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## **California FCCLA Delegation Attended National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia**

**July 2018** – More than 7,500 FCCLA student leaders, members, and advisors from across the country gathered at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, Georgia June 28 – July 2 to participate in the annual FCCLA National Leadership Conference (NLC). The conference provided members with the opportunity to come together for energizing learning while listening to inspiring speakers, expanding leadership skills, sharpening talents, and exploring career pathways. The theme of this year’s conference was “Inspired by FCCLA,” which inspired attendees to make the right choices and commit themselves to making a positive impact within their families, schools, FCCLA, and communities.

"Our National Leadership Conference was a great success this year, with a record-setting attendance of over 7,500 members, advisers, partners and guests. During the past week, we've watched thousands of students come together and realize their full potential through competition, career training, and workshops. The relationships developed and training experienced during this conference have empowered students to go into their schools and communities and make a difference, bringing with them the values and passions FCCLA brings to our members," said Sandy Spavone, executive director of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

Students participated in one of 30 Family and Consumer Sciences related competitive events offered at NLC, including STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events and the FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl. These events support foundational, leadership, and workplace skills in areas such as advocacy, culinary arts, and entrepreneurship. California competitors Felix Gyugyi from Wilcox High School earned 1<sup>st</sup> place in the nation in the Applied Math for Culinary Management Event and Shaan Carlson from San Luis Obispo High School earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the nation in Fashion Design and received a scholarship from the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM). Also, Maximillian Chau and Gisselle Rios from Paramount High School

earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the nation in the event FCCLA Chapter Web site. This year, 46 California participants earned 11 gold medals, 31 silver medals, and 4 bronze medals in the following events:

Applied Math for Culinary Mgmt.	Wilcox HS	Felix Gyugyi	Gold
Applied Math for Culinary Mgmt.	East Union HS	Devin Jimenez	Silver
Chapter in Review Display	Kern Valley HS	Diego Tapia Mendoza	Silver
Chapter in Review Display	Sierra HS	Tasia Latu	Silver
Chapter in Review Display	Sierra HS	Ashley Rodriguez	Silver
Chapter in Review Display	Sierra HS	Brittney Spivey	Silver
Chapter in Review Portfolio	Oroville HS	Jasmin Chavez	Gold
Chapter in Review Portfolio	Wilcox HS	Patrick Kibilov	Silver
Chapter Service Project Display	Kern Valley HS	Tyler Goss	Bronze
Chapter Service Project Display	Sierra HS	Sophia Allen	Silver
Chapter Service Project Display	Sierra HS	Adrian Cardenas	Silver
Chapter Service Project Display	Sierra HS	Eric Ploch-Jones	Silver
Culinary Arts	Calexico HS	Fernanda Barkle	Silver
Culinary Arts	Calexico HS	Francisco Luna	Silver
Culinary Arts	Calexico HS	Genesis Porchas	Silver
Entrepreneurship	Dixon HS	Makenzie Hansen	Silver
Environmental Ambassador	Paramount HS	Luisa Robles	Silver
Environmental Ambassador	Rowland HS	Ashley Leung	Silver
Environmental Ambassador	Rowland HS	Wing Yee Sze To	Silver
Environmental Ambassador	Rowland HS	Nicole Zhang	Silver
Fashion Construction	Central HS	Lauren Winslow	Gold
Fashion Design	San Luis Obispo HS	Shaan Carlson	Gold
FCCLA Chapter Web site	Paramount HS	Maximillian Chau	Gold
FCCLA Chapter Web site	Paramount HS	Gisselle Rios	Gold
Food Innovations	Wilcox HS	Cole Bay	Gold
Food Innovations	Wilcox HS	Sylvanus Fredson-Cole	Gold
Hospitality, Tourism, & Recreation	Colton HS	Thomas Parada	Silver
Hospitality, Tourism, & Recreation	Colton HS	Manuel Solorzano	Silver
Hospitality, Tourism, & Recreation	Dixon HS	Sanjan Ebanks	Bronze
Hospitality, Tourism, & Recreation	Dixon HS	Alexandria Uribe	Bronze
Illustrated Talk	Reedley HS	Liliahna Bedolla	Gold
Illustrated Talk	Paramount HS	Tania Munguia	Gold
National Programs in Action	East Union HS	Elijah Villasenor	Bronze
National Programs in Action	Kern Valley HS	Lydon Olivares	Silver
Nutrition and Wellness	Reedley HS	Zuheidi Del Rio	Silver

Parliamentary Procedure	Rowland HS	Diane Chen	Silver
Parliamentary Procedure	Rowland HS	Jessica Chiu	Silver
Parliamentary Procedure	Rowland HS	Sophia Htay	Silver
Parliamentary Procedure	Rowland HS	Brenda Kwong	Silver
Parliamentary Procedure	Rowland HS	Cecilia Wang	Silver
Parliamentary Procedure	Rowland HS	Shianleei Yu	Silver
Promote and Publicize FCCLA!	East Union HS	Emily Crutchfield	Silver
Recycle and Redesign	Wilcox HS	Ayah Touni	Silver
Sports Nutrition	Adolfo Camarillo HS	Isabella DeRosa	Silver
Sports Nutrition	Adolfo Camarillo HS	Selena Starks	Silver
Teach and Train	Paramount HS	Jaylene Prom	Gold

California State Officers Ethan Malonzo from Santa Clara High School, Eleodoro Duran from Cesar Chavez High School, Taylor Le from Pleasant Valley High School, Alexis Morales from Kern Valley High School, and Calla Yang from Mills High School served as the California voting delegates, participated in Leadership Academy and State Officer Training, and presided at the state delegation meeting. Mariam Touni from Wilcox High School and Marcos Lopez from Newport Harbor High School ran as FCCLA National Officer Candidates. This year, the California delegation included 18 Chapters with 70 members, 15 advisors, and 6 guests. Amy Lee from Sierra High School was recognized as an Advisor Mentor at the National Leadership Conference and Toni Morucci from Oroville High School received the 2018 FCCLA Spirit of Advising Award. Lisa Bueno from Reedley High School also received recognition for completing the FCCLA Advisor Academy program.

### **About FCCLA**

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. FCCLA has more than 160,000 members and more than 5,300 chapters from 49 state associations, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members, and it's the only career and technical in-school student organization with a central focus on family. Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in families, careers, and communities.