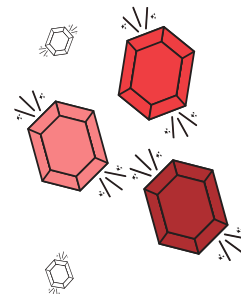


# TALK OF THE STATE



## Digging into Competitive Events

Hey Montana FCCLA! My name is Halee Wilson, your state VP of Competitive Events. I know this year hasn't gone as any of us had planned. I hope you are staying involved in FCCLA and have thought about what you plan to do this year. As the VP of Competitive Events, I can't help but talk about them! Have you thought about any events? If not it's a great time to start those projects to be ready for the State Leadership Conference.

### Benefits

There are so many benefits to participating in an event competition. You can help your community in so many ways from your event, based on what you choose. There's also the fun aspect of getting to compete! It's always fun to see all of your hard work pay off also with the opportunity to compete at the national level. These events also help you in the long run of life. Expanding your leadership potential and developing skills for life. These skills can help with families, communities and workplaces

### What Event?

Sometimes it is very hard to choose an event. When trying to find one, first think of what you want to get out of the experiment as an end result. Maybe choosing a life skill that you want to learn more about or get better at? For example increasing public speaking would be events like Professional Presentation or Chapter Service Project. If you're more interested in baking or cooking, there are other options like Food Innovations or Culinary Arts. There is truly something for everyone. Being passionate about the event you choose will make it so much more fun and get you farther into competitions!

### Tips

For those competing, I would suggest to think big. Have multiple ideas of ways to accomplish your project. Once you have a big idea use the FCCLA Planning Process to help you be able to accomplish what you want to do. I have found from personal experience that the planning process is the best way to keep your project organized and under control. Don't be afraid to take risks and always stand behind your work and be confident about it!

I hope this helped you to get excited about being involved in FCCLA. I hope I get to meet all of you at some point this year. Keep being a great leader in your school and staying involved in FCCLA!

- Halee Wilson, VP of Competitive Events

