

FCCLA Update



2015-16 theme-- FCCLA: CONNECT AND COMMIT

MEMBERSHIP INCREASE IN TEXAS

WAY TO GO TEXAS! As of November 12 Texas has **20,803** members in the affiliation system. **#20KforTexas FCCLA!** We are so excited for the Lone Star State....remember; members are accepted all year so if you get more students that want to participate, you can still add them to your chapter membership.

Become a TEXAS RED Partner

The Texas FCCLA Board of Directors wants you to be a contributor to the **new Texas Red Scholarship** for Texas FCCLA. We are asking all chapters, individuals and businesses to support the new Scholarship Fund by donating to Texas FCCLA. This minimal donation will be used for scholarships for active members and will be awarded at the 2016 State Leadership conference. All Texas Red donors will be recognized at the 2016 State Meeting, on our website and on signage. Donations can be made on the Texas FCCLA website

LAQUINTA CONTINUES PARTNERSHIP

Planning a school or family trip? Remind all of your members that **anyone** can use the FCCLA code and get a reduced price at LaQuinta Hotels. Reservations can be made through the FCCLA Website or by using the code **TFCCLA** when making reservations on the LaQuinta website or in a hotel. Encourage all organizations and groups (band, drill team, dance groups, other organizations) to use the code to help them out with the costs of their travel and to help FCCLA at the same time.

All revenue received from LaQuinta goes into the scholarship fund. There will be additional scholarships this year. Help us out by promoting the use of LaQuinta to anyone who travels.

NBA GAMES TO RECOGNIZE FCCLA AND PROVIDE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Go to the website at www.texasfccla.org and find information about the Career Days scheduled with the NBA teams. A great opportunity for your chapters to meet key employees of the franchises and learn about careers then enjoy a game.

SAY YES TO FCS

DON'T FORGET TO PROMOTE Family and Consumer Sciences Education....look for monthly social media activities to begin soon. Do you have your posters up in your school?

DINE IN- SPONSORED BY AAFCS

Mark your calendar for December 3 to plan to dine in with your family. Visit www.aafcs.org for more details.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 15- affiliation payment received and posted by November 15 in order to participate in STAR/Proficiency Events

December 1 deadline for submission of STAR and Proficiency Event entries; officer candidates and honorary membership application

December 15- deadline for payment of STAR and Proficiency Event entries to be posted

Safe Rides-Save Lives PSA

FCCLA introduces the 2015 - 2016 Safe Rides - Save Lives PSA Contest!

Empowered by FACTS and sponsored by State Farm, the Safe Rides - Save Lives PSA contest is an opportunity for FCCLA members to engage in creating teen-friendly safe rides safety messaging through a video Public Service Announcement (PSA). Visit <http://fcclainc.org/saferides-savelives/> for more information and to apply.

Reach Higher Career App Challenge

The Reach Higher Career App Challenge (RHCAC or Challenge) to promote the development of mobile solutions that will help students navigate education and career options, while increasing the capacity of career counselors to assist students in planning for their futures. This Challenge supports First Lady Michele Obama's *Reach Higher Initiative* to inspire every student in America to take charge of their future by pursuing their education beyond high school.

The Challenge calls upon educators, mobile application (app) developers, and other interested individuals to submit their concepts for mobile apps that: (1) are focused on middle and high school students, (2) include integrated tools to assess user skills and interests, and (3) offer users accessible information on occupations, education options, credentials, and career-seeking skills through an individualized user experience. The challenge carries a cash prize pool of \$225,000 and over \$240,000 in additional prizes.

The Federal Register notice, which includes the complete Challenge rules, is available [here](#). Submissions are due on or before December 7, 2015.

JOIN FCCLA SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

Please have all your members and advisors join:

Facebook: Like Texas FCCLA

Instagram: texasfccla

Twitter: @TexasFCCLA



IT'S COMING IN 2016 and in 2018---

The National Board of Directors voted to eliminate all khaki wear from the national conference dress code starting with the **2016 National Leadership Conference (NLC)** and to require black dress shoes as the shoe attire for the conference dress code.

The Board of Directors decided to implement a new national conference dress code for all youth members that will be implemented starting with **NLC 2018** as follows:

- White collared dress shirt
- Neckwear from official emblematic supplier
- Black bottoms (slacks, skirt, sheath dress)
- Black dress shoes
- Red jacket from official emblematic supplier

The Texas Board of Directors will be reviewing the policy at their February meeting to determine if and when Texas will follow these changes.

Please call the FCCLA office if you have any questions about your local FCCLA chapter. We look forward to hearing from you!

