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STUDENTS PREPARING TO MAKE THEIR DREAMS REALITY  
State’s Middle and High School Students Competing at Alabama FCCLA This Week!

Montgomery, Ala. – Students from 105 of Alabama’s top middle and high school chapters are traveling to Montgomery this week to participate in state competitions, attend leadership workshops, and kick off an exciting 70th anniversary celebration at the 2016 Alabama Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Leadership Conference, March 10-11.

More than 1,000 students, teachers, and business professionals from across Alabama will gather in our state’s capital for this event. The celebration will kick off when FCCLA hosts its Opening Session, with members and state dignitaries in attendance to showcase their support for Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) education.

In keeping with this year’s conference theme, FCCLA 70 Years…Where Dreams Come True, this event will feature exciting guest speakers and workshops to inspire young people to reach for their dreams, work hard, and complete their personal life goals.

“Being a part of FCCLA offers students great experiences like this and so much more,” said Alabama FCCLA State Adviser Jennifer Adams. “This year, our state will have over 700 students participating in contests at FCCLA’s State Leadership Conference. These competitive events will focus on financial management, career planning, and leadership development in the areas of culinary, hospitality, early childhood education, fashion, and interior design. Students from many of our local communities will be among the hundreds competing for awards this year. Top winners will earn bronze, silver, or gold medals. The top winners will advance to the national championships in San Diego, California, in July.”

Some of the Alabama schools participating in this year’s state conference are: Arab High School, Athens High School, Austin High School, Berry High School, Brookwood High School, Carbon Hill High School, Cullman Area Career Center, East Limestone High School, Elba High School, Fairview High School, Fayette Middle School, Florence Freshman Center, Florence High School, G. W. Carver High School, Geneva County High School, Horseshoe Bend High School, Hubbertville High School, Huntsville Center for Technology, Leeds High School, Leeds Middle School, New Brockton High School, Priceville High School, Samson High School, Saraland Middle School, Sardis High School, Talladega High School, Wenonah High School and West Morgan High School.

To see the full list of all participating schools visit: http://web.alsde.edu/docs/documents/52/List%20of%20Programs%20at%20State%20Leadership%20Conference.pdf

During this year’s conference, students will also have an opportunity to receive great career advice and guidance from top business professionals, network with peers, and discover the true benefits of having a strong work ethic through their participation in the state contests.

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2016 Alabama FCCLA Conference
March 10-11, 2016

Special Alabama Awards!

This year several teachers and students will receive special awards at the 2016 State Leadership Conference:

- **Riley Sikes Blount** – Receiving the Alabama FCCLA Honorary Member Award
- **Bridgette Chandler** – Receiving the Alabama FCCLA Honorary Member Award
- **Neal Morrison** – Receiving the Alabama FCCLA Honorary Member Award
- **Terri Williams** – Receiving the Alabama FCCLA Honorary Member Award
- **Keith Harris** – Receiving the Alabama FCCLA School Administrator Award

Alabama's career and technical education (CTE) program provides students with an opportunity to participate in seven different student organizations including FCCLA. Currently, Alabama has more than 9,000 FCCLA members.

To learn more about Alabama FCCLA, contact State Adviser, Jennifer Adams, at 334-242-9113 or visit FCCLA’s Web site at [www.FCCLA.com](http://www.FCCLA.com) or its Twitter Page [https://twitter.com/alafccla](https://twitter.com/alafccla).

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