA:*** *The Ultimate Leadership Experience is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only career and technical intracurricular student organization with a central focus on careers that support families. Participation in national FCCLA programs and chapter activities aids members in becoming strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.*

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