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California Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Attended the FCCLA National Leadership Conference, San Diego, CA, June 29-July 3, 2022

San Diego, CA, July 2022 –This year, the California FCCLA Delegation consisted of 22 chapters, including 6 FCCLA State Officers, 3 State Staff, and 120 members, advisors, and guests. It joined more than 7,000 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America student members, advisors, and guests at the San Diego Convention Center, June 29-July 3, to participate in the annual National Leadership Conference (NLC).

The conference provided FCCLA members opportunities to listen to inspiring speakers, attend youth workshops, compete at the national level, and network with other youth leaders. The theme of this year’s conference was “Make It Count,” which inspired attendees to share how they make it count while exploring career opportunities, developing leadership skills, and growing personally while making a difference in their families and communities.

“We are thrilled to have an attendance of over 7,000 members, advisers, corporate partners, and guests who are committed to discovering the unlimited possibilities available through FCCLA. The relationships and skills developed during this conference have inspired students to make a difference in their own communities and to make every moment count,” said Sandy Spavone, Executive Director of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

36 members of the California Delegation competed in the Students Taking Action with Recognition (STAR) Events. They received 5 Gold, 24 Silver, and 7 Bronze awards in the following categories:

Student Name	High School Name	Event, Level, and Award
Emma Campos	Cordova High School	Baking and Pastry, Level 3 - Silver
Heather Lardizabal	Pinter High School	Baking and Pastry, Level 3 - Silver
Liliana Lopez	Sierra High School	Baking and Pastry, Level 3 - Silver
Alyson Davit, Valerie Martinez, and Cindy Pearson	East Union High School	Chapter in Review Display, Level 3 - Silver
Sadie Carlson, Justin Lizarraga, and Madison Winter	East Union High School	Chapter in Review Portfolio, Level 3 - Bronze
Maximiliano Nunez Lucero	Calexico High School	Culinary Arts, Level 3 - Silver
Kasey Hernandez	Kern Valley High School	Event Management, Level 3 - Gold
Kylie Dawson	West High School	Fashion Construction, Level 3 - Gold
Amelia Jeun and Sona Nair	Torrance High School	Fashion Design, Level 3 - Silver
Sezen Musa	Wilcox High School	Fashion Design, Level 3 - Silver
Ryan Ontiveros	Torrance High School	FCCLA Chapter Website, Level 3 - Silver
Jillian Paredes	Torrance High School	Focus on Children, Level 3 - Silver
Emily Cheng and Nicole Rinaldi	Rowland High School	Interior Design, Level 2 - Silver
Isabella Meyer	Merced High School	Job Interview, Level 3 - Silver
Briana Tapia Montoya	Pioneer Valley High School	Job Interview, Level 3 - Silver
Mia Fernandez and Natalie Prendergast	Torrance High School	National Programs in Action, Level 3 - Gold
Trinity Machi	Argonaut High School	National Programs in Action, Level 3 - Silver
Tara Fernandez	Torrance High School	Nutrition and Wellness, Level 3 - Silver
Shirley Mondragon Garcia, Jason Baker, and Timothy Munz	Kern Valley High School	Parliamentary Procedure, Level 3 - Silver
Haley Kim and Elaine Zhu	Alvarado Intermediate School	Professional Presentation, Level 1 - Silver
Diana Vasquez	Madera High School	Professional Presentation, Level 2 - Silver
Melody Stetsko	Central High School	Repurpose and Redesign, Level 2 - Bronze
Jazmin Savorn	Cordova High School	Sports Nutrition, Level 3 - Gold
Brooke McConnell, Kara Mello, and Alexandria Moronez	Kern Valley High School	Sports Nutrition, Level 3 - Bronze

Nine STAR Competitors placed in the “Top Ten” in the nation and Jasmin Savorn from Cordova High School placed #1 in the nation in Sports Nutrition, Level 3.

California State Officers, President Sezen Musa (Wilcox HS), Vice President/Reporter Melody Stetsko (Central HS), Secretary Aileen Real (Centennial HS), Treasurer Jacob Friedman (Merced HS), and Ryan Ontiveros (Torrance HS) served as the California Voting Delegates. They participated in State Officer Training and presided at the California State Delegation Meetings. At the Advisor Recognition Session, Savannah Wegner (East Union HS) received the 2022 FCCLA Spirit of Advising Award. In addition, Erin Tobias (Foothill HS) was awarded the 2022 FCCLA Master Advisor Award, and Michelle Stetsko (Madera HS) received the 2022 FCCLA Advisor Mentor Award. Baking and Pastry Competitors Emma Campos (Cordova HS), Heather Lardizabal (Piner HS), and Liliana Lopez (Sierra HS) received their American Culinary Federation (ACF) Certification in Certified Fundamentals Pastry Cook (CFPC).

Next year, FCCLA will host its National Leadership Conference in Denver, CO, July 2-6, 2023. To learn more about how you can get involved as a student, sponsor, or supporter, please contact Melissa Webb, FCCLA State Advisor at the California Department of Education.

About FCCLA

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a dynamic and effective national student organization with over 199,000 members nationwide that helps students become leaders and 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 members plan and run the programs. It is the only career and technical in-school student organization with a central focus on careers that support families. Participation in national FCCLA programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.

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