**Press Release for 2023 FCCLA MN State Conference**

Students from (High School Name) attended the Minnesota Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (MN FCCLA) State Conference in downtown Minneapolis from March 26-28, 2023. The three-day leadership conference provided students with opportunities to perform in vocational skill competitions judged by industry experts, to be recognized for hard work they’ve put in throughout the year, and lots of personal and professional growth with targeted workshops and worldclass speakers. Bringing people together in this way for the first time since 2019, energized members and provided ample of opportunities to network, distribute resources, share best practices, and inspire one another.

Nearly 500 students, from 39 different schools across the state, participated in 47 STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition). Several did well enough to qualify for competitions at the National FCCLA Conference in Denver, Colorado this July. MN FCCLA recognized group efforts throughout the year including successful service projects, groups that completed national programs and membership increases. Several individuals were also recognized for their hard work and dedication throughout the year including a select few students who were nominated by their advisers for the Ultimate Leadership Award.

Speakers and workshops focused on empowering members with a particular emphasis on overcoming adversity. Throughout the conference, planners, advisers and participants kept FCCLA’s Mission front of mind. The Mission of FCCLA is to promote personal growth and leadership development through family and consumer sciences education. Focusing on the multiple roles of family member, wage earner, and community leader members develop skills for life through character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge, and career preparation.

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