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## OVER 6,300 STUDENTS DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Anaheim, CA. – More than 6,300 nationwide members, advisers, alumni, and guests of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), gathered in Anaheim, CA July 10-14 for the 2011 National Leadership Conference. (Name), a (year at school) at (School Name), (School City), was among them.

This year's student-originated theme for the annual national meeting was "Imagination in Action." Throughout the five-day convention, participants examined and discussed several critical issues, including family, school and community violence prevention, physical as well as financial fitness, future career exploration and countless community service projects.

A number of relevant youth issues, such as the changing roles of men and women in the home and workplace, leadership, and obesity prevention were also explored at the meeting through presentations, workshops, and youth sessions.

(Name) will continue to work with other FCCLA members and advisers in (State) to encourage others to discover their strengths, motivate members to target career goals, and initiate a plan to ignite youth leadership in the community.

(In this paragraph, tell what you'll be doing during the next year or what the national meeting was like – what you learned and how you benefited from participating. Be concise and informative.)

Other meeting highlights included:

- Over 3,500 students competed in STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition) which are competitive events that build proficiency and achievement in leadership and job-related skills.
- A donation of \$258,046 was presented to Children's Miracle Network from National FCCLA.

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- Spotlight on Projects where representatives from states share successful national, state, or chapter projects

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. FCCLA has over 190,000 members and over 6,500 chapters from 50 state associations, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The organization has involved more than ten million youth since its founding in 1945.

FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only career and technical in-school student organization with the family as its central focus. Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities. Out of 87,994 students from across the country, 55% of students believe that FCCLA has a positive impact on their academic performance.

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