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ALABAMA FCCLA CELEBRATES 70th ANNIVERSARY IN THE NATION’S CAPITAL

Montgomery, Ala. – Students from 28 of Alabama’s top high schools are traveling to Washington, D.C., next week to participate in national competitions, attend leadership workshops, and kick off an exciting 70th anniversary celebration at the 2015 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) National Leadership Conference, July 6-10.

More than 8,000 students, teachers, and business professionals from across America will gather in our nation’s capital for this event. The celebration will kick off when FCCLA hosts a rally on Capitol Hill, with members in attendance to showcase their support for Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) education. Participants will celebrate seven decades of youth career preparation and leadership.

In keeping with this year’s conference theme, Together We Are Healthy, the FCCLA Capitol Hill rally will feature exciting guest speakers and what promises to be the largest performance ever of First Lady Michelle Obama’s Gimme-Five Dance, which was created to promote healthy lifestyles.

Alabama’s FCCLA student officers will also have a chance to visit with U.S. Representative Martha Roby and Senator Jeff Sessions while in Washington, D.C.

“Our students are honored to have this opportunity to meet our national congressional leaders,” said Alabama FCCLA State Adviser Jennifer Adams. “Being a part of FCCLA offers students great experiences like this and so much more. This year, our state will have over 100 students participating in national contests at FCCLA’s National 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. Alabama students will be among thousands competing for national awards this year. Top winners will earn national bronze, silver, gold medals.”

To see a PDF copy of the national event schedule use the following link:

Alabama schools that are participating in this year’s national conference are:

- **Arab High School** – Brandi Cantrell, Local Adviser
  - Students: Kayla James, Lauren Crooks, Anna Kirkpatrick, Star Limperis, Kasey Morelan

- **Athens High School** – Pam Eckl, Local Adviser
  - Students: Austin Tucker, Rachel Carter, Shelby Wages

- **Austin High School** – Bethany Gonzalez, Local Adviser
  - Students: Whitney Piner, Haley Hillard

- **Berry High School** – Holley Naramore, Local Adviser
  - Students: Keri Brown, Kilbie Gann, Kristin Nix, Niesha Suduth

- **Brookwood High School** – Jennifer Frye, Local Adviser
  - Students: Samantha Price, Bailee Foster, Jessica Boyd, Lauren Mason

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- Carbon Hill High School – Rebecca Franklin, Local Adviser
  o Students: Kristen Bennett, Jordan Romine

- Cullman Area Career Center – Amie Veal, Local Adviser
  o Students: Jessie Hernandez, Dylan Long, Courtney Netherton, Ashley Oswald, Arriana Watkins, Madison Wren

- East Limestone High School – Tara Hilliard, Local Adviser
  o Students: Haley Langham, Aubrey Turner, Haile Hatchett, Aleah Hutchinson, Kaitlyn Kennedy, Olivia Levert, Mckenna Powers, Mackenzie Sanders, Cera Sawyer

- Elba High School – Christina Morgan, Local Adviser
  o Students: Emilee Hudson, Mary Brunson, Victoria Greer, Vicente Jimenez

- Fairview High School – Whitney Haynes, Local Adviser
  o Students: Alexis Lindsey, Anya Wallis, Lilly Hardman, Kaitlyn Broach

- Fayette Middle School – Natalyn Burkhalter, Local Adviser
  o Students: Aleah Byars, Mckaylee Masengale

- Florence Freshman Center – Lisa Arnett, Local Adviser
  o Student: Kaleigh Adams

- Florence High School – LaChandra Brooks, Local Adviser
  o Student: Kionna Hooks

- Geneva County High School – Janie Fondren, Local Adviser
  o Students: Cayden Hess, Sarah Fondren, Michelle Rousseau

- Horseshoe Bend High School – Felicia Williams, Local Adviser
  o Students: Trent Meigs, Monea Brooks, Angelica Butine, Alyssa Gaither, Lauren Grace Hall, Cheyenne Peppers, Abby Harding, Brianna Jones, Mary Carol Rasbury

- Hubbertville High School – Rhonda Dunavant, Local Adviser
  o Students: Kristen Lowery, Katelyn Dunavant

- Huntsville Center for Technology – Karen Rodriguez, Local Adviser
  o Students: Franklin Jackson, Taylor Lanier, Brianna Fletcher

- Leeds High School – Miriam Turner, Local Adviser

- Leeds Middle School – Emily Thomas, Local Adviser
  o Student: Lily Bartee

- New Brockton High School – Victoria Miles, Local Adviser
  o Student: Emily Bradley

- Priceville High School – Hollie Miller, Local Adviser
  o Student: Lane McCulloch

- Samson High School – Marie Eddins, Local Adviser
  o Students: Hannah Eddins, Patricia Vega, Katherine Johnson, Noah Cobb

- Saraland High School – Ashley McWain, Local Adviser
  o Student: Mary Patterson

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- Saraland Middle School – Kim Patterson, Local Adviser
  - Students: Camryn Cochran, Alex Everett, Chase Lott, Chloe Turner, Marley Tanner, Michael Sullivan, Taylor Balthaser, Hartlee Adams, Trey Hardy, Lara Hill, Faith Sanderson, Maslyn Schmitz, Anna Sweet

- Sardis High School – Sherry Hall, Local Adviser
  - Students: Carley Gardner, Sarah Battles

- Talladega High School – Kimberly Mitchell, Local Adviser
  - Students: Natlie Huss, Rhiannon Hurst, Ashley Camp, Alyssa Curry, Zack Love, Matthew Fisher, Cameron Cook, Sofia Trujillo, Laterricka Weed, Lakendra Brown, Jamaiya Barclay

- Wenonah High School – Diann Pilgrim, Local Adviser
  - Students: Keyaira Browdus, Mia Freeman, Dylan Henderson, Miles Hopkins, Jenai McCall, Rischard Miles, Teja Smith, Kendra Storey, Ivoreial Webb, Keyonta Williams, Sharhonda Bandy, Aria Bennett, Angela Evans, Errieol Milliner, Kiaria Murray

- West Morgan – Julie Rolin, Local Adviser
  - Students: Noah Brazelton, Matthew Wallace

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 national contests.

Special Alabama Awards!

Also, this year Alabama has several teachers and students that will receive special awards at the 2015 National Leadership Conference:

- Brandi Cantrell – receiving the National Spirit of Advising Award (teacher recognition)
- Miriam Turner – receiving the National Adviser Mentor Award (teacher recognition)
- Horseshoe Bend High School – receiving the National Public Relations Award (special state award)
- Jennifer Adams – receiving appointment to National FCCLA Leadership Team (state advisor)

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's FCCLA organization, contact State Adviser, Jennifer Adams, at 334-242-9113, or visit the national FCCLA Web site at www.FCCLA.com.

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