



## Ultimate E-NEWS

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### Message to our members:

**Affiliation is very important! Have you paid your dues to New York State and National FCCLA? Check with your advisor. The first deadline was today. NYS needs your membership to plan and prepare for up and coming events.**

It is time to make a new year's resolution. FCCLA focus is on the family. Take time this year to become more activity engaged with your families.

1. Try to prepare and eat meals together. Light a candle while you dine. Families who dine by candlelight often spend more time at the table while having relaxed conversations.

2. Plan one or two activities where the family does something new together. Most students have their own TV in their room. Set up a family movie night. Make some popcorn and enjoy the time together in one space.

3. Read a book as a family. Enjoy conversations about the topic and get others point of view. Pick a book that focuses on family.

4. Pick a service learning activity for your family. If you are planning to go to Disney World they are offering free tickets to individuals who help others. Check out their website and see what you might be able to do to save your family money while helping others.

Best wishes to all for a wonderful new year. Continue to work hard in school and develop great projects for your FCCLA chapter. We look forward to hearing about the many state activities in the coming months.



State Coordinator's Notes:

#### Website

Awesome, Looks Great are a couple of the adjectives that members and advisors have said about the new design for the NYSFCCLA website. If you haven't checked out the new website, now is the time. 2010 is upon us and there will be updates almost daily. A BIG Thank You to Ron Boczarski for all the time and expertise he has spent in getting the website to this point.

#### 2010 State Conference

**"Turn Back the Clock, Look Towards the Future with FCCLA"** is the theme for the 2010 State Conference to be held March 25-27, 2010 in Owego, NY. The Owego Treadway Inn is the place to be for exciting sessions, workshops and STAR Event Competitions. The 2009-2010 State Executive Council have worked very hard on making this meeting full of information for you as well as being fun. You and your advisor should be making plans NOW to attend this conference. Please meet the deadlines listed on the website. When the deadlines are met, the planning process can continue to make the conference beneficial to you and your chapter and a success.

#### Affiliate, Affiliate, Affiliate

It is very important that each chapter affiliate before March 1, 2010. It allows you to compete in STAR Events, your chapter to vote on business items at the State Conference and it brings in the needed monies for the State Association to function. Please make sure this job is done before March 1<sup>st</sup>!

#### Awards

There are many State and National Awards you as a member or your chapter can apply for a project completed in your school. Please check the State & National websites for deadlines for the various awards. Most of the deadlines are March 1<sup>st</sup> for recognition, but a few are February or April 1<sup>st</sup>. It would be great to see more chapters' names from New York receiving recognition for their hard work and dedication. Dodi Cechnicki is helping advisors complete the Master Advisor and Advisor Mentor Applications. Thank you Dodi!

#### STAR Events

Good Luck to all members who are participating in the District STAR Event Competitions. I hope to see many of you at the State Conference with your STAR Event projects. Check the website for deadlines.

#### Questions

Don't hesitate to e-mail me – [kthomas189@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:kthomas189@twcnny.rr.com) if you have questions or concerns. I also like to hear about accomplishments and positive things happening in your chapters!



Happy New Year to you and your family!



**Career Builder** wrote an article on the 10 most likely careers to find jobs. Guess which career was listed first? That is right. Family and Consumer Sciences. See the article for more details.

<http://www.cnn.com/2009/LIVING/worklife/08/19/cb.unusual.majors.jobs/index.html?iref=newssearch>  
New York Colleges who offer this major include: SUNY Oneonta and Queens College. Other options for obtaining CTE certification include SUNY Oswego and hopefully SUNY Buffalo. FACS is offered in other states as well. Pick the college of your choice and get a degree in a worthwhile career!

(If you have difficulty finding this, log on to the FCCLAinc.org website and look under the news column.)

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### Happy New Year!

On behalf of FCCLA staff, board of directors, and National Executive Council we wish you a safe and happy 2010, and we look forward to serving you, your families, and communities. ([www.fcclainc.org](http://www.fcclainc.org))

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### Dig It! Children's Miracle Network State Project

#### Goal

Our goal is to get FCCLA chapters involved in the National Dig It! Campaign to raise money for Children's Miracle Network.

- Use the planning process to develop and carry out the state project
- Apply for State Recognition
- Apply for National Recognition

#### Project Participation

Students will learn about the Children's Miracle Network and identify the nearest hospital to their chapter. By connecting with and understanding the needs and struggles of local sick children, chapter members will find personal motivation to lead and develop a successful project.

#### Fundraising Ideas

- Use the tear sheets that come in the packet mailed to each chapter
- Sell spirit links (paper chain idea where people and businesses purchase paper strips to add to the chain)
- Use the marketing material included in your kit to place donation jars in local businesses, go class to class, have a coin drive (change war) etc.

#### Resources

- The National Website:  
<http://www.fcclainc.org/content/national-outreach-project/>
- Dig It! Materials which were sent to all chapters in the fall.

### Reporting

- Report your project to the State by using the attached form.
- Report your project to Nationals by filling out the **2010 National Program Award Application for any program you used for additional points.**

### Recognition

- All chapters who report will be recognized.

More information is available on the NYSFCCLA website. Please involve your FCCLA Chapter today!

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Please send any pictures, articles or Chapter updates for the next edition of the FCCLA Ultimate E-news.

### FCCLA Week 2010, February 7-13



Don't forget to celebrate FCCLA Week. Begin now with your chapter plans. Go to National FCCLA's website for more details. Please report your activities to NYS FCCLA!

February is also Career and Technical Education Month and the Association of Career and Technical Education would love for you to be part of it! For more information visit, [www.acteonline.org](http://www.acteonline.org).

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