



SPOTLIGHT ON LAUREN VICK

Lauren Vick is the FCCLA Adviser at Power School. She consistently implements innovative, engaging activities for her students and members. She recently presented at the Healthy Meals Summit in St. Louis to share her ideas with others. Thanks for making FCCLA an amazing experience for your members, Mrs. Vick!

FALL RALLY IS BACK IN BILLINGS!

Save the date for September 22-23! Montana FCCLA is offering the Fall Leadership Rally to help chapters kick off the year strong! Each chapter may register two chapter officers, two chapter leaders/newer members, two State Outreach Project leaders, and any District Officers or advisers for the chapter. The conference theme is Dream to Achieve. Attendees will learn about the FCCLA opportunities available to them, hone leadership skills, and network with other members. Keynote speaker Crissy Lauterbach from Contact Learning will inspire attendees with the challenge of dreaming boldly and taking the initiative to turn dreams into reality. Brooklynn Gross of the Leadership Training Team will also be presenting at the conference. Register before summer break, then update attendees by September 1 for the best conference rates. Full conference details are included later in this newsletter. Find the registration link on the [Montana FCCLA website](https://www.montanafccla.org).

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COMING UP!

May 15: Final Membership (23/24) Affiliation Deadline

May 15-September 1: Early registration for Fall Rally

May 24: Register for Summer Update

June 10-12: Summer Update, Bozeman

June 17: STAR Events confirmation due for NLC

June 28-July 2: NLC at Seattle

September 15: Registration closes for Fall Rally

September 22-23: Fall Rally at the Billings Hotel & Convention Center

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RETIRING ADVISERS!!

Kristen Basinger, Capital High School, Helena

"Ms. Basinger says, "I plan to be a full time Grandma to her 6 month old granddaughter (Isla) and will travel to the New England states next fall to view the beautiful foliage. I will also do some volunteering. My favorite memory of FCCLA is to see the members grow in their confidence." Congratulations and enjoy your retirement, Ms. Basinger!!

Vicki Kaufman, Bridger

Mrs. Kaufman is well known for her chapter's service project efforts, including such projects as Cole's Pantry and Feel Good Fridays. Mrs. Kaufman's chapter was also recently named as a winner in Lead 4 Change! Bridger FCCLA members have made a significant positive impact on their community because of Mrs. Kaufman, who has been recognized for her work by Montana VFW. Congratulations and enjoy your retirement, Mrs. Kaufman!



NATIONAL PROGRAM SHOWCASE--STAND UP



What situation in your community needs some change? FCCLA's national program Stand Up helps members assess current needs, educate others regarding concerns, and advocate so that they can make a difference now and in the future. If your community could benefit from an advocacy project, take a look at Stand Up to help you make a positive change. More details can be found at fcclainc.org





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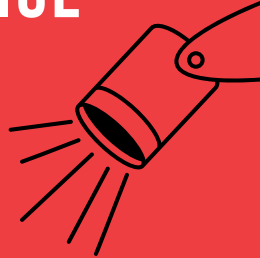
SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE MAY 2024

31 CHAPTERS REPORTING

2,190 VOLUNTEERS

16,624 TOTAL HOURS SUBMITTED

Remember to submit your chapter's service hours
using [this link](#)



COMMUNITY SERVICE



MONTANA FCCLA SERVICE HALL OF FAME Q4



1ST PLACE: BRIDGER

2ND PLACE: FERGUS

3RD PLACE: LOCKWOOD

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Joanna Krogstad, Bozeman High School

Mrs. Krogstad says, "So many great memories and friendship have been forged over my time as an advisor and teacher! It would be too hard to pick one memory in particular. I am blessed and thankful to have done what I love all these years and retire while I still love what I do! I look forward to spending time with grandkids and whatever else comes my way but I will miss my FCS family. Say Yes to FCS!"
Enjoy your retirement, Joanna!

ISO GRADUATING SENIORS

FCCLA involvement can be one of the most impactful experience of high school, so why say goodbye when you graduate? Montana FCCLA would love to stay in touch and invite you back to volunteer at our conferences and meetings! Complete [this form](#) to stay involved with FCCLA as an alumni! Montana FCCLA always needs session presenters, competitive events evaluators, and other volunteers as well!



FAMILY &
CONSUMER
SCIENCES



PROSTART NATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

In late April, Belgrade High School represented the state of Montana at the National ProStart Invitational in both the Culinary and Management categories. There were 48 teams there and Montana ranked 25th in Culinary and 37th in Management. Both of these places are higher than last year's results, so big congratulations to our teams!

What other things happened at NPSI?

On Friday evening, after a riveting Welcome Ceremony, all teams were treated to a boat tour of Baltimore's Inner Harbor with dinner included. Afterwards, teams headed back to the hotels for a good night of rest before participating in the competitions the following two days.

On Saturday, Belgrade was able to check out the Coca-Cola Lounge (a HUGE space with every flavor of Coke product imaginable, tons of snacks, and comfy seating to unwind before or after competition), enjoy lunch together, and then compete in the Culinary event. With one hour to cook at the same time as many other states, the room was loud and energized! (You can watch the video from the live stream on Facebook as well if you're interested in seeing it all!) Post-competition, the team received feedback and was able to explore Baltimore with the rest of Belgrade High's crew.

On Sunday, it was the Management team's turn to compete! In a room with seven other teams, Montana interacted with judges, presented their restaurant concept, and answered questions from industry professionals regarding things such as menu concepts, marketing tactics, HR (human resources) related (continued on next page)



PROSTART NATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS, CONTINUED

questions, and so much more (You can also view segments of this competition on the Facebook page!) Once they wrapped up and received feedback, they were able to go catch an Orioles baseball game! The timing worked out perfectly for a little mid-day fun before coming back to the convention center and finding out who placed in the top five nationally. There was an Awards Gala where we were surprised with a special guest, Laurie Hernandez, a former Olympic Gymnast and Dancing with the Stars winner! She spoke about Leadership and helped celebrate the winning teams. Following the Awards Gala, all students were invited to the ProStart Prom to dance and celebrate an incredible conference weekend! Interested in learning more about this program? Reach out to your State Coordinator, Jordan Collins, jordan@mtfccla.org.

Special thanks to the Montana Restaurant Association and to the National Restaurant Association for supporting the ProStart program and offering these opportunities for our students.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
NEWLY AFFILIATED CHAPTERS!
WELCOME, BAKER & GREAT
FALLS FCCLA CHAPTERS!**

2023-24 MEMBERSHIP STATS

**63 CHAPTERS
1296 MEMBERS
21.5% GROWTH**



JOIN US FOR

FALL RALLY



SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2024

BILLINGS CONVENTION CENTER

Tentative Conference Program Includes:

- Keynote Crissy Lauterbach
- FCCLA Leadership Training with Brooklynn Gross, FCCLA Leadership Training Team
- State Outreach Project Training
- Chapter Planning Time
- District Meetings
- Trivia Night and attendance prizes



Keynote Speaker
Crissy Lauterbach



Each chapter may register:

- Two Chapter Leader attendees
- Two Chapter Officer attendees
- Two State Outreach Project training attendees

Additionally, all District and State Officers, and Chapter Advisers



Brooklynn Gross
FCCLA's LTT

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

Register online at mtfccla.org

\$75

Reserve places; add names by
September 1

\$150

Register your members
between September 2-15

LODGING

- Billings Hoel & Convention Center
- \$115 per quad room plus taxes; includes free breakfast
- To register, visit <https://billingshotelmt.com> or call 406-248-7151. Use code 59383
- Room block is released September 1

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

Registration fee includes conference materials, dinner Sunday, lunch Monday, and an FCCLA beanie!

