

# FCCLA Update



**2016-17 STATE THEME—  
RISE.LEAD.SUCCEED  
SUMMITS OF SUCCESS**

## **NOVEMBER 1 APPROACHING: AFFILIATE YOUR CHAPTER**

Please go to the national FCCLA website and start your affiliation process. If you are a new advisor and need assistance, call the FCCLA office for assistance and resources. Please make sure to use your school name when naming your chapter. It is important not to use initials like AHS FCCLA.....there are many AHS's in Texas and when pulling data, that is the only information that we get from the system. We will be changing some of the chapter's existing names internally so don't be surprised if you see a change in your chapter name when affiliating.

## **MEMBERSHIP GOAL**

Hats off to Texas FCCLA for increasing membership during the 2015-16 school year. The officers set a goal to have over 25,000 members this year. Please work on promoting the organization and helping members Rise, Lead and Succeed in the organization before the November 1 affiliation deadline. Let's Go for the Red Texas!

## **FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES UNDERWAY**

Check out the Texas FCCLA website for dates and locations of the fall leadership workshops that are hosted by region and state officers. These meetings are a perfect way for your local members to learn about FCCLA and meet members from your area of the state. They are informative and fun.....something to start your year off with a bang!

## **NISSAN AWARDS TEXAS GRANT FOR THIRD YEAR to DALLAS AREA CHAPTERS!**

Chapters in the Dallas/Ft Worth area are eligible to receive one of 10 grants for \$2500 to show the wonderful program, Think Fast, to your school as an assembly or community program. Contact Sharon Pierce if you are interested.

## **MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT WEEK A SUCCESS**

September 12-16, 2016 was membership recruitment week. If you had some successful events, tell us what you did.

## **COMPETITIVE EVENT GUIDEBOOK**

The edited 2016-17 Competitive Event Guidebook is posted on the Texas website. We will be using the national rules and rubrics; but will also have state guidelines. This will provide consistency between state and national competition.

## **NEW PROFICIENCY EVENTS category...THIS YEAR**

Texas is adding a Senior Category to the Cupcake Battle this year. This addition will allow students that are taking a food science course or have a unit of study on nutrition to participate. Details can be found in the guidebook.

## **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.

## **SCHOLARSHIP THIS YEAR**

Scholarship applications will be updated soon for graduating seniors to apply. Applications are due March 1 but it is not too early to start planning. Texas FCCLA awarded over \$1,000,000 in scholarship last year!

## **TEXAS RED SCHOLARSHIP**

Chapter and individuals are encourage to donate to the Texas Red Scholarship program to help get an endowed scholarship in place before the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of FCCLA. We will try to continue to give out the

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

November 1- affiliation must be submitted on line; payment received and posted by November 15

November 7-11- Dude, Be Nice Week in Texas

December 1- officer candidates and honorary membership application.

**postmarked** deadline for submission of STAR and Proficiency Event entries and payment;

## **SERVICE LEARNING /COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS**

Each year each region and state delegates select an agency or group to reach out to during the conferences. This year the following groups have been selected:

**State** – Jonathan's Place- school supplies and toiletries

Region I – Lubbock Dream Center- to provide school supplies

Region II - Ages of Adventure-supplies for the adult center

Region III – Compassion Ministries of Waco-provide blankets

Region IV - Humane Society of Galveston-supplies for animals

Region V – Ronald McDonald House-collect books for guests

**National** – Lead2Feed-raise funds to help feed the hungry

## **DON'T MISS OUT ON LIFESMARTS!**

Another way your students can compete is through the online program Lifesmarts. Register at [www.lifesmarts.com](http://www.lifesmarts.com) and have your students learn about consumer rights and responsibilities, environment, technology, health and safety and financial education. Maybe you will be lucky to have a team advance to state competition in March and get to represent Texas at national competition in April. We want you to give your students every opportunity you can. This is a great program that ties so many of the TEKS for FCS!

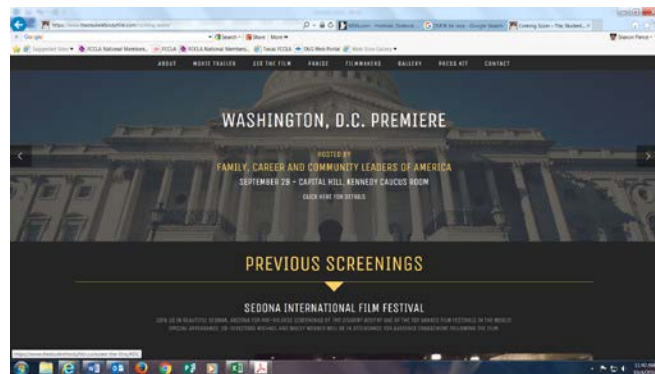
## DUDE, BE NICE

Texas is partnering with Dude, Be Nice, and has declared November 7-11, Dude Be Nice Week in Texas. Go to <http://www.dudebenice.com/> to find materials to help you plan your week. Plan some creative activities for your chapter. Make someone feel special !!!



## SOMETHING NEW FOR YOU! The Student Body documentary

Check out [www.thestudentbodyfilm.com](http://www.thestudentbodyfilm.com) and learn how you can set up showings of a very informative film about measuring BMI of students, eating disorders, legislation and how one student can make a difference in the governmental process. Interesting, fun and educational. This could be a great chapter project, STAR Event or family night out activity for your chapter. Organize a screening today: <https://www.thestudentbodyfilm.com/screening-toolkit/>



## NBA CAREER DAYS ARE SET

FCCLA has partnered with the **San Antonio Spurs**, **Houston Rockets** and **Dallas Mavericks** to have FCCLA Career Days at one of their home games. Flyers are posted on the FCCLA Website. This is a great way to learn about careers and enjoy a sporting event with your chapter member.

The **Austin Spurs** invite your campus to the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual College and Career Readiness Day at the newly named H.E.B Center at Cedar Park. The game will take place on Thursday, February 9, 2017. The purpose of this event is to benefit students by providing a program that focuses on the criteria in House Bill 5 related to college and career readiness, student assistance, and healthy living.

## TEXAS PROGRAM EMPHASIS

The state executive officers selected the following programs to focus on during the 2015-16 school year:

- Student Body,
- Families First,
- STOP the Violence,
- Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety,
- Leadership in Action and
- Career Connection

Look for something great at region and state meetings again this year: Check out the **Spotlight on Projects**...application forms are on the website. Bring a display of what outstanding activities your chapter is doing at the local level.

## CHAPTER AWARDS

Start working now toward getting your chapter recognized for the Outstanding Chapter Award. The application is found on the website and is based on participation in programs and activities available to your members. Get busy and be recognized at the state meeting for your outstanding efforts with FCCLA.

## HELP FIND OUR ALUMNI

Help locate alumni members and ask them to join us on Facebook and register on the alumni site on the website. We want to know where our former members are and what they are doing!!!

## NEED A MENTOR OR WANT TO BE A MENTEE???

Contact Sharon Pierce at [spierce@texasfccla.org](mailto:spierce@texasfccla.org) if you want to have a mentor or be a mentee to a new advisor. We would love you all to participate. Let us hear from you.

## TEXAS FCCLA HAS AN APP

Check out and get the Texas FCCLA App from the app store...a great way to keep up with what is going on in our state!

## JOIN FCCLA SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

Please have all your members and advisors join:

*Facebook: Like TexasFCCLA*

*Hashtag: #txfccla*

## NEED A FUNDRAISER?

Texas is partnering with Millican Pecans again this year; a portion of the sales from their company go to a scholarship awarded at the state meeting. Check out Millican Pecans...a great fall fundraiser for your chapter.

