



## Nebraska Association of Family, Career, & Community Leaders of America

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### For Immediate Release:

#### Headline: FCCLA Members Attend Fall Leadership Workshop

*Kearney- Four Students* from Bishop Neumann recently attended the Nebraska Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America Fall Leadership Workshop in Kearney. This annual event was held on Monday, September 20, 2021, with over 600 student members and chapter advisers registered for the conference. The state theme for this year is 'Endless Opportunities,' which encourages members to discover all aspects of FCCLA to further their opportunities.

Students at the event heard from members of the Nebraska FCCLA State Officer Team, the State Peer Officer Team, and Ashley Brinton, the 2021 National FCCLA Alumni Achievement Award winner to begin the day of learning. Rebekka Jay and Alexis Cherry, both former state officers, led the New Member track. FCCLA competitive events, recognition opportunities, and National Programs sessions focused on providing new members a solid foundation on which to build their FCCLA experiences. Ashley Binstock participated in the New Member track. In the Chapter Leader track, officer training sessions were facilitated by the 2021-2022 Nebraska State Officers for chapter officers to gain more knowledge about their officer positions. Sessions in the Chapter Leader Track featured open discussions about awards and recognition, membership, competitive events, building a program of work, and public relations, along with the chance for members to share ideas and network with others. Katherine Sousek, Lydia Schwede, and Lainey Sommerfeld participated in the Chapter Leader track.

In the afternoon, participants had the opportunity to attend various breakout sessions presented by partner organizations. Nebraska FCCLA was excited to include content from Project Extra Mile, First Five Nebraska, and Jana's Campaign to provide more information about reducing alcohol-related harm, advocacy, and preventing teen dating violence, respectively. The State Officers also presented additional sessions on community service, competitive events, opportunities in FCCLA, and resources to assist chapters.

"I learned how much accountability can affect teamwork." -Katherine Sousek

FCCLA is a useful and dynamic national career and technical student organization that aids young men and women in their journey to become leaders and teaches them lifelong skills. It demonstrates the importance of understanding how to address important career, community, family, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. Nebraska FCCLA has over 2,500 members in 100 chapters across the state. For more information about FCCLA, please visit [www.nebraskafccla.org](http://www.nebraskafccla.org).