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### Message to our members:

My name is **Caroline Spink** and I am the **2010-2011 NYS FCCLA President**. My love for FCCLA has grown over the course of five years since I became a member in sixth grade when taking a FACS class. I enjoy volunteering and helping others. I participated in a peer tutoring program at Beaver River Central School my sophomore year of high school. In my free time I love scrapbooking, and participating in drama and theater activities. I am an animal lover. My pets consist of two dogs, Rocky and Josie, one fish, Bluey, and the newest addition my hamster, Lea. Currently I am employed at the Croghan Area Redemption Center sorting cans and bottles that the public returns. Last year I received a gold in STAR Events at National Leadership Meeting with my project entitled Cards 4 Kids. Next Year I will be attending the Howard G. Sacketts Vocational Center in Glenfield, New York for cosmetology.

-Caroline Spink, NYS FCCLA President

This June, the New York State FCCLA president and I attended BLAST Off at Camp Oswegatchie in Croghan, New York. Upon arriving, I was greeted by many friendly state officers and district presidents of the National FFA Organization. BLAST Off was a learning experience for everyone in attendance. I got to learn about FFA and everything it has to offer. In return, the FFA members got to learn about FCCLA and some even talked of starting a chapter upon returning home. While at BLAST Off, we learned how to communicate our brand and message effectively. Other workshops included presenting ourselves positively, developing and understanding mission statements, learning networking skills, and several other essential leadership skills. Attending workshops was not the only thing we did. Members had a choice to go kayaking certain mornings, take walks, or stay up late at night and talk. At first you may think this was just for fun, and partly, it was. It also built connections with the other members

and I gained an entirely new network of peers that have similar goals to mine. Meeting up with my fellow FCCLA State Officers in July will be a refreshing experience. The things I've learned at BLAST Off will improve our council as a whole, and as individuals. I will be more than happy to teach them what I have been taught. I think that just by applying some of the simplest teachings, the 2010-2011 New York State FCCLA Council could be one of the best councils yet!

-Gabby Marriott

Below are some pictures of our time at Camp Oswegatchie:



Hello, my name is Molly Winkler. I go to Marlboro High School and I am from District 3. I have been in FCCLA since 9<sup>th</sup> grade, and have loved it ever since. FCCLA has given me great opportunities to travel to many different places in New York and around the country. It has also given me the chance to meet new people and make great friends. Being on the executive council this year has been a great honor, and even though it is a lot of work, it has all been worth it. I believe that being in FCCLA gave me and many other students a better outlook on life. Helping with Feed the Children and Habitat for Humanity have really showed me how much of an impact this organization can give people. As Ghandi once said, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." Being in FCCLA can give you the chance to make that change.

-Molly Winkler

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Hello, my name is **Kayla Grey** and I am the **2010-2011 NYS FCCLA Communications Officer**. I attend Cattaraugus-Little Valley Central School and I am in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. I was recently named #2 in the CLV Class of 2013. I am most known around school as the girl with the 100's of goats. Trust me, this is just an exaggeration. I currently only have 50 goats, but that is still a lot when you have to chase them to get them back in their pen. I take my goats to the Cattaraugus County Fair as a 4-H member. This year, I am also taking Tornado, my market pig. My pig loves the mud and most of it ends up on me. But, that's the fun of it all!

I am on many teams in my school. Coming up in the fall, I will be playing school soccer for the school. In the winter, I bowl on the school's Varsity Bowling Team. I went to Sectionals this past year for bowling for maintaining a 132 average throughout the year.

As the Communications Officer, I hope to be in touch with everybody. I hope to see

many people at the National Meeting in Chicago. After the National Meeting, I hope to see everyone at Summer Leadership in Oneonta. I just have to say that is going to be a blast. I am looking forward to working with everyone in the upcoming year.

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Our August Issue will highlight National Meeting. We will tell you all of the great things that happened while the officers and STAR event participants were in Chicago, IL. We know it will be a great article....teachers print them off now for the first day back to school...get your students excited about FCCLA.

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*This article was written and published in the teacher Get the Fact E-news letter as well. Encourage your teachers to become advisors...*

Have you ever wanted to be a FCCLA Advisor and start a chapter at your school? Here is your chance. If you take a moment to look back on all of the advisors that have been involved for 30 years you will see how their chapter started. From a few young excited students, their chapters have grown into large very involved chapters. Having a chapter at your school provides you with many new and exciting opportunities. You could see your students grow and learn from their FCCLA experiences. Your students will develop dynamic leadership skills that they can bring back and show others to get them involved. Having a FCCLA chapter at your school also develops a sense of job security because it publicizes the programs that you would be involved in and the importance of your department. FCCLA chapters provide professional opportunities to develop skills that will be used by teachers and students. Go out and get involved. Start with a few students and watch your chapter blossom! Resources and materials are available from [www.nysfccla.com](http://www.nysfccla.com) and [www.fcclainc.org](http://www.fcclainc.org). Please feel free to contact my advisor ([ekuhl@brcsd.org](mailto:ekuhl@brcsd.org)) or myself ([softballgirl157@gmail.com](mailto:softballgirl157@gmail.com)) for additional information.

Caroline Spink, NYS FCCLA President

FCCLA is on FACEBOOK and TWITTER. For those members who use these social networking sights, now is the time to connect with the National student organization. Search for them now and see!

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