

## **Brennen Clouse** **2008-2009 FCCLA National President**



Throughout his lifetime, Brennen Clouse has lived by his own saying: nothing is impossible unless you let “impossibility” become an option. Brennen truly learned the meaning of this when he was elected the National President of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America this past July. FCCLA has given Brennen the opportunity to directly affect his peers and set an example for students across the nation through various leadership roles. Along with National President, Brennen has served as the Goodland High School (GHS) Freshman Representative, District A President, and Kansas FCCLA State President. Brennen loves to experience the electricity of all FCCLA functions and has been able to attend three National Leadership Meetings, one where he received a gold medal in Parliamentary Procedure, one National Cluster Meeting where he presented a workshop on Career Connection, and all four phases of USA Training. He also has participated in many national programs and loves to educate his peers on them. Brennen likes Dynamic Leadership and STAR Events most, and has been able to directly work with the Red Cross in his state through Community Service.

Brennen grew fond of FCCLA his freshman year when he joined the Parliamentary Procedure team for STAR Events. Ever since, Brennen has seen the amazing bonds a student organization can build and learned that being an advocate of Career and Technical Education in this day is of the utmost importance. He can honestly admit that he sees and reaps the benefits of what FCCLA has done for him each and every day, and has made some of the greatest connections of his life through this top student organization. Now a senior at GHS, Brennen has been in a whirlwind of FCCLA, taking part in many national programs and educating his peers about how they can become involved.

Aside from FCCLA in school, Brennen is involved in his high school’s show choir, National Honor Society, school musicals, and Red Cross. Outside of school Brennen focuses his downtime on 4-H, church, and being with friends and family. Usually, when Brennen doesn’t have something going on, he finds something new to do and wouldn’t know how to live otherwise.

Brennen loves family, therefore, he and FCCLA go hand in hand. Brennen is the youngest of four children and currently lives in Goodland, Kansas with his mother and father. Brennen loves Christmas because of the large family gatherings with his older brother, two older sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, and four nieces. Brennen believes that his parents are the fountain of his success, teaching him new and interesting things each day. He looks to his parents for guidance, support, and an ever-lasting faith in whatever he chooses to do. Brennen’s mother and father directly support FCCLA as well; his dad is a technical college president, and his mother is a retired FACS teacher.

As the FCCLA National President, Brennen Clouse is ecstatic about the 2008-2009 year and hopes that each and every member of this wonderful organization will find a way to get involved. He aspires for everyone to share in the goals of making FCCLA a priority in schools across America, and knows that we can all overcome any obstacles that come our way because we will not let “impossibility” become an option. **We are** the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America!