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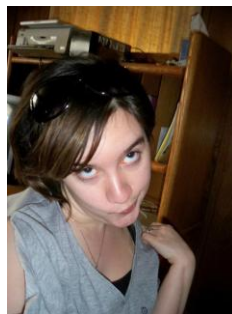
**Please take time and enjoy the many individuals who have been recognized this
year by NYS FCCLA.**



Distinguished Service Award --Christopher Tiffany

Like many of you, Christopher Tiffany (Mr. Chris) began his service to FCCLA while in middle school as an active member, then became a chapter officer, district officer and then as a senior, he was elected to be New York State Alumni and Associates Officer. He has continued participating in and organizing activities for fundraising, district meetings, planning sessions, Summer Leadership, State and National Conferences while attending SUNY Brockport through today's meeting. You probably have played a game that he has developed such as FCCLA Family Feud, FCCLA Squares, or FCCLA Jeopardy. Maybe you have been helped through illness or injury by him while he used his EMT certification to serve FCCLA. He has made life easier for advisors and members by always being willing to assist. Even though he was not an FCCLA advisor, he has mentored many members. Officially he was Junior Leader Trainer and served two times as Co-State Officer Trainer. Other responsibilities have included traveling and participating in FCCLA workshops for the New York State Association of Family &

Consumer Sciences Educators, national FCCLA training for FCCLA programs, and presently he is the Alumni & Associates Liaison to the Board of Trustees, working on the 5 year plan and the officer trainer manual. In addition to all of this, Chris has brought two new active participants to our FCCLA family ---his wife, Alicia and their daughter Calleigh. Please join us in thanking and celebrating our Distinguished Service Award winner--- Chris Tiffany!!!!



Alumni Achievement Award--Katie Hudy

Joining FHA in 1998, Katie Hudy didn't realize how this program would shape her future. Representing Union-Endicott High, as well as District 8A, she held multiple chapter and district offices in her student career. In 2003, surrounded by members she has now long been friends with, she became the state Voting Delegate, furthering her career in the organization. After high school, she went off to SUNY Cortland, where she earned a Bachelors in Philosophy, Bachelors in Communications, and a Masters in Education.

While in college, she worked on trying to pay it forward with FCCLA by becoming a Junior Leader Trainer assistant in 2005, and then becoming the Junior Leader Trainer in 2006. After her training was done, she moved over to help the Alumni & Associates by becoming the Newsletter Editor. She renewed this position in 2010 in hopes to keep trying to make a difference in the organization. Today, she continues even more by working on training guides for the organization to help up-and-coming trainers.

Outside of FCCLA, she is now working with low-income families on nutrition education, using the skills she learned throughout her tenure with the program, helping guide the future generations.



School Administrator Award --Leueen Smithling

Beaver River Central has had the pleasure of having Mrs. Leueen Smithling as a FACS and Health teacher for twenty-three years before returning to serve as our superintendent. From 1979-1988 Mrs. Smithling was an FHA advisor for the junior high chapter until the organization combined the junior and senior high chapters into one chapter. While serving Lowville Academy and Central School as their Middle School Principal, Mrs. Smithling encouraged Lowville students to participate in FCCLA. Upon her return to Beaver River Central School, Mrs. Smithling has been a supporter of our extensive program of work. She has met with students and assisted them in carrying out their community service projects. She will never forget the FCCLA bus trip to Darien Lake with her husband and sons.



School Administrator Award--Thomas Averill

Tom Averill is Principal of Saugerties Junior/Senior High School. Tom began his tenure in the Saugerties District in 2007 as the Jr. High Principal. After a district restructuring plan to consolidate the Junior and Senior High School administration last year, Mr. Averill now is in charge of 130 teachers and 1600 students. Mr. Averill has an extensive educational background. He graduated from SUNY Oswego with a Masters in Technology. He taught in Rondout Valley School District moving up the administrative ladder. He left Rondout for an administrative job at Hunter-Tannersville for five years before coming to Saugerties in 2007. Mr. Averill lives in Saugerties with his wife and five children. He is active in the community as a travel soccer coach and Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) advisor for the youth of his parish. His hobbies include biking and exercising as well as woodworking and photography. His wife Cathy teaches 2nd grade in Saugerties. Mr. Averill has been very supportive of the FCCLA chapter in Saugerties since he started here in 2007. He has helped FCCLA develop the district-wide "Internet Safety" program (assemblies, elementary workshops, and parent workshops). He is very supportive in all programs and fund-raisers in which we have asked to be involved in

Honorary Membership --Tony DeSena

For the past 6 years Mr. Desena has worked as the State Program Manager for the National Guard Education Liaison Program. He has given generously of his time and talent in presenting workshops on career direction, conflict resolution, violence prevention and Leadership /Communication skills. His most popular program has been

Gear Plus, a series of fun, interactive team building activities. Mr. Desena is a man of many talents. Prior to his position with the National Guard, Tony taught Social Studies and served as the Coordinator for Career Education in New Haven, CN. He has also worked for a gourmet food company and the Red Cross of Eastern NY. FCCLA looks forward to future activities with Tony and the National Guard. .

STAR Event Service Awards-- Cathy Schulz

This year's STAR Event Service Award recipient is still active and dedicated to FHA/FCCLA. Even after retirement, Cathy Schulz's commitment to students continues as she has been an event coordinator for STAR Events and now shadowing the STAR Event Manager. Cathy has helped to develop a checklist for advisors and students to help participants be more prepared for their event. She was the State Officer Trainer in 2004-2005. A quiet leader herself, Cathy had the ability to develop leadership qualities in her students and still does with the students she meets while working with STAR Events. For her continued commitment to young people and Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and STAR Events, we are pleased to present the STAR Event Service Award to Cathy Schulz.



Golden Advisor Award --Margaret Puotinen

This year's Golden Advisor Award recipient is still active and dedicated to FHA/FCCLA. Margaret Puotinen, a retiree from Schoharie Central where she taught over 25 years, is a caring, encouraging, supportive and very giving person. She gives generously of herself to students, advisors and the organization as a mentor. She has served as District Advisor Chair, a member of the Board of Trustees and is now a member of the Foundation. Margaret has been nicknamed the "Quilt Lady" by many because she has donated several quilts she has made to help raise money for NYS FCCLA. For her strong support of young people and the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, we are pleased to present the Golden Advisor Award to Margaret Puotinen.



NYS AFCSE Advisor of the Year-- Thela Snow

The FCCLA Advisor of the Year award is presented to an outstanding FCCLA advisor who is also a member of NYS AFCSE. Thela Snow has been an advisor for 29 years of her 33 years of teaching. This past year her chapter completed several national programs which included Student Body, resulting in the students planning a 2-3 hour Food, Fun and Fitness activity. This activity included ways to eat healthy and increase exercise. Some other activities her chapter were involved in are the Fall Family Fun Night with the Faculty Association, making and selling pink ribbon cookies to support breast cancer awareness, collaborating with the Student Council and making 84 red and green stockings to be given to needy families of their community and making "Cookies for Kids" which raised money for the Children's Miracle Network. Thela has advised numerous state officers, Jr. Leaders and had one national officer candidate. She has been trained in Advisor to Advisor and has presented workshops at all levels to her peers. Congratulations to Thela Snow for her dedication to FCCLA.



Spirit of Advising Award --*Terri Sherman*

The Spirit of Advising Award recognizes a chapter advisor who is constantly faithful, often working quietly behind the scenes to ensure the success of his/her students. Terri Sherman is the true role model for this award. She spends numerous hours at the local level helping students become better public speakers and leaders through her compassion, humor, dedication, and enthusiasm. At various state level meetings, she is always asking how she can lighten the load and help make the meeting run smoothly.

Terri certainly shows the true “Spirit of Advising” in New York.



Board of Education Appreciation Award-- Delhi Central School

While many things have changed as far as administration goes at Delhi Central School, one thing has remained constant. The Delhi Board of Education has been extremely supportive of FCCLA. We are fortunate to have a Board that sees the benefits that the Family and Consumer Science program offers. Our Board has stood behind FCCLA and supported the projects, officers, and dynamic leaders who have come from Delhi. We are pleased to present this award to our Board of Education.



Board of Education Appreciation Award--Seneca Falls Central School

The Seneca Falls Board of Education members have been incredibly supportive of students' personal endeavors and achievements and the overall academic and extracurricular programming in Seneca Falls. Throughout the years they have celebrated the accomplishments of the staff and students in numerous ways. Members of the board have individually and collectively shown a genuine interest in the programs and projects of the Mynderse Academy FCCLA. We sincerely appreciate the countless volunteer hours spent by board members and the many leadership opportunities they have provided to our chapter members. As an expression of our gratitude, we are honored to present the NYS FCCLA Board of Education Appreciation Award to the board members of the Seneca Falls Central School.

Advisor Awards



This Photo was taken at the Summer Leadership Session at Brooks BBQ 2010

New Advisors / Chapters

Holly Toth Orange –Ulster BOCES

Barbara Pascarella Cattaraugus-Little Valley

Retirees

Alice Lammy RCS 25 years

Elizabeth Kuhl Beaver River 34 years

Anne Meyer-Wilber Midlakes 11 years

Years of Service

Terri Sherman Delhi Central School 5 years

Alice Lammy RCS Central School 25 years

Kim Pierce South Lewis Central 30 years

Kathy Curley Margaretville Central 30 years

Janet Driscoll Mynderse Academy 30 years

National Programs Awards

Community Service

Berlin Central *Dianne Mosher, Advisor*

Warsaw Central *Cindy Parker, Advisor*

Boliver-Richburg Central* *Thela Snow, Advisor*

Indian River Middle* *Hannah Cottrell, Advisor*

Student Body

Boliver-Richburg Central* *Thela Snow, Advisor*

Warsaw Central* *Cindy Parker, Advisor*

***Warsaw Central School completed and submitted summaries to
National FCCLA in the following categories:***

**Community Service, Student Body, FACTS, Financial Fitness, STOP the Violence,
Career Connection and Families First.**

Power of One

Cattaraugus-Little Valley *Tiffany Rolfe*

Delhi Sr. High *Henry Sookram*

Union Endicott Central *Matt Palka*

Marlboro Central *Mia Rende*

Mynderse Academy *Michael Cook*

Warsaw Central *Adreanna Flint*

Brianna Perrone

Sabrina Mauro

Marvin Morales

Justice Deliz

New York State FCCLA Project

This year the goal was to encourage New York State FCCLA chapters to raise money to benefit the National Outreach Project. Reports were filed by the following chapters:

Berlin Central

Mynderse Academy

Warsaw Central

Schools Participating in STAR Events 2011

School of Coop Tech Education

Early Education Care

Arlington High School

Marlboro High School

Tri-Valley Central School

Berlin Central School

RCS Middle School

Beaver River Central School

South Jefferson Central School

Cicero-North Syracuse HS

Delhi Central School

Gilboa-Conesville Central School

Whitney Point Central

Warsaw Central

Bolivar-Richburg Central School

Cattaraugus-Little Valley

Falconer Central School

NYS Shareholder Program—Chapters sell shares for \$5.00 to support NYS FCCLA. Chapters selling 1-5 shares:

Rose Pedal: Delhi Central School

Chapters selling 10-25 shares:

Rose Bud: Berlin Central School

Mynderse Academy

Saugerties Central School

Red Bouquet

50 or more Shares

Warsaw Central School