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### **FCCLA Announces New Board Member Kimberly Graves**

*Grave's extensive experience in the hospitality industry will add depth to FCCLA's mission of bringing quality career and technical educational experiences to youth.*

**September 19, 2018** – Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) announces the appointment of Kimberly Graves as a new member of its Board of Directors. The FCCLA Board consists of members elected by related organizations and groups, members ex officio, youth members, and members elected by the board.

Hospitality leader, Kimberly Graves, has agreed to join the Board of Directors. “We are pleased to announce that Kim will be joining our Board. Her wealth of experience in the hospitality and tourism industry fits into our strategic goal of bringing current relevant career education to our youth members,” Sandy Spavone, Executive Director FCCLA.

Kimberly Graves started her career in hospitality as a nonprofit meeting and event planner and has worked in the Hospitality and Tourism industry for the past 20 years on property and representing brands such as Millennium Hotels, Adam’s Mark Hotels, and Marriott Hotels & Resorts. As the Director of Global Sales for Omni Hotels & Resorts, her knowledge and experience can ensure that our career and technical education content is relevant and timely. Kim is an active member of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) and serves as the Vice Chair of the Meetings and Exposition Council. She has been involved with FCCLA conferences and events as a speaker, sponsor and volunteer working with both educators and students. Her ongoing support of FCCLA’s mission makes her a wonderful asset to the Board as a Business and Industry Representative.

### **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 more than 160,000 members and more than 5,300 chapters from 49 state associations, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

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