

Talk of the State Newsletter – May 2010

Review of the 2010 SLC Opening Session

(Submitted by Charlene Johnson, 09-10 State Officer, Hot Springs FCCLA)

FCCLA Idol, the state's most talked about show, kicked off the Montana State FCCLA Leadership Conference in style. With an amazing array of characters, we learned all about FCCLA's **National Programs**. Moneyed Misha told us about **Financial Fitness** and showed us the importance of managing money: the reality if you don't know it and the benefits if you do. Miss Diva D'Jeane taught us all the great things that **STAR Events** can give you, mainly confidence. Cowgirl Codi educated us about **Career Connections** and how it can help find our strengths and weaknesses, preparing us for our perfect career. She also has a pretty sweet pig call. Awesome 80's Annie whipped us into shape by making healthy choices with the help of **Student Body**. Earth Child Emma helped make the world a more "peaceful" place with **Community Service**, and Ripped Rutherford enjoyed the power he got from achieving the goal he set through **Power of One**. Hobo Johnson shared her run in with the highway of life and ways to prevent it with **Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety**. Brainy Bare used to get picked on at school, but not anymore. Thanks to **STOP the Violence**, his school now knows how to recognize report and reduce youth violence. The cast was a diverse group of people, but they all came together with FCCLA and were all winners.

After the skit's entertainment, we got down to business, with a few great guest speakers. Glenn Newhart from the Children's Miracle Network, Zachary Bell Montana's 2009 Champion Child, and Miss Montana Brittany Wisser represented Children's Miracle Network. Montana FCCLA was proud to present the Shodair Hospital with over \$13,500, and many other items. Glenn, Zach, and Brittany spoke about the importance of what such a significant donation meant, and more on the Children's Miracle Network and Shodair Children's Hospital in Helena.

The opening session included quite a few guests, and Grant Baldwin was the last, but definitely not the least. Grant Baldwin, author of Reality Check, touched on many subjects, and had great stories. Baldwin spoke of the ways to make a difference, and how you will not fix something until it annoys you bad enough to take the time to fix it. Grant explained the importance of taking care of the situation before it gets to this point, and how the closer the project involves or affects you, the harder you will work at the project. His humor shined through when he explained the difference between how guys and girls pack, and their attention to detail. Grant Baldwin gave Montana FCCLA ideas on how to turn a project into something that everyone will like or be involved in.

Dues Increase Passes at Business Meeting

(Submitted by Kyle Rutherford, 2009-2010 State Officer, Rosebud)

This past October, the Montana FCCLA State Advisory Board met in Helena and discussed a few possible changes for our organization. One of the changes discussed was state and national dues. Last year the dues were \$8 for state affiliation and \$9 for national. The advisory board suggested an increase of \$1 to our state dues, making it equal to the amount we pay for national dues and to keep our budget balanced.

Business like this is suggested by the State Advisory Board and is then sent on to the State Officer Team to be approved to be put on the agenda for the business meeting. The State Officer Team voted unanimously to approve this dues increase, and it went forth to be voted on by the delegation. At the business meeting on March 20, the dues increase was discussed. The vote passed. The new Montana FCCLA state dues will be \$9 for 2010-2011 affiliation, which is the same as national dues.

Meet the 2010-2011 State Executive Council

(Submitted by Jake Bare, 2009-2010 State Officer Reed Point FCCLA)

As many of you know the State Leadership Conference in Billings is a very busy time! Not everyone takes the time or has the time to get acquainted with the new SEC that will lead the way for the next year. For those of you who haven't gotten an opportunity, here is the new State Executive Council!!!



Left to Right:

Codi Francis – State Officer Ats-Large, Manhattan

Jacy O'Neill – State Officer of Community Service, Plentywood

Ashley Nelson – State Officer of STAR Events, Forsyth

Khyley Haugen – State Officer of Programs, Victor

Jerry Wachal – State Officer of Public Relations, Polson

Ariana Lake – Vice President, Ennis

Elizabeth Lacquement – President, Terry

Julie Spika – Secretary, Lewistown

Veronica Gillund – Treasurer, Sunburst

Jordan Spicher – State Officer of Parliamentary Law, North Star

KateLynn Noorlander – State Officer of Membership, Belgrade

Adrienne Sipes – State Officer of Development, Columbus

Annie McLaughlin – State Officer At-Large, Sheridan

Not pictured: Susan Miller – State Chapter Parent, Ennis

National FCCLA Director Visits Montana

(Submitted by Annie McLaughlin, 2009-2010 & 2010-2011 State Officer, Sheridan)

At the 2010 State Leadership Conference, we had the honor of meeting Bana Yahnke. Bana is the National FCCLA Director of Marketing and Membership. She was very excited and impressed about how well our conference went. During the conference she delivered a workshop titled "Getting to the Core". This workshop taught us about diversity. She helped us find our own definition of diversity, and how to respect the differences of others around us. Bana helped us realize that everyone is different, but they should not be treated different. Her workshop was very involved, upbeat, and informative.

STAR and Proficiency Event Top Winners

Below is a list of the top winners in each event at the 2010 State Leadership Conference. STAR Event winners earned the chance to represent Montana and compete at the 2010 National Leadership Conference in Chicago on July 4 – 8. Congratulations!

JR	1st	Applied Technology	Sheridan H S	Marcus Bendon & Mike Tilstra
SR	1st	Applied Technology	Harlowton H S	Jessica Lewis & Laticia Hofland
	2nd	Applied Technology	Shepherd H S	Scott McIntosh
JR	1st	Career Investigation		N/A
SR	1st	Career Investigation	Carter County H S	Brent Fix
	2nd	Career Investigation	Dutton-Brady H S	Amanda Tharp
JR	1st	Chapter Service Project Display	Forsyth H S	Taylor Grogan & Ambre Thingvold
SR	1st	Chapter Service Project Display	Forsyth H S	Michael Sargent
	2nd	Chapter Service Project Display	Carter County H S	Brittany Hansen, Caitlin Dalzell & Ami Markuson
OCC	1st	Chapter Service Project Display	Terry H S	Franque Robertson
JR	1st	Chapter Service Project Manual		N/A
SR	1st	Chapter Service Project Manual	Forsyth H S	Haley Kuntz & Lindsey Schwagler
	2nd	Chapter Service Project Manual	Reed Point H S	Tyler Goddard & Brian Purdum
OCC	1st	Chapter Service Project Manual	Terry H S	Amand Haidle & Samantha Springer
JR	1st	Chapter Showcase Display	Three Forks H S	Nathan Spackman & Leah Stout
	2nd	Chapter Showcase Display	Dutton-Brady H S	Shannon Habel
SR	1st	Chapter Showcase Display	Reed Point H S	Travis Goddard & Rory Lewis
	2nd	Chapter Showcase Display	Twin Bridges H S	Torey Sewell & Jess Nicholls
JR	1st	Chapter Showcase Manual	Reed Point H S	Sydney Kern & Jessica Ullery
	2nd	Chapter Showcase Manual	Sheridan H S	Jonnie Lee & Daijha Brown
SR	1st	Chapter Showcase Manual	Carter County H S	Emily Peabody, Marcell Bruski & Cory Lovec
	2nd	Chapter Showcase Manual	Forsyth H S	Merridy Preble
OCC	1st	Chapter Showcase Manual	Sunburst H S	Allison Bye & Haeli Turner
SR	1st	Fashion Construction	Forsyth H S	Margo Salsbery
JR	1st	Focus on Children	Forsyth H S	Maddy Klapmeier & Kaylee Knoche
SR	1st	Focus on Children	Ennis H S	Alexandra Welch, Chiara Cross & Ariana Lake

SR	1st	Food Innovations	Ennis H S	Casey Jensen & Kelly Britton
JR	1st	Illustrated Talk	Shepherd H S	Casey Grass & Melissa Hill
SR	1st	Illustrated Talk	North Star H S	Katherine Sizemore
SR	1st	Interior Design	Park City H S	Autumn Donough
JR	1st	Interpersonal Communications	Harlowton H S	Kenzie Wasson & Dusty Taber
SR	1st	Interpersonal Communications	Forsyth H S	Shannon Seleg
SR	1st	Job Interview	Park H S	Riker Haefs
	2nd	Job Interview	Fergus H S	Ali Fox
SR	1st	Life Event Planning	Park H S	Kate Lynn Morrison
JR	1st	National Programs in Action	Three Forks H S	Hayden Denman & Mariah McLeod
	2nd	National Programs in Action	Bridger H S	Bobby Dorvall & Trevor Christean
SR	1st	National Programs in Action	Valier H S	Tucker Vanden Bos & Marisa Habel
	2nd	National Programs in Action	Hobson H S	Anna French
SR	1st	Parliamentary Procedure	Absarokee H S	Thomas Palin, Leah Connor, Murry Scheildt & Thomas Flanagan
JR	1st	Promote and Publicize FCCLA!	Sheridan H S	Charlie Smart
SR	1st	Promote and Publicize FCCLA!	Beaverhead County H S	Tabitha Johnson
JR	1st	Recycle and Redesign	Plevna H S	Tiffany Benner
SR	1st	Recycle and Redesign	Manhattan H S	Aleshia Monforton

Knowledge Quest at SLC

(Submitted by Kyle Watterud, 2009-2010 State Officer, Sunburst)

There were 7 districts that participated in this year's Knowledge Quest. The teams could consist of up to four members. There were questions based on FCCLA and FCS facts. Each round had 10 questions. The team with the most correct answers at the end of the round would move on to the next round. This was a double elimination tournament that ended up with District 1 facing District 5 in the final. District 1, consisting of Nolan Vick, Allison Bye, and Kala Frantz, won the Knowledge Quest.

Johnson & Wales Scholarship Award Winners

Scholarships were awarded to the following event winners on behalf of Johnson & Wales University. Congratulations!

- Applied Technology STAR Event
 - o \$1,000 – Jessica Lewis & Laticia Hofland, Harlowton
 - o \$750 – Scott McIntosh, Shepherd
- Job Interview STAR Event
 - o \$1,000 – Riker Haefs, Livingston
 - o \$750 – Ali Fox, Lewistown
 - o \$500 – Nate Kavanagh, Cut Bank

Montana Food Producers Event Winners

Lindsey Salmi of Hot Springs was the winner of the \$75 check from the Montana CattleWomen, Inc for winning the beef category. Seth Storle of Dutton-Brady was the winner of the \$77 check from the Montana Pork Producers Council for winning the pork category. Congratulations!

Montana FCCLA Scholarship Winners

This year's Montana FCCLA Scholarship winners were Misha Kearns of Sunburst and Charlene Johnson of Hot Springs. Congratulations!

Adviser Awards

Jody Haidle of Terry FCCLA received this year's Spirit of Advising Award for Montana in recognition for her hard work and leadership abilities. Jody will receive an official plaque at this year's National Leadership Conference in Chicago. The following advisers were recognized for their **Years of Service** at the State Leadership Conference. Without our advisers, we wouldn't have an organization. Thank you for all your hard work!

- 1st year:** Belgrade – Melanie Korthas
Cascade – Peggy Strobbe
Choteau – Tami Krone
Park City – Contrella Peterson
Polson – Deborah Raunig
- 5 years:** Chester-Joplin-Inverness – Mary Kay Rambo
Valier – Roni Habel
Jordan – Barb Clark
- 10 years:** Billings West – Jillian Miller
Huntley Project – Jean Ott
Manhattan – Joanna Krogstad
- 15 years:** Columbus – Lorie Martinez
Nashua – Jamie Hanson
Power – Shelly Vick
- 20 years:** Rocky Boy – Cindy Rennick
Grass Range – Penny Linhart
Red Lodge – Karen Kosorok
- 25 years:** Cut Bank – Lorrie Siebrecht
Lewistown – Karen Durbin
- 30 years:** Baker – Pam Beach
Havre – Marge Leeds
- 35 years:** Harlowton – Linda Eklund

Chapter Awards & Recognition

(Submitted by Charlene Johnson, 09-10 State Officer, Hot Springs FCCLA)

The following chapters were recognized at the State Leadership Conference.

- Early Bird Award (first to affiliate) – Forsyth FCCLA
- Largest Chapter Affiliated Award – Three Forks FCCLA
- Largest Chapter in Attendance at SLC – Chester-Joplin-Inverness FCCLA
- Largest District in Attendance at SLC – District 1

The following chapters submitted National Program Award applications:

- Three Forks FCCLA
 - o “Jammin’ for Africa” (Community Service Project)
 - o “Wipe Out Impaired Driving” (Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety)
 - o “Sub 4 Santa”(Families First)
- Sunburst FCCLA
 - o “Say ‘Peace Out’ to Drugs” (Student Body)

Montana Represented by Two Qualified NOC

(Submitted by Misha Kearns, 2008-2009 & 2009-2010 State Officer, Sunburst)

Every year Montana has the opportunity to send two candidates to the National Conference in hopes that they will become elected for a seat on the National Executive Council. Every year there are between 25 to 50 applicants and from those qualified members, it is the delegations decision to narrow it down to the ten students that will be representing our organization on the national level. This is no easy feat for the candidates from Montana. If elected, it will be a huge life change and a sacrifice. But the good experiences will be cherished for years to come!

There are two different ways to run for a national office. Candidates can declare to run Regionally or At-Large. The only part of the process that is identical to both sides is that all candidates must undergo a test of their knowledge of FCCLA facts. The score of this test is on rating sheets that are given to all voting delegates from each state. The voting delegates are responsible to take notes of all the candidates. They can rate them on how well they interview or how well they answer questions. Regional candidates are required to give a 3 minute memorized speech in front of their whole region, which can be anywhere from 6 to 13 states. However, the At-large candidates have a slightly more extensive process to go through. They go through a series of interviews that if selected, they then give their speech to a delegation of approximately 1,000. 6 at-large candidates and 4 regional candidates are selected for the National Executive Council with a grand total of 10 students to become leaders of the best career and technical organization available to high school students.

Best of luck to Codi Francis of Manhattan and Annie McLaughlin of Sheridan, our two National Officer Candidates this year! We know you will make Montana proud!

Let's go to Chicago!

(Submitted by Codi Francis, 2009-2010 & 2010-2011 State Officer, Manhattan)

Congratulations to all of you who qualified for the National Leadership Conference in Chicago July 4-8, 2010. The "Windy City" offers many great attractions for everyone. For the sports fanatics don't miss out on a chance to see the [White Sox](#) play at the [US Cellular Field](#). Also take a tour of [Soldier Field, Home of Da Bears!](#) If you are into museums be sure to visit [The Field Museum](#) and [The Museum of Science and Industry](#). If you like exploring new places be sure and take advantage of the various tours throughout Chicago such as [Mug Shots of Chicago](#), [Architectural Boat Cruise & Chicago Highlights](#), [Lake Front Bike Tours](#) and [Presidential Reflections](#), just to name a few. For the fan of amusement parks, [Six Flags Great America](#) and [The Hurricane Harbor](#) will be a good choice for you. For some entertainment go see [The Tommy Gun's Dinner Show](#), [The Medieval Times Dinner Show](#), or [The Blue Man Group](#). And lastly don't forget about the Star Spangled [4th of July Celebration](#) at the [Navy Pier](#) and the [FCCLA 65th Birthday Gala](#).

See you all in Chicago as we celebrate 65 years of Leadership!



SAVE THE DATE!

The 2011 State Leadership Conference will be held in Billings at the Holiday Inn & Trade Center March 17 – 19. Be sure to mark it on your calendar now and save the date! Hope to see you in March 2011!