

Dear Region 3 FCCLA Chapters,

Hello from the State Executive Council (SEC). I'm so excited for the upcoming FCCLA year and I hope you are too! The SEC is hard at work to make this year amazing and help you discover the magic of leadership!

The theme for this year's State Leadership Conference is "Discover the Magic of Leadership". The SEC has been hard at work to make this year's conference magical! I can't wait to see all of you there and see and hear about all the great activities you have been doing throughout the year. You can find more information throughout the year on the Missouri FCCLA website.

Membership is a very important factor in FCCLA; we want to get as many people as possible to participate in our wonderful organization. Region 3 had a large decline in membership from the 07-08 year to the 08-09 year. We went from 837 members to 689 members. My goal for our region is to get back up to where we were in 07-08. A good way to get more people to join FCCLA is by participating in our Show-Me 5 membership campaign. In this campaign we recognize those chapters who increase their membership by 5 members. If you participate in the Show-Me 5 campaign you are eligible to receive recognition at the state leadership conference, all you have to do is fill out the application found on the state website:

<http://dese.mo.gov/divcareerd/fccla.htm>

The Access FCCLA conference will be held at Tan-Tar-A in Osage Beach, October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. This conference is a very helpful, fun, and informative way to learn more about FCCLA and get ideas to take back to your chapters. There are three different sessions you can attend all focusing on different aspects of FCCLA. You may attend Take Aim, Leadership Unlimited, or Chapters in Action. I strongly encourage you to attend this conference where you will get the opportunity to learn leadership skills, learn more about FCCLA, and get ideas to take back to your chapters.

Also, this fall you have the opportunity to attend the National Cluster Meeting. Our region is very lucky to have a national officer this year. Caroline Kirby, from South Shelby, is your National Vice President of Star Events and this meeting is the perfect opportunity to see Caroline in action! This year there are three exciting locations to choose from! The meeting and dates are as listed: **November 13-15** in Washington DC and **November 20-22** in Louisville, KY and Salt Lake City, UT

A very exciting way to get involved at both the state and national levels is by applying for recognition for your national program projects. I know all your chapters are really involved with the national programs and deserve recognition for all your hard work. Not only can the chapter be recognized, but so can your adviser by nominating them for the Excellence in Advising, Spirit of Advising, or other adviser recognition awards. All applications for national programs and

advisor awards can be found at the following websites: [www.fccla.org](http://www.fccla.org) and <http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/fccla.htm>

Don't forget to apply for the legislative Shadowing program held at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City. This program is for Junior and Senior members and each chapter may submit two applications. There will be 50 members chosen to participate in this program. This program provides an amazing opportunity to learn more about how are government works and show our government officials how wonderful are FCCLA organization is!

The LifeSmarts Program is an awesome way to develop your consumer and marketplace skills in a competitive way. It is set up in a quiz bowl format and is open to any teen in Missouri to join. The sponsor for Life Smarts is the American Century Investments of Kansas City, Missouri. I hope each of your chapters participates by putting together a team and joining the competition. To find more information on LifeSmarts go to [www.lifesmarts.org](http://www.lifesmarts.org).

This year there will be no fall mailing and I would encourage you to check the Missouri FCCLA website often. The SEC is working on some bylaw changes for the upcoming year, which will require a ballot vote so that we will be able to put the changes in effect for next year. Also this year the SEC has decided to change star events rules to allow members who participate in a Missouri only star even that is sent in prior to state leadership conference to participate in another event that would qualify at the national level. This allows more people to become involved in Missouri only events and still be able to participate in an event that can qualify for nationals.

If you have any questions or need my assistance feel free to contact me. You may contact me at my school: 573-588-4163 or at my home: 573-588-4585 or email me at [paige\\_basketball\\_4@hotmail.com](mailto:paige_basketball_4@hotmail.com). I hope you all have a wonderful year and are able to take part in all the Missouri FCCLA has to offer!

Sincerely,

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