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MAKE YOUR MARK WITH MONTANA FCCLA

Whitney Whittecar, State Director

Welcome back to the 2021-2022 school year, FCCLA members and advisers! This is the first edition of The Montana Marker, an official publication of Montana FCCLA and the 2021-22 State Executive Council. Each month throughout the school year, you can expect another issue of The Montana Marker jam-packed with information, highlights, spotlights and more! Need a few more copies? Head to our website for the electronic copy and print away!

This school year, the State Executive Council invite you to "Make YOUR Mark" on your family, school, and community! They are looking forward to seeing you at the Leadership Rally in Fairmont Hot Springs this month, at District Meetings later in the fall, and at the 75th Annual State Leadership Conference on March 17 & 18 at Montana State University.



Pictured left to right: Kennette Teske, District 11; Emma Johnson, District 6/7; Lacey Lawrence, District 5; Josh Kearns, District 1; Kyleigh Heberle, District 4; Garrett Spicher, District 3/9; Aubrey Neidich, District 2; Karys Lamb, District 8. Not pictured: Rachel Zielinski, District 11.

I'm so incredibly excited to for this upcoming year; it will be packed with some amazing opportunities to promote and grow local chapters, further develop your leadership skills, and continue impacting your community with

service projects. Be sure to stay connected to Montana FCCLA's latest news, events, and updates by checking our website and following us on Facebook and Instagram and tag us in your photos! See you soon!

Looking Back, Looking Forward

Lacey Lawrence, President

It is an exciting time as school begins, and students are getting back into the busy swing of sports, clubs, and FCCLA, which can be so much fun! Throughout the summer, the State Executive Council worked hard to plan the very best year possible. We are excited to put forth our best effort to assist this association and all of its members in a positive direction. We hope to help everyone Make their Mark this year in their FCCLA chapters, communities, and families!

Throughout the month of September, the National Executive Council is hosting a membership campaign to assist chapters with their recruitment efforts. Chapters that apply for the free Membership Madness toolkit by September 30

will be entered into a drawing to win one of ten \$100 American Express gift cards. To apply, visit the Survey tab in the FCCLA portal.

New members can stimulate organization growth, prevent member burn out, and fill leadership positions when others graduate. Students join organizations for many reasons; they want to get involved, make new friends, develop new skills, and have fun! Personal connection is one of the best forms of recruitment, there are so many fun ways to recruit and retain members! Starting out the school year with an informational meeting is very beneficial, and a great way to reach out to potential members. Contact myself or another State Officer for fun recruitment ideas and activities!

Getting into the Swing of Things

Emma Johnson,
Vice President of Community Outreach

Another exciting FCCLA year has begun! With that there comes many thrilling activities and events. Many opportunities are going to be available to those who are looking to get involved in various ways.

The first major event to come up this year will be Leadership Rally, September 26 and 27 at Fairmont Hot Springs. Leadership Rally is a great chance to develop your leadership skills, make connections and network with members from all across the state. During the conference, advisers and members will be able to attend workshops, listen to speakers, and participate in roundtables. We hope that you can all join us!

National FCCLA will be hosting the Capitol Leadership and National Fall Conference (NFC) back-to-back in November in Washington D.C. This is a great opportunity to come together with members and advisers across the nation to network, expand your leadership skills, sharpen your talents, and explore National Programs and Career Pathways. For more information and to register please visit fcclainc.org.

Later this fall, each district will host their annual District Meeting. Contact your District's President for all of the details!

Travel safe!

Montana FCCLA Chapter Spotlight: Colstrip High School

Kyleigh Heberle,
Vice President of Finance

For the last year, Colstrip High School has been supporting their community in many ways. One of those ways was craft kits for their youth in the community. This idea was proposed by Mindy Kohn, the then-Chapter Adviser for Colstrip FCCLA. and members thought of many ideas on what to include in the craft kits, names for the kits, and where to distribute the kits.

First, some FCCLA members contacted the library and they agreed to set out a basket to display the craft kits. Members then brainstormed ideas on what to include in the craft kits. For October, they decided to do a play-doh pumpkin craft kit. Some members made homemade play-doh in the Family & Consumer Sciences kitchen lab. In the kit, they also included a tag to say this project was sponsored by Colstrip FCCLA and included the official FCCLA logo. A chapter member published the details on Facebook, and the library then shared it. People loved them! They also posted a video of students who had made the kits

giving directions and attached other pictures to the post.

Colstrip FCCLA had various other kits for the following months until February, publicizing their work by using their YouTube channel and Facebook pages. Other kits included borax snowflake crystals and winter hats with watercolor colored pencils. Community members also messaged their Facebook page with pictures of youth making the craft kits. This was a great idea by Colstrip High School FCCLA to get their community involved.

This year, Colstrip FCCLA is welcoming a new Family and Consumer Sciences teacher and FCCLA Adviser, Ms. Haynie! They are looking forward to another great year making their mark on their community!



Pictured: Member Cierra Fuzesy holding homemade play-doh. Top: Turkey craft example for a fall-themed craft kit.

State Officer Corner

Kennette Teske
Vice President of Membership

The 2021-22 State Executive Council has been working hard this summer! We've set big goals and will be working hard all year to reach them.

In July, the team attended a retreat and participate in a challenge course! We learned about the importance of teamwork and trust. It was awesome getting to know each other!



SPORTS

FCCLA Members On and Off the Field

Karys Lamb
VP of Programs

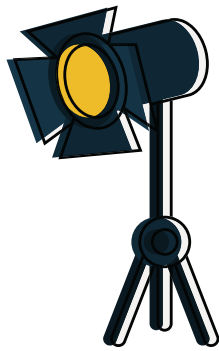
The Montana Marker’s first ever sport highlight is Phillip Hanes. Philip is a junior from Scobey High School and an all around athlete. He is involved in sports; football, basketball, and golf. His favorite sport is football, which he has participated in for 3 years. Philip’s biggest accomplishment in his sports career so far, is achieving All-Conference Second Team Offensive Center as a sophomore. Additionally, he has participated in basketball for 3 seasons and golf for 2. Philip has been a part of the Montana FCCLA family for 3 years. He believes that his FCCLA journey has tied in with his sports careers by helping him work better in group settings and understanding the importance of leadership. “It creates a really good bond between people. It helps create a sort of family.”



Pictured: Phillip Hanes, Offensive Center, Scobey High School

Do you play sports and want to be featured in the next issue of The Montana Marker? Contact Karys at vpofprograms@mtfccla.org

Member Spotlight



Many Hands Make Light Work

Josh Kearns
Vice President

The saying goes many hands make light work. Some people would accept this statement, and some people live it. Those that live it are the ones that are willing to help or reach out no matter what, and they are often thought of by their peers as some of the “nicest people you can imagine.” This month’s member spotlight is my good friend Claire Bucklin from the Sunburst Chapter of Montana FCCLA.

Claire really does take this motto to heart. She has helped me immensely throughout the end of my Junior year and all throughout the summer, even into the beginning of this year! She truly is a great friend that never shies away from helping out with FCCLA activities inviting me to hang out when we both have days off, or

even just being there for me to talk or vent to. She truly is somebody that I am forever grateful I have in my life and I cannot wait to see what the coming school year and fast approaching 2022 will bring. Keep being an amazing person Claire!



Pictured: Josh Kearns & Claire Bucklin, Sunburst FCCLA

Dear Aubrey: Answering Montana FCCLA's Biggest Questions



Aubrey Neidich,
Vice President
of Development

DEAR AUBREY: What is the Leadership Rally all about and what will we be doing?
- Excited FCCLA-er

FCCLA-ER: The Leadership Rally is at Fairmont Hot Springs, September 26 - 27. This rally gives members the opportunity to become stronger chapter leaders and will help students develop leadership skills and self-confidence with their fellow Montana FCCLA family! There will be workshops and lots of time for networking and having fun!

DEAR AUBREY: As an incoming freshman into high school what is your best advice?
- New Student in MT

STUDENT: Be confident in who you are and who you want to be. Get involved in your school by joining clubs or organizations, like FCCLA! Don't stress too much over getting the perfect grades and meeting high expectations. Love life and focus on being in the moment!

DEAR AUBREY: What is FCCLA's mission? I like going to chapter meetings with my friends, but I don't know if I want to join. Help!
- Maybe Member

MEMBER: FCCLA's mission is to promote personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Sciences education. By joining FCCLA, you will have the opportunity to expand your leadership potential and develop skills for life.

DEAR AUBREY: What exactly is "Dear Aubrey?"
- Confused Reader

DEAR READER: Dear Aubrey is an advice column used to give everyone a voice and an opportunity to ask questions. The FCCLA Dear Abby will not only be about FCCLA, but a place where students and advisers can ask questions and get advise from the State Executive Council!

JOINING FCCLA

HEY MAN, WHY HAVEN'T YOU JOINED FCCLA YET?

I JUST HAVE TOO MANY OTHER THINGS GOING ON. CAN'T YOU SEE?

FCCLA MEMBERS LEARN HOW TO MANAGE TIME TO BECOME A BETTER ADULT! IT'S ONE OF OUR PURPOSES!

A FEW MONTHS LATER

WOW! THROUGH FCCLA I HAVE BECOME SO ORGANIZED & I CAN NOW MANAGE MY TIME MORE EFFICIENTLY! I AM SO GLAD I JOINED!

BY GARRETT SPICHER

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER
13: Leadership Rally Registration Closes
26-27: Leadership Rally in Fairmont Hot Springs

OCTOBER
6: District 4 Meeting

NOVEMBER
4-7: Capital Leadership and National Fall Conference in Washington D.C.
10: District 10 Meeting
15: District 6/7 Meeting
17: District 8 Meeting

