

## MONTANA FCCLA SPOTLIGHT

Our August Spotlight is on Jaeda Paul, from Plevna FCCLA. Jaeda represented Montana in the Job Interview STAR Event at NLC and not only earned the title of national champion, she had a PERFECT SCORE! Congratulations, Jaeda! Who do you know that belongs in the spotlight? Submit your Spotlight nomination [here!](#)

## WELCOME BACK, MONTANA FCCLA!

Welcome back to school!! The State Executive Council hopes that you have had a great summer. We would like to welcome all the Montana Chapters, old and new, also all of the chapter members. Thank you for being in FCCLA and we hope to be able to connect with all chapters throughout the school year. Now that school is back please keep up on emails and getting started are your first meetings. Also don't forget to follow us on social media, under Montana FCCLA. Welcome back again and have a great first few weeks of school!!

Think you know the State Officer team? Check out the matching quiz on page 4!

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## FCCLA

### 2022-2023 Membership Increase Award

This Certificate of Achievement is Presented to

## MONTANA

In recognition of your incredible success in increasing membership in the Pacific Region during the 2022-2023 school year, FCCLA proudly presents your state association with this Certificate of Achievement. Your state's exceptional work to recruit new members serves as a shining example of the hard work, teamwork, and innovative approaches that can lead to success. Your leadership and commitment to the values and mission of FCCLA have set an inspiring standard for others to follow.

*Mary Katherine Gunn*  
MARY KATHERINE GUNN  
FCCLA NATIONAL PRESIDENT

*Sandy Savone*  
SANDY SAVONE  
FCCLA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FAMILY, CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA

## GO FOR THE RED

Did you know Montana FCCLA increased membership by 14% in 2023-24? Did you also know there is a national campaign to recognize chapters and members who are rock-star recruiters? Go For The Red is FCCLA's membership recruitment campaign. Members and chapters can win fabulous prizes simply by recruiting members and sharing how they did it [here](#). Some membership ideas include:

- Sponsor a "bring a buddy" campaign. Have each member bring at least one friend to a chapter or district/regional meeting and then encourage that person to join FCCLA.
- Challenge each member to ask three other people to join. It never hurts to ask! Explain to students the Go For the Red membership campaign as an incentive.
- Volunteer to help with new student orientation programs, including FCCLA as a potential activity for students.

Find more ideas, or submit your award application [here](#)

## COMING UP!

**September 6, 13, 20 & 27**

New adviser professional development webinars, from 4:30-5:30PM.

Email [Tracey](#) to register

**September 15:** Deadline to enter the Montana FCCLA Bulletin Board Contest (see p. 6)

**Affiliation is open!** Visit the [portal](#) to log in and start adding your members!

Vision Zero priority grant requests are due **November 17**

Check out the [Montana FCCLA website](#), as new resources are being added often!

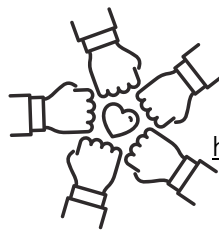


## CULINARY CORNER

**SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH CULINARY**  
As the school year begins, it may not be on your radar to think about scholarships for post-secondary programs just yet... but the sooner you start thinking about them, the better you can prepare to apply! These specific scholarships are for anyone thinking about a future in culinary, hospitality, tourism, or related areas.

Here is a link to scholarships offered through ProStart

<https://chooserestaurants.org/programs/scholarships-grants/scholarships/explore-scholarships/>



## AT YOUR SERVICE

FCCLA is all about service and it is now easier than ever to submit service hours! Use this [Google Form](#) every time you and your chapter has hours to submit, then chapter advisers receive a quarterly email with the statistics. Be sure to submit your service hours regularly to receive recognition for your efforts!



# FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES





## THE SEC INVITES YOU TO EXPERIENCE THE ULTIMATE JOURNEY

By Brylee Stordhal, VP of Community Outreach

The State Executive Council has been hard at work this past summer. We started our FCCLA journey at the National Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado and at our July SEC retreat in Emigrant, Montana. At the July retreat, the SEC voted on and approved the Montana State Outreach Project, The Road to Financial Fitness. We hope to educate and promote responsible earning, saving, and spending through this year's project by encouraging chapters to participate in financial education within their communities. Starting with the class of 2026, half a credit of personal finance will be required to graduate in the state of Montana. We hope that our State Outreach Project will aid in the promotion of FCCLA in the classroom, which is one of our goals as a State Executive Council. Alongside our State Outreach Project, we also spent our time planning and organizing each district's fall meeting by preparing workshops and activities for the members to enjoy. Alongside the hard work that was put into the July SEC retreat, us State Executive Council members also had some fun! We completed scavenger hunts, a challenge course provided by AMB West, navigated the struggle of nine teenagers sharing one bathroom, and became closer as an FCCLA family. From the entire SEC, we could not be more excited for this upcoming school year! Please help us in making this year our ultimate journey, together.



## FCCLA MEMBERSHIP: SHARE THE OPPORTUNITY

By Alexis Phelps, VP of Membership

Recruitment is the main base of FCCLA and having a successful chapter. Now that it is August and school is upon us this needs to be something that is in our minds and something that we can start to plan as that FCCLA meeting notification comes up on your phone. Something we thought would be helpful is having some starting ideas to give you more of a head start. Some of our top ideas are an Ice Cream Social. This is when you promote a certain meeting you have on a day and have it so they will come and have ice cream as well as network about this awesome club they are able to join. Another popular idea is "Bring a friend" meeting, encourage current members to bring friends to a meeting, it would be nice to have snacks, and have them all network and explain how FCCLA works and what opportunities are available as well as encourage them to join. The last idea we are sharing is you could talk to your advisor, or even another FCS teacher about coming into their classes and doing an elevator speech and giving the source of our members the information that they could need to join as well as encouraging them to check out a meeting and giving FCCLA a try! Always remember to get FCCLA out there, the more you talk the more people listen.

## SEC WHO'S WHO?

How well do you know the Montana FCCLA State Officers?



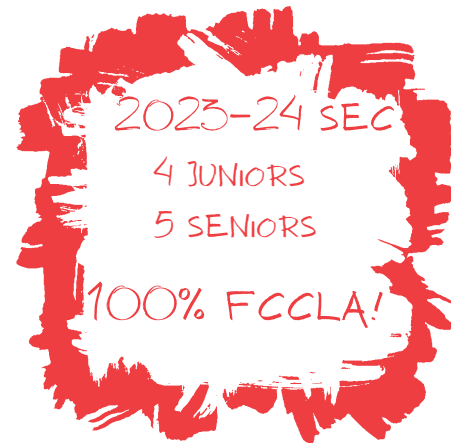
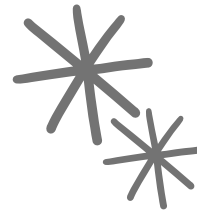
### Part 1: Picture Perfect!

Can you match the name to the correct photo?



Our State Executive Council includes:

- Brylee Stordhal**, VP of Community Outreach, Conrad
- Alexus Phelps**, VP of Membership, Belgrade
- Lauren Plagenz**, President, Fergus County
- Annika Sorenson**, VP of Finance, Forsyth
- Emma Harrison**, VP of Competitive Events, Wibaux
- Madeline Schrecengost**, VP of Programs, Powell County
- Zoey Ator**, VP of Parliamentary Law, Medicine Lake
- Jill Baumgardner**, First Vice President, Harlowton
- Jacob Harvey**, VP of Public Relations, Beaverhead County



### Part 2: Get a Clue!

Can you match the description to the correct officer?

- *I can recite all 3 of the High School Musical movies, word for word.*
- *A fun fact about me is that I love baking and trying new things.*
- *One fun fact about me is I have over 150 cousins just on one side of my family!*
- *A fun fact about me is that I play percussion for the BCHS Jazz Band!*
- *I have a secret talent for drawing.*
- *I love to do crafts and anything that is creative in any way.*
- *My first car was a 1995 Crown Victoria!*
- *I'm an advanced kayaker.*
- *I have been to Portugal 6 times.*



Answers will be posted on Montana FCCLA's Instagram and Facebook accounts on August 30.

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BELGRADE STUDENTS AT THE PROSTART CULINARY AND MANAGEMENT COMPETITIONS



NATIONAL CHAMPS!  
JAEDA PAUL, PLEVNA  
BROOKIE MAY &  
MELANIE ZETNIK,  
JEFFERSON



Congratulations to the Montana FCCLA members who placed in the top 10 with their STAR Events entries!

- Irelyn Peoples, Lidia Harrison, Wibaux, Chapter in Review Portfolio
- Austie May, Izzy Morris, Jefferson, Chapter Service Project Display
- Brookie May, Melanie Zitnik, Jefferson, Chapter Service Project Display
- Luca Helvik, Tyler Pembington, Wibaux, Event Management
- Jackson Robertus, Plevna, Focus on Children
- Brookelynn Ruckman, Fergus, Food Innovations
- Addison Gaugler, Hannah Murnion, Hayden Murnion, Harlowton, Interpersonal Communications
- Khale Bartel, Fergus, Job Interview
- Jaeda Paul, Plevna, Job Interview
- Franklyn Struck, Skyview, Nutrition and Wellness,
- Kate Martin, Moore, Promote and Publicize FCCLA

## MONTANA SHINES BRIGHT IN NATIONAL COMPETITIONS







# Bulletin Board Contest

## TO ENTER:

- Create your real (not virtual) bulletin board
- Take a photo
- Email the jpg or png file to [director@mtfccla.org](mailto:director@mtfccla.org) by September 15
- All entries will be posted on the Montana FCCLA Instagram and Facebook pages.
- The chapter submitting the photo receiving the most likes by September 21 will receive an official FCCLA Llama!
- One entry per chapter
- Open to Montana FCCLA chapters only

Your chapter could win an official FCCLA Llama!



- ALL BULLETIN BOARD ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE:
- At least one of the items in the National FCCLA Membership Kit or Communications Plan. This might include printables, flyers, or customizable templates from the FCCLA website
  - The chapter name
  - The FCCLA logo
  - FCCLA's 2023-24 theme





# EVER WONDER HOW YOU CAN EDUCATE OTHERS ABOUT TRAFFIC SAFETY?



**NOW'S YOUR CHANCE TO FIND OUT**

# 2023-24 VISION ZERO

Fund your project to help you and your peers reduce distracted driving with a Vision Zero grant!

Priority application deadline: November 17  Final grant application deadline: December 1  
Visit [mtfccla.org](http://mtfccla.org) for full details

The percentage of crashes involving young drivers has not changed significantly during the past 19 years.

Texting while driving has the same effect on reaction time as consuming four beers in a single hour.

Inattentiveness, carelessness, and driving speed accounted for over 50% of the crashes in the past 10 years.

Offered through a partnership between the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) and the Montana Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)  
Questions? Contact Sheila Cozzie, 406-444-7301 [scozzie@mt.gov](mailto:scozzie@mt.gov)



Montana Chapters have four affiliation options to choose from. This includes three packages that allow **Perkins Funding** as payment to mitigate chapter fundraising and individual payment participation barriers for students and families, along with an option exclusively for middle-level chapters, serving students up to grade 9.

## 1 TRADITIONAL AFFILIATION

This is a continuation of past membership affiliation processes. Each student grades 6-12 who engages with or benefits from FCCLA programming is affiliated. Affiliation dues are paid from chapter fundraising or an individual/family fee.

- \$ **NATIONAL DUES**  
\$9 per person  
Minimum of 12 individuals
- +
- \$ **STATE PER PERSON DUES**  
\$9 per person  
No Minimum
- +
- \$ **STATE CHAPTER DUES**  
\$65 per chapter  
Flat rate to support State Officer Programming



## 2 MIDDLE LEVEL PACKAGE

27 or more members, grade 9 or younger.

- \$ **NATIONAL DUES**  
\$250
- +
- \$ **STATE DUES**  
\$135  
(based on 15 members; over 15 members are free)
- +
- \$ **STATE CHAPTER DUES**  
\$65 per chapter  
Flat rate to support State Officer Programming

**\$450 TOTAL**

**NEW IN 2023!**

\*USING THIS PACKAGE REQUIRES A SEPARATE CHAPTER AFFILIATION  
\*THE CHAPTER FEE IS WAIVED FOR SCHOOLS ALSO AFFILIATING A SEPARATE HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER.  
\*PERKINS FUNDING MAY BE USED TO PAY WITH THE MIDDLE LEVEL PACKAGE

## 3 TOP 25 AFFILIATION PACKAGE

Up to 25 members.

- \$ **NATIONAL DUES**  
\$395
- +
- \$ **STATE DUES**  
\$180  
(this includes 5 free memberships)
- +
- \$ **STATE CHAPTER DUES**  
\$65 per chapter  
Flat rate to support State Officer Programming

**\$640 TOTAL**

## MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES #3 & #4

Membership packages include numerous chapter adviser and student benefits.

- Flat-rate payment can occur via **Perkins Funding**, eliminating per-member dues solicitation and enhancing equity by reducing participation barriers.
- Chapters receive a National FCCLA program of their choice with 70+ lesson plans to integrate FCCLA into the classroom (\$75 value).
- Free National FCCLA Chapter Adviser affiliation (\$9 value).
- One (1) Adviser Academy Registration (\$90 value).
- One (1) Lifetime Alumni & Associates membership for any one of their choice (\$150 value).

**\$325 VALUE**

## 4 BIG SKY UNLIMITED AFFILIATION PACKAGE

Unlimited chapter members.

- \$ **NATIONAL DUES**  
\$775
- +
- \$ **STATE DUES**  
\$405  
(based on 45 members; over 45 members are free)
- +
- \$ **STATE CHAPTER DUES**  
\$65 per chapter  
Flat rate to support State Officer Programming

**\$1245 TOTAL**

## LONG-TERM BENEFITS FOR THE TOP 25 AND BIG SKY PACKAGES

- **Chapter Benefits:** Montana CTE funding provides \$400 for existing chapters + a per-member allocation. Increased 2023-24 membership will increase your 2024-25 CTE funding allocation.
- **State Benefits:** House Bill 86 funding, which comprises most of FCCLA state funding, is heavily based on membership. Increased statewide membership means additional funding to support chapter advisers and provide student leadership opportunities.





# WELCOME TO MONTANA FCCLA! ADVISER TRAINING SERIES

New to FCCLA advising? Looking for a refresher on a few topics or maybe some fresh ideas? Please join fellow Montana FCCLA new advisers and experts in the field to strengthen your advising skills and set your year up for success! Please register below and join us via Zoom on Wednesdays in September from 4:30-5:30 to help your students **EXPERIENCE THE ULTIMATE JOURNEY!**



## Session 1: Where Do I Begin?

This session will help you understand what FCCLA is and how it all works. Attendees will develop strategies to secure administrator and parent support, and gain membership recruitment strategies.

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## Session 2: Build A Strong Foundation

This session focuses on building your chapter leadership and organizing your first chapter meetings. Don't miss out on great chapter meeting resources!

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## Session 3: Maximize Your Involvement

You've got the basics covered, now it's time to add elements to your chapter plans to really make it shine! National Programs, State Outreach Project, and Service Hours will be highlighted in this session.

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## Session 4: Maintain The Momentum

With a solid plan for the year, it's important to keep the momentum going! We will explore competitive events options, Montana's Adviser Communities, share resources for idea inspiration, and strategies for surviving the first year!

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Sessions are open to all Montana FCCLA Advisers  
Please register [here](#) or with the QR code by September 1  
Questions? [Email Tracey](#)

