**To Whom It May Concern,**

School administrators play a critical role in ensuring that student opportunities provide educational value, career readiness, and a strong return on investment for school resources. When considering student travel requests, it is understandable that an event at Disney may initially raise concerns about its purpose and educational benefits. The FCCLA Fall Leadership Institute (FLI) is not a recreational trip, but rather a structured leadership and career development experience that reinforces Career and Technical Education (CTE) coursework in Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS). This program provides students with real-world leadership training, hands-on learning opportunities, and direct exposure to industry professionals, helping them develop the skills necessary for success in college and future careers.

The 2025 Fall Leadership Institute is an exclusive leadership training opportunity open to any affiliated FCCLA Member. This experience is designed to strengthen leadership, teamwork, and critical thinking skills, providing students with a learning opportunity that extends beyond the classroom. The program will take place at the following locations:

* Orlando, FL | October 15-18, 2025 (Limited to 480 students)
* Anaheim, CA | October 22-25, 2025 (Limited to 240 students)

**Leadership Training with One of the World's Most Recognized Brands**

Disney is a global leader in business, entertainment, hospitality, engineering, marketing, and innovation, setting the standard for excellence across industries. It is internationally recognized for its unmatched customer service, leadership development programs, and highly skilled workforce training. Through Disney Imagination Campus, students will participate in interactive, expert-led training sessions facilitated by Disney professionals, gaining behind-the-scenes access to career pathways and industry insights that few ever experience firsthand. Students will:

* Engage in professional leadership and teamwork workshops that enhance communication, decision-making, and problem-solving skills, preparing them to excel in leadership roles across industries.
* Explore thousands of career opportunities in business, hospitality, media, engineering, education, and culinary arts, gaining insight into the diverse and dynamic career paths that Disney professionals pursue.
* Develop skills that align with Disney’s professional standards, learning how to apply innovation, attention to detail, and service excellence in high-performance work environments.
* Gain exposure to real-world business operations, understanding how leadership, collaboration, and strategic thinking drive Disney’s global success and create seamless guest experiences.

While students will have the opportunity to experience the parks, this is only a small fraction of their time at FLI. The primary focus of this program is career exploration, leadership development, and skill-building, ensuring that students return with practical knowledge, industry connections, and the confidence to excel in any career path they choose.

**Hands-On Learning That Reinforces Classroom Instruction**

The Fall Leadership Institute aligns directly with Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) and CTE standards, ensuring that students are not only enhancing their leadership skills but also applying their classroom knowledge to real-world career opportunities. Students will participate in high-impact training sessions that reinforce key concepts taught in FCS coursework, including:

* **Leadership the Disney Way** – Strengthening leadership, problem-solving, and communication skills.
* **Teamwork the Disney Way** – Enhancing collaboration, goal-setting, and adaptability.
* **Immersive Storytelling** – Understanding branding, customer engagement, and creative problem-solving.
* **Theme Park Design** – Exploring engineering, logistics, and project management.

These sessions provide valuable career exposure and skill development that go beyond traditional classroom instruction, ensuring that students return with a greater understanding of how to apply their education to real-world professions.

**Strengthening FCCLA Involvement and Student Leadership Development**

Students who participate in FLI return to their schools more engaged, confident, and prepared to take on leadership roles in their FCCLA chapters, school organizations, and future careers. This experience directly supports:

* FCCLA’s mission of preparing students for careers in Family and Consumer Sciences-related fields.
* FCCLA National Programs and Competitive Events, giving students a competitive edge.
* School-wide leadership development, as students bring back professional-level skills in communication, collaboration, and project management.

**Why Your Support Matters Now**

Registration for the 2025 Fall Leadership Institute opens on August 1, 2025, and space is extremely limited. Attendance is granted on a first-come, first-served basis, based on paid registration invoices. Schools that do not approve student participation before summer break may miss this opportunity.

Additionally, because this event is only open to affiliated FCCLA Members, students must first be affiliated with FCCLA before they can register. Administrative approval is required both for student participation in FLI and for the school’s FCCLA Chapter to affiliate when affiliation opens on August 1, 2025.

I strongly encourage you to work with your school’s FCCLA Adviser now to ensure your students are eligible to participate. If you have questions regarding the educational value of this experience, funding options, or logistics, our team would be happy to provide additional information.

Thank you for supporting high-quality educational experiences that prepare students for leadership and lifelong success.

Sincerely,



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If you need additional information or have any questions to assist in your decision to support this opportunity, please email meetings@fcclainc.org or call us at (703) 476-4900.