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KENTUCKY STUDENTS DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS, WIN AWARDS

(Frankfort, KY) – Students from Kentucky chapters of the Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) were among more than 7,000 members, advisers, alumni, and guests nationwide who gathered in Nashville, Tennessee, this summer for the 2013 National Leadership Conference. Kentucky sent 165 delegates to the annual conference.

This year's student-originated theme was "Discover Your Voice." Throughout the five-day convention, participants examined and discussed several critical issues, including family, school and community violence prevention, physical as well as financial fitness, future career exploration and countless community service projects.

A number of relevant youth issues, such as the changing roles of men and women in the home and workplace, leadership, and obesity prevention were also explored at the meeting through presentations, workshops, and youth sessions.

Other meeting highlights included:

- Kentucky received an award for largest increase in membership for the Central Region.
- Diane Poe, South Oldham County was recognized with the Spirit of Advising Award.
- Master Adviser Award recipients were Vicky Perkins, Warren Central and Jessica Kondik, Marion County.
- Cody Adamson, Grayson County High Adviser, received acknowledgment of achieving the Adviser Academy Graduate.
- Fleming County High students received first runner up award for their Community Service Project entitled "Have a Heart, Do Your Part Kentucky" and presented a session at the Spotlight on Projects, where representatives from states share successful national, state, or chapter projects.
- Susannah Frailey, recipient of the 2012 Japanese exchange program, presented a Youth Workshop entitled "Japanese Exchange Scholarship". Her sister Rachel Frailey, who was in Japan at the time of the conference, was recognized as the 2013 Japanese exchange scholarship recipient. Both are from South Oldham High School.
- David Haydon, a student at Marion County High School received the Gold Award for the "I recruit" campaign and received free registration to the meeting and an iPad.

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More than 3,600 students competed in STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition) which are competitive events that build proficiency and achievement in leadership and job-related skills. Kentucky had 85 students compete and won 31 Gold, 47 Silver and 7 Bronze. Individual school STAR Event winners, listed by district, follow.

Ashland Independent -- Paul Blazer High School

Silver: Gabby Ingram, Lesley Phillips

Bell County -- Bell Co. High School

Gold: Kesia Helton, Kayla Raines

Boyle County -- Boyle Co. High School

Gold: Sanna Muhammad, Bailey Watson

Bracken County -- Bracken Co. High School

Silver: Gena Brumley, Tyneigha Lippert, Jaden Workman

Burgin Independent -- Burgin High School

Gold: Megan Hughes

Butler County -- Butler Co. High School

Silver: Haley Adkins, Shelby Austin, Kortney Barbier, Caitlin Coleman, Erica Daugherty, Callie Dockery, Matthew Embry, Haley Ford, Delanie Payton, Kassie Phelps, Molly Sanders

Crittenden County -- Crittenden Co. High School

Silver: Brittany Buell, Taylor Fritts, Kaitlyn Myers, Kristen Perryman, Katie Travis, Abby Whitney

Fleming County -- Fleming Co. High School

Gold: Morgan Alexander, Henry Cho, Morgan Stephens, Haley Coleman, Taylor Cox, Aaron Vice, Evan Mitchell, Stuart Hurd, J. McGinnis, Julie Perkins, Austin Tackett, Dabney Crawford, Skylar Ramey

Silver: Taylor Lawson, Whitney Nuckols, Abby Fearin, Shelby Moran, Christen Reid.

Grant County -- Grant Co. High School

Gold: Olivia Cahill, Hayley Leach

Silver: Emily Samuels

Jefferson County -- DuPont Manual High School

Gold: Noah Ramsey, Tabitha Mitchell, Jackie Pi

Silver: Callie Kidwell, Deborah Levin, Madison Satterly, Paige Thompson, Emily Wilbar

Jessamine County -- West Jessamine Middle School

Silver: Carey Hulette

Hardin County -- John Hardin High School

Silver: Shawntionna Ditto, Rachel Boswell

Montgomery County -- Montgomery County High School

Silver: Trey Smallwood

Mason County -- Mason Co. High School

Silver: Katelyn Faul, Kegan Myrick, Courtney Tolle, Dalton Adamson, Blaike Selby

Mercer County -- Mercer Co. High School

Bronze: Kellie Ingram, Kyleigh Murray, Shelbi Jackson, Courtney Keys

Oldham County

Arvin Technical Center

Bronze: Jessie Baird, Cameron Schoenbachler

South Oldham High School

Silver: Tiffany Brown, Schuyler Gray

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Robertson County -- Robertson Co. High School

Silver: Haley Burns, Breanna Hubbard, Aletha Thomas

Warren County -- South Warren High School

Gold: Iakira Pace

Silver: Payton Spear

Taylor County -- Taylor Co. High School

Bronze: Samantha Floyd

Washington County -- Washington Co. High School

Gold: Nicholas Sneed, Claire Miller, Shelby White, Candice Kimball, Dianna Ayala, Gaubrielle Humphress, Callah Kimball

State Advisor Reeca Carver will continue to work with other FCCLA members and advisers in Kentucky to encourage them to discover their strengths, motivate members to target career goals, and initiate a plan to ignite youth leadership in the community.

During the meeting, the National FCCLA organization presented a donation of \$85,639 to Share Our Strength to fight childhood hunger. In addition, more than \$2,000 in school supplies were donated to the LP PENCIL Box.

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 200,000 members and more than 5,500 chapters from 50 state associations, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The organization has involved more than ten million youth since its founding in 1945.

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 in-school student organization with the family as its central focus. Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.

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