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Kentucky FCCLA Adventures In Leaderland

Julie Locke 2013 Keynote Speaker



Julie Locke grew up in a house of five girls with a divorced mother in Washburn, Illinois, a very small country town. She moved to the city after graduating from high school; there she joined a volleyball team at a health club, where she met her husband, Austin. Although they were both young, she knew he was the one. They

had their first baby, Dax, when Julie was 23. Austin and Julie Locke from Washington Illinois, newly married and thrilled to be expecting, became the proud parents of a healthy baby boy, Dax Ryan Locke, born on June 26, 2007. At six months old, Dax began getting colds and ear infections constantly. His parents, diligent in their struggle to help Dax regain his health took him repeatedly to the pediatrician who assured them it was a virus and he would be fine. On Dax's first birthday, with two ear infections and both eyes infected, he was admitted to the hospital the day after his first birthday. The doctors thought he was just dehydrated from the sickness and would perk up after getting some fluids. Three hospitals later the Locke family landed in Memphis, Tennessee at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital diagnosed with AML M7 leukemia. Although shocked, grief stricken, and exhausted from the emotional toll the last six months had taken, adrenaline kicked in and Julie and Austin from that second began their battle to do all they could for their baby son, Dax. Despite their sadness, Julie and Austin knew that Dax's story, which had touched so many people, could be used to bring awareness to childhood cancer and the work of St. Jude and started a foundation called "Cherish Every Moment" the Dax Locke Foundation. The foundation's purpose is to raise \$1.6 million dollars to run St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for one day in honor of Dax! They began chipping away at this goal by running fundraisers and spreading the word. Singer and songwriter, Matthew West reached out to help after hearing

Dax's story. He wrote a song called One Last Christmas and the song went viral! Matthew donated all the money he made from the song to to the Dax Locke foundation! A producer heard the song, decided it would make a charming Christmas movie (One Last Christmas) telling how the neighborhood came together for Dax and put up their Christmas lights and filming began. The movie was aired December 4th, 2011 on GMC network and broke every record the network had ever set. Dax's story has moved the world. To this date over \$580,000 has been raised to help Austin and Julie Locke meet their goal for their sweet boy, Dax.



The Kentucky Association of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America 68th Annual state meeting

This years theme for the Kentucky Association of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America 68th annual state meeting is “KYFCCLA: Adventures in Leaderland”. Alice ends up in leaderland where she has to prove she is the leader that she says she is.

As you start the new year be sure you have marked your calendar and have make plans to attend the 2013 KY FCCLA leadership conference in Louisville, KY at the Galt House on March 25-27, 2013. The biggest change of this year of course is the DRESS CODE for students. Just as nationals now requires, we as a state are also requiring that students wear either khaki or black pants or skirt with a red, white or black polo or button down shirt. The banquet attire is still the same with dressy attire. This was approved by the advisory board and it will be strictly enforced. Please make sure your students are in accord with this new rule.

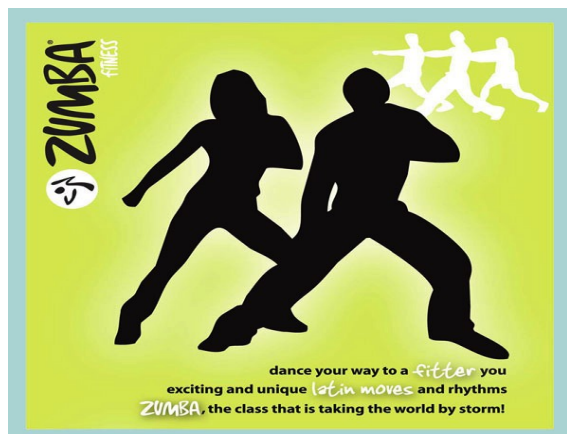


Pre Conference Activities

KY Show- Pre-registration is required to attend a free presentation video about Kentucky. Advisers must provide chaperones for students and made reservations for this presentation ahead of time

Zumba It's an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party that's moving millions of people toward joy and health

National officer Caleb Hearon will have a Pre Conference session for anyone.





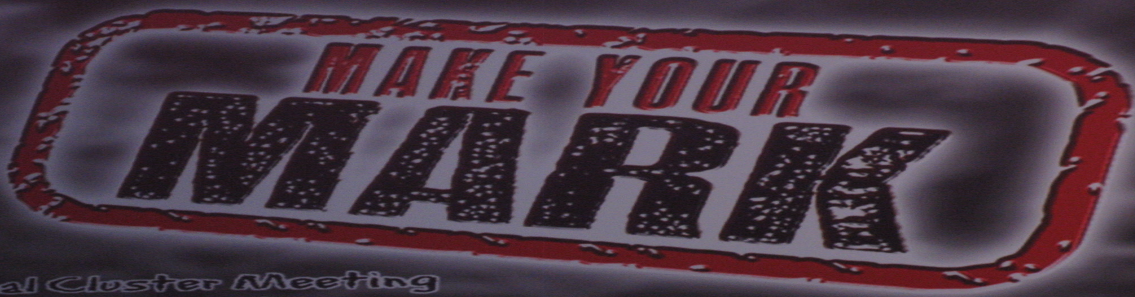
2012 Cluster Meeting Indianapolis, IN

On November 16 through 18, 2012, thousands of students traveled across the states to gather in Indianapolis, Indiana for the 2012 National Cluster Meeting. With the theme of “Make Your Mark”, FCCLA members were challenged to make their mark with FCCLA. To learn how to “make a mark”, students attended workshops, participated in youth networking, and listened to guest speakers. Attendees participated in a weekend of unique opportunities available through FCCLA. They examined new ways to help them succeed in their families, careers, and communities. They also spoke about FCCLA, the ultimate leadership experience. It’s programs are planned and run by the members. Your own Kentucky state officers were able to participate with five national officers, Justin Hess, Ashley Labrm, Ashley Faulkner, Caleb Hearon, and Skylar Borchardt, in the Make Your Mark skit!



One workshop called, “Men are Scum, and Women are Stupid”, focused on how girls were “played” by boys, even when the speaker was a man himself. He wanted to start a “nice guy” revolution, and gave practical advice to FCCLA girls and boys to put this revolution in motion. Walking through the SkyWalk to the mall that was connected to the J.W Marriott., and seeing the beautiful sights from a twenty-two story hotel was amazing, as well as all of the things that FCCLA members gained from this experience. In the Kentucky Association of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, on the days of March 25- 27, 2013, there will be six general concurrent sessions. The sessions will be “Kosair Children’s Hospital”, “National Programs”, presented by National Officer Caleb Hearon, “Texting and Driving”, “Japanese Exchange Program”, “Culinary Skills”, and “Tatem’s Totes”.





Cluster Meeting Oklahoma City, OK

Cluster meetings are always very special, we began to plan a year in advance. This year Bowling Green High School traveled to Oklahoma City, OK. Our adventure began at 3 AM traveling on a school bus to Nashville International Airport. Activities we did included: Authentic Mexican Restaurant, boat tour (Brick Town), Oklahoma Bombing National Memorial Museum, Cattlemen's Steakhouse (feat. On Food Network, Diner's Drive-Ins and Dives), National Cowboy Museum, and of course a mall.

Opening session was at Chesapeake Arena. The theme for the meeting was 'Make Your Mark'. Day 2 was when we participated in workshops, visited exhibits, and networking with our peers. Closing session came so quickly, but we will always remember the many faces of new friends that we met. One face was Mr. Michael Benjamin, Executive Director for FCCLA. We had our picture taken with him and he really does care about the welfare of all students. Bowling Green High was the only chapter to represent Kentucky at this cluster meeting.

We danced the night away with our new friends, can't wait until next year! We have already started making plans for next year's cluster meeting. Hope to see you there!!



Community Service for Kentucky



Tatum's Bag of Fun is a non-profit organization that works hard to bring joy to kids with cancer while they are in the hospital. They fill the bags with goodies to help get the kids through the long hospital stays. We thought it would be great to get this organization started in Kentucky to help kids battling cancer. The bags are filled with board games, dolls, books, puzzles, coloring books, crayons, trucks, cars, etc., anything that will bring joy to a child and help them to have fun. All the items for the bags have to be NEW. Our goal is for EACH MEMBER to bring ONE ITEM to State conference. Students can drop the items off as they walk into Opening Ceremony. If your school is able to donate more than one item per student, we encourage you to do so because the items will be donated to is in Kentucky.

At the State Conference, we will be holding a session to fill the bags. We encourage everyone to participate in this wonderful project that will have a positive impact on pediatric cancer patients right here in Kentucky. Each chapter, please bring item to State FCCLA Meeting, March 24-27th.





Officer Spotlight



Brooke Gordan

Office: State President
School: Marion County High School
Region: 5

I am an active member in FCCLA, BETA, FBLA, HOSA, Pep Club, Social Norm Campaign, and the Student Advisory Council. My life outside of school is spent with my friends, my family and helping my parents run their businesses. I strongly encourage anyone to run for state office, I promise it will be the best year of your life.

Favorite Quote: "Live like you are at the bottom, even if you are at the top."



Raven Byars

Office: Vice President of Finance
School: South Oldham High School
Region: 6

I am currently a member of FCCLA, Beta club, Spanish honors society, link crew, interact club, preschool teacher at church. In my spare time I like to hang out with friends and family, sleep, and watch TV. My Favorite color is purple, and I love food.

Favorite Quote: "Be Something, Do Something, Leave Somethingo."



Delaney Smith

Office: State Vice President
School: Mercer County High School
Region: 15

When I'm not busy with school work, I cheer for my high school and play piano. After attending my first National Cluster Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina, I fell in love with FCCLA! Our amazing organization has truly developed me into the leader I am today. I encourage everyone to take part in The Ultimate Leadership Experience! I hope to see everyone at the 68th Annual Kentucky FCCLA State Leadership Conference, March 25th through the 27th at the Galt House in Louisville! See you there! .

Favorite Quote: "Do not follow where the path may lead, Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."



Alivia Faris

Office: Vice President of Individual Programs
School: Fleming County High School
Region: 9

I am an active member in FCCLA, Champions Against Drugs, 4-H, FBLA, Flemingsburg Church of Christ Youth Group, the FCHS Academic Team, the Lady Panthers Soccer Team, the Swim Team, and the Panther Purr journalism staff. Outside of school my time with my family and friends; I also spent this past summer at Bellarmine University as a part of the KY Governor's Scholar Program. FCCLA has given me confidence and a voice so I strongly encourage others to join.

Favorite Quote: "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away". - Hilary Cooper



Raymond Smith

Office: Vice President of Public Relations
School: Warren Central High School
Region: 4

I am involved in FCCLA, STLP, GAPP, Greater than 1, and I also work 2 jobs. I'm a senior and plan on attending WKU in the fall to major in Broadcast Journalism. This summer I also get an opportunity to go to Germany.

Favorite Quote: "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." ~Dr. Seuss

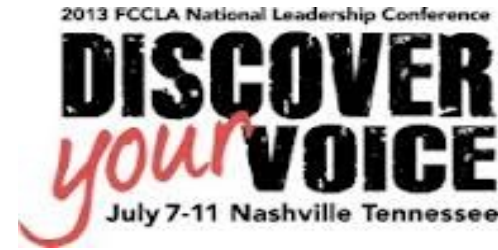
National meeting

The national leadership conference in Nashville, Tennessee on July 7-11. This years theme is “Discover Your Voice,” it includes competitive events, dynamic speakers, and astonishing sessions, you will have the chance to be you around people that accept you. This experience will empower members to take initiative and be the change. The youth sessions will feature Jill Esplin “Go Big and Make a Big Difference.”Mike Smith “Leaving a Legacy.” Also the advisor recognition session will feature Dr. Lindsey Shirley “ Using Technology to present FACS Content.”

Youth networking sessions allow members to explore creative ways to increase membership, add excitement to chapter meetings, help with fundraising ideas, and how to incorporate FCCLA into their school and community. Youth workshops let chapter members explore future career ideas. Workshops are presented by chapter members and chapters, partners, and exhibitors.

The meeting will hold the FCCLA Leadership Academy, which is an opportunity for all members to gain training and recognized for self improvement efforts. The academy had four concentrations: FCCLA Ultimate Leader, Student Leadership Challenge Achiever, expert Advocate, and Master state Officer.

Special Events will be the “Lakeside Beach Party at Nashville shores” on Tuesday, July 9, 2013. Also the Gala- “A Southern Summer Night in Music City!” Wednesday, July 10, 2013. FCCLA “Run4Red 5K, which is FCCLA’s 2nd annual walk/run opportunity.



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WWW.Ky-fccla.org

