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Teens Prepare to be College and Career Ready at National Cluster Meeting *FCCLA Cluster Meeting will draw youth from across the nation to Phoenix, AZ to focus on preparing for success in college and careers*

November 16, 2018, Phoenix, AZ – Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and over 500 of its youth members and adult advisers are in Phoenix, AZ, November 16-18 for the annual FCCLA National Cluster Meeting (NCM). These meetings provide FCCLA members with opportunities to compete in career-applicable skill demonstration competitions ranging from interviewing skills and impromptu speaking to the technology used in teaching. Youth teams also compete in events that challenge students' knowledge in personal finance, consumer responsibilities, technology, health and safety, and more. By attending NCM, students are given opportunities to demonstrate skills they've learned through FCCLA, while also exposing them to new cities, cultures, and situations that they may encounter in their colleges and careers.

"FCCLA provides students with career training that teaches the real-world skills essential for career success," stated Sandy Spavone, FCCLA's Executive Director. "Many students from across the nation graduate unprepared for college and career success. FCCLA engages over 160,000 youth in career and technical student projects and leadership to provide these necessary skills to prepare for a successful future."

Attendees focus on college and career readiness, through competitive projects and workshops while also taking time to give back to their communities by making a positive impact through their service projects. FCCLA has partnered with the Dreamcatchers Foundation to give students the opportunity to make dream catchers for local terminally ill elderly patients in nursing homes or under hospice care. FCCLA members positively impact their communities and benefit from their Family and Consumer Sciences Career and Technical Education.

Preparing today's youth for tomorrow's roles is essential for both our youth and our nation. The FCCLA youth at this meeting are the leaders of tomorrow who will impact their communities both through their professional and personal lives. This valuable experience wouldn't be possible without a strong foundation of Family and Consumer Sciences education. Seeing youth engaged in learning and having a strong desire to succeed is impactful and inspirational to all who attend. If you need some great news about today's youth and tomorrow's future, we think you have found it here with these FCCLA youth leaders.

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.