

Seven students from Friendly High School represented the State of Maryland and competed in the National STAR Event Competition at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference June 30-July 4, 2019

Anaheim, CA, July 2019 – Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)'s National Leadership Conference (NLC) was held June 30-July 4 in Anaheim, California. More than 8,700 participants from across the country gathered to attend leadership and program training, hear national speakers, meet youth leaders from across the nation, participate in Competitive Events, and explore college and career options.

Over 4,700 FCCLA members competed in STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events at NLC. STAR Events are competitive events in which members are recognized for their proficiency and achievement in chapter and individual projects, leadership skills, and career preparation. Both youth and adults work together in managing the events and serving as evaluators of the participants. Students develop real-world skills participating in STAR Events.

Events aim to support student development of knowledge and skills by enhancing the classroom experience and career pathway initiatives by equipping students with employable skills and industry insights that are needed to thrive in the 21st century. FCCLA members choose what STAR Event they would like to compete in. The delegates from Friendly High School FCCLA Chapter competed in the following areas and were placed in all events:

- Receiving **Gold** for Fashion Design - Jaelyn Middleton
- Receiving **Gold** for Life Event Planning - Aniah Davis- Jackson
- Receiving **Silver** for Interpersonal Communication Occupational - Carlos Mercedes
- Receiving **Silver** for Interpersonal Communication Senior - Je'niah Kelly
- Receiving **Bronze** for Recycle & Redesign - Treazure Wallace
- Receiving **Bronze** for Job Interview - Elijah Dickson

- Receiving **Bronze** for Food Innovations - Raven Patterson

The students were accompanied by Dr. Troy Anderson-FCCLA State Adviser, Deon Littles-FCCLA Program Coordinator and Talease Gaither- Parent volunteer.

About FCCLA

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 175,000 members and more than 5,300 chapters from 50 state associations, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members, and it's the only career and technical in-school student organization with a central focus on careers that support families. Participation in national FCCLA programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.

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