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ALABAMA FCCLA HONORED IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Montgomery, Ala. – As our nation celebrated the Fourth of July earlier this month, 225 of our state’s best students traveled to Washington, D.C., and competed at the 2015 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) National Leadership Conference.

This year, **Alabama’s students won 53 gold, 47 silver, and 7 national bronze medals.** Horseshoe Bend High School also received the National Chapter Public Relations Award.

Nearly 4,250 students from across the country advanced to this year’s national competition. To be eligible to compete, students had to first win at the state level. Students had a chance to compete in more than 30 family and consumer sciences contests – also known as STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) events.

Alabama’s 2015 National FCCLA Winners!

- **Arab High School** - Kayla James (Gold), Anna Kirkpatrick (Silver), Lauren Crooks (Silver), Kasey Morelan (Gold), Star Limperis (Silver)
- **Athens High School** - Rachel Carter (Gold), Shelby Wages (Silver)
- **Austin High School** – Haley Hilliard (Silver), Whitney Piner (Bronze)
- **Berry High School** – Keri Brown (Silver), Niesha Sudduth (Silver)
- **Brookwood High School** – Jessica Boyd (Gold), Lauren Mason (Gold)
- **Carbon Hill High School** – Kritsen Bennett (Silver), Jordan Romine (Silver)
- **Cullman Area Career Center** – Ashley Oswald (Gold), Madison Wren (Gold), Courtney Netherton (Silver), Jessi Hernandez (Silver)
- **East Limestone High School** – McKenna Powers (Gold), Mackenzie Sanders (Gold), Cera Sawyer (Gold), Aubrey Turner (Bronze), Katelyn Kennedy (Silver), Olivia Levert (Silver), Aleah Hutcheson (Bronze), Haley Langham (Bronze)
- **Elba High School** – Victoria Greer (Gold), Mary Brunson (Gold), Emilee Hudson (Gold), Vincente Jimenez (Gold)
- **Fayette Middle School** – McKaylee Masengale (Silver)
- **Florence Freshman Center** – Kaleigh Adams (Bronze)
- **Florence High School** – Katelyn Fennell (Silver), Kelsi Williford (Silver)
- **G.W. Carver High School** – Kionna Hooks (Silver)
- **Geneva County High School** – Cayden Hess (Silver)
- **Horseshoe Bend High School** – Trent Meigs (Gold), Lauren Grace Hall (Gold), Brianna Jones (Gold), Monea Brooks (Silver), Shelby Futral (Silver), Abby Harding (Silver), Angelica Butine (Silver) Alyssa Gaither (Silver), Cheyenne Peppers (Silver), Mary Carol Rasbury (Silver)

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Alabama FCCLA Earns National Awards
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- **Hubbertville High School** –Katelyn Dunavant (Gold), Kristen Lowery (Gold)
- **Huntsville Center for Technology High School** –Brianna Fletcher (Silver), Franklin Jackson (Silver), Taylor Lanier (Silver)
- **Leeds High School** – Elise Turner (Gold), Cara Anderson (Gold), Sydney St.John (Gold), Adam Brown (Silver), Alexis Burrell (Silver), Joey Khan (Silver), Crystin McGraw (Silver), Izzy Smith (Silver)
- **Leeds Middle School** – Lily Bartee (Gold)
- **New Brockton High School** – Emily Bradley (Silver)
- **Samson High School** – Hannah Eddins (Gold), Patricia Vega (Gold), Noah Cobb (Silver), Katherine Johnson (Silver)
- **Saraland High School** – Mary Patterson (Gold)
- **Saraland Middle School** – Hartlee Adams (Gold), Camryn Cochran (Gold), Alex Everette (Gold), Lara Hill (Gold), Chase Lott (Gold), Maslyn Schmitz (Gold), Michael Sullivan (Gold), Chloe Tuner (Gold), Anna Sweet (Gold), Marley Tanner (Gold), Taylor Balthaser (Silver), Trey Hardy (Silver), Faith Sanderson (Silver)
- **Talladega Career and Technical Center** – Matthew Fisher (Gold), Zack Love (Gold), Lakendra Brown (Silver), Laterricka Weed (Silver), Jamalya Barclay (Bronze), Sofia Trujillo (Bronze)
- **Wenonah High School** – Errieol Milliner (Gold), Teja Smith (Gold), Ivoreial Webb (Gold), Sharonda Bandy (Gold), Mia Freeman (Gold), Jenai McCall (Gold), Keyonta Williams (Gold), Kiarra Murray (Silver)

“We are dedicated to preparing students for a lifetime of success,” says State FCCLA Adviser Jennifer Adams. “While attending this year’s conference, students experienced congressional events and further developed their academic, career, and employability skills. Our students participated in national leadership workshops and networked with peers and top congressional leaders from our state. We are very proud of them – not only are they prepared for college and careers—they are prepared for life.”

Students Visited Alabama’s Congressional Leaders

Alabama FCCLA students also had the great opportunity of meeting Representative Martha Roby on the Capitol steps. They had a wonderful time learning about our nation’s legislative process. Students also had the honor of watching Senator Jeff Sessions cast an important legislative vote from the Senate Galley floor.

Alabama FCCLA members also had the opportunity to meet Representative Aderholt, Representative Byrne, Representative Rogers, Representative Sewell, and Senator Shelby while in Washington.

FCCLA is devoted to preparing students for leadership and career success. Nationally, this organization serves more than 200,000 high school, college, and professional members. Alabama has nearly 8,000 members. Alabama’s FCCLA association was recognized this year for being ranked fifth overall nationwide in total membership.

To learn more about Alabama FCCLA or any of the other educational opportunities offered by Alabama’s career tech program, contact State FCCLA Adviser, Jennifer Adams, at (334) 242-9113.

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