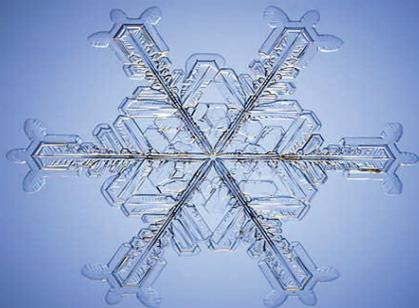


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Washington Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Educators

Fall Conference Evaluation By, Leslie Nuttman, WA-FACE, Executive Director

For the sixth year, I reviewed every Fall Conference evaluation form, both the state clock hour evaluations and the “local” forms that the two sponsoring associations provided. As part of my job as Executive Director of FACSE, I read every comment and score and provide a summary of the information to both Executive Boards so that information can be used in planning for the next conference. Thank you to all attendees who did their best to give us constructive criticism as well as kudos on the forms filled out recently. It’s my pleasure to let you know that the positive comments FAR outweighed the negative ones this year.

There are always a few comments that I wish I could address with the specific writer, mostly to explain some procedure or conference decision that was made. But of course that isn’t possible, so this article is a way that I hope to clear up a few more common misconceptions, hopefully to the benefit of all of the membership.

In terms of location, both associations have agreed that Fall Conference will be on the west side for two years and then on the east side for one year, roughly in relationship to the numbers of members on each side of the state. We were in Vancouver for two years, then in Pasco for a year, and now at Great Wolf Lodge for two years. There is often quite a bit of money to be saved by making two-year commitments with a conference venue. So those of you on the east side can look forward to the shorter drive in the fall of 2017 again. We realize that those of you in the middle of the state then drive a little farther most all years, but we are balancing that with the commonly used locations for WA-ACTE August conference and FCCLA State Meeting, both usually held in central Washington. Even with alternating sides of the state, we often end up in a “corner”, but locations that meet our needs and are within our price range are not plentiful, so we need to work with what is available and with the geographic realities of our large state.

Some members still say they would like to pay their section dues at Fall Conference, but in agreement with our parent association, WA-ACTE, we cannot directly accept dues money. All dues flow through that organization and then a portion is rebated to FACSE, and they keep all of the records related to membership for us, both for WA-ACTE and for the FACSE section. You can pay dues at August conference because WA-ACTE sponsors that conference, and staff members are on site, but they are not at our FACS Fall Conference. One suggestion that helped me was to always pay my dues with my summer conference registration, and in the few years that I didn’t attend summer conference, I sent in the registration form in the spring anyway, just marking payment for my state association and section dues that year. That way, I was always paid up at roughly the same time each year. Whenever you have questions about your state association or FACSE section dues, or current membership status, you can get an answer most quickly by contacting WA-ACTE directly. Along those lines, virtually all of the information regarding Fall Conference is sent out by email to FACSE members by WA-ACTE, usually from Tess Alviso. Please, take time to look at the items she mails to you; there is usually basic conference information in the late spring, and more details by August. FACSE does not have access to the WA-ACTE database to do our own mailings. If you ever have questions, go to the wafacse.org website and contact myself or one of the Executive Board members with your questions. A lot of information about the conference schedule, sessions, speakers and pre-conference sessions was available by late summer this year.

Virtually everyone appreciated the wide variety and quality of breakout sessions and keynote speakers this fall. Conference planners do their best to anticipate what will be popular and schedule multiple sessions, but sometimes speakers surprise us by being much better than anticipated when only one session was scheduled. There is always guess work involved, and certainly, we are as disappointed as members are when a speaker is a No Show. When that happens, it is usually with very little notice, seldom in time to find a replacement. This year, almost all of the speakers were arranged based on conference feedback last year about what topics needed to be covered and what was getting stale. Please continue to provide specific requests on your evaluation forms, or to any board member anytime during the year. And if you hear a great speaker somewhere else, please get some contact information and pass that on to the current FACSE President or President-Elect. Ideas are always needed.

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Legislative Update

As the legislature opened this January our section along with the other sections of WA-ACTE had been focused on our “legislative focus.” Funding is always an issue when we talk about CTE. This year we had some changes in the general education funding and we had some concerns about the formula for the CTE MSOC (materials, supplies, and operating costs) to align with the proposed resource to allowable expenditure method as requested by the legislature. This will impact CTE by \$19 million for the 2015-17 supplemental budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. It will return essential funding needed to operate and expand CTE programs in Washington State.

Our second focus is promoting the value of career and technical education going forward. Legislative action needed includes: recognizing CTE programs require additional funding beyond typical basic educational programs in order to align with industry standards, not to mention equipment and technology, and we

need to provide leadership and extended enrichment opportunities and career connections. Maintaining the intent and integrity of CTE credit as a graduation requirement for all students as outlined in WAC 180-51-067 is critical for all educators. Support career exploration and preparation activities for all students! The impact of these actions will provide for the following: improved graduation rates for the state of Washington and having a prepared and competitively engaged workforce.

Our third focus is to provide full funding for administration and supervision of approved statewide career and technical student leadership organizations (CTSO) activities. This would require \$500,000 to fully fund state CTSO activities necessary to meet CTE standards.

How do we make these three things happen? First, you can let your legislators know what your programs are doing. How

do they impact students now and in the future? Attend at home meetings with your legislators. Legislators have these on a regular basis and your WEA-PACS from your local education association also have these talks with legislators. Email, Facebook friend your legislator and using other social media is another way to stay connected. Last spring Tricia Littlefield put thru a new business item at the WEA RA directing the WEA lobbyists to support our legislation on the MSOC issue. At the last WEA directors meeting our legislative co-chair Deborah Strayer reminded the WEA lobbyist to continue their work on the MSOC issue. We need to be vocal, present, and persistent in promoting our three main focuses this year for our three main focuses this year for our legislative agenda.

Submitted By:

Deborah Strayer

Region 4 Leadership Conference By, Marcia LaLonde

Seattle Pacific University was the location of the October 29th Region 4 FCCLA Conference. 130 members were in attendance! State officers Page Robinson and Ally Kinahan from Ingraham High School, Seattle, Washington, welcomed the students and advisors to the conference and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the FCCLA Creed.

There were three workshops for both students and advisors to attend. The FCCLA 101 workshop was led by Rebekah Johansen and Garrhett Perea. They had attendees write a weird fact and/or a favorite fictional character on a piece of paper, wad it up, throw the paper on the floor, pick up a different piece of paper, and then try and find the person who wrote the paper. They also had students get in a close circle, grasp random hands, and detangle the human knot that had formed. These activities required cooperation and problem solving skills. Rebekah and Garrhett shared how important FCCLA had been in their lives and the opportunities they have had by participating in FCCLA.

The Financial Fitness workshop was

conducted by Ally and Page. They informed the students about the topics covered in Financial Fitness and then quizzed the students to see how much they remembered. The self-defense workshop was led by Jordan Giradatano. During the workshop students practiced dense moves and learned how to protect themselves.

My students enjoyed the conference and meeting other FCCLA students from Region 4, being on a university campus and eating in the cafeteria, and look forward to participating in STAR events.



Toledo High School FCCLA presented a proclamation to the Toledo City Council on November 16th to honor “FCS Day”. The proclamation was passed and Toledo High School and community will be celebrating December 3rd, 2015 as “FCS Day”. Toledo High School FCCLA will be celebrating with a “Dine In” day with members of the community invited. They will be sending invitations to the City Council, Toledo School Board, and the Principals at each school to join them in this cele-

bration. Toledo High School FCCLA would like to thank FCS President Karen Berg for the help with the proclamation. We are excited to get the word out to our community and use social media to advertise and showcase our event. (Twitter #FCSday!)

Rene’ Ketchum
Toledo High School
FCCLA Adviser



Toledo FCCLA!

Toledo FCCLA members Rylie Pliler and Corianne King reading the Proclamation for “FCS Day” December 3rd in Toledo, WA November 16 at the City Council Meeting. The Proclamation was passed and Toledo FCCLA with Be Celebrating “FCS DAY.”



Interested in Joining the Board? Here’s Your Chance!

Be a part if the WA-FACSE Board! Not only will you have an opportunity to collaborate and meet other FACS professionals from all over Washington State, you will have an opportunity to work with representatives from OSPI, state colleges, FCCLA and business that support our FACS programs. You will also have the unique opportunity to travel and visit places like Leavenworth, Great Wolf Lodge and other beautiful places across our great state of Washington. We would love some more energetic and enthusiastic teachers across the state to participate in and help bring a voice to our profession. Things are changing in education and CTE is a vital part our system so please come let your voice be heard.

If you are interested or just want to see what The Board is all about contact Sarah Hattenburg at shattenburg@cvsd.org or 509-228-5272 or Cheryl Uceny at Cheryl_uceny@ksd403.org.

Washington FCCLA Shines at the National Cluster Meeting

Thirteen Washington State FCCLA members traveled to Dallas for the Cluster meeting November 20-22, where 2700 plus members gathered to be empowered with leadership skills.



FCCLA State President Krystal Sousley from Cashmere High School competed in Impromptu Speaking in the senior category and finished in second place. Skylar from Selah High School competed in Creed Speaking and finished second as well.

Allyson Vasquez, from Kittitas Secondary competed in Speak Out for FCCLA junior category and finished second, and Maggie Joe Uceny, also Kittitas Secondary, competed in the senior category of Speak Out for FCCLA and brought home first place.



Selah knowledge bowl team had a great



performance and qualified for the National Conference in San Diego this coming July. Bailey Powers Washington State Vice President of Finance and Zach Carlson Washington State Region 1 Vice President also attended the State Officer training provided and helped facilitate the Knowledge Bowl competition. In addition to competitions, students heard from key note speakers, attended workshops, participated in the

Lead2Feed national community service project and gave to the national IMPACT Fund.

FCCLA in Full Swing!

From coast to coast and everywhere in between, Washington Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members, officers, and advisers have been **Rocking the Red!**

In March, 2015 the At-Large Officers set a goal to bridge the communication gap between the state delegation and the officers, working toward an overall stronger sense of community and family. Regional Vice-Presidents set the goal of increasing member participation by educating members about FCCLA through engaging activities. Working together and with the state delegation, officers are creating a more elevated, enthusiastic, and connected sense of leadership!

In July, members summed up a successful 2014-15 FCCLA year with the National Leadership Conference in our nation's beautiful capitol, Washington, D.C. From meeting with legislators on Capitol Hill to bringing home 67 gold ratings for STAR Events, it was without doubt that Washington FCCLA members created experiences of a lifetime!

Beginning in September, the State Officer team kicked off the year with ten successful Regional Fall Leadership Meetings. Leadership was felt throughout the state with interactive workshops focused on a variety of topics ranging from involvement with National Programs to FCCLA Jeopardy, as well as featuring keynote speakers, energizers, and the **Gimme5 Dance**. Each officer had the opportunity to share his or her Program of Work along with activities to increase participation.

Washington State is fortunate to have Maggie Joe Uceny as our Washington State Intern this year! Maggie's has developed our State Project, "Say Yes to FCS," which encourages Washington FCCLA members to share the opportunities provided through a career in Family and Consumer Sciences Education. Check out <http://wa-fccla.org/say-yes-to-fcs/> for more details and ways to get involved!

Are you looking for ways to promote FCCLA in your community? Beginning Monday, February 8 through Friday, February 12 Washington State FCCLA will be **Rocking the Red** for FCCLA Week! Kick off the week with Media Monday, a day focused on contacting local TV, radio, and social media outlets to share all the incredible opportunities available through FCCLA. The week continues with Team Tuesday dedicated to our national partner, Lead2Feed, We Wear Red Wednesday, Thankful Thursday, and FCS Friday.

Here are some great ideas for FCCLA Week: Use the hashtag #RocktheRed on Twitter to be seen and featured by the Washington FCCLA State Officer team! Recruit new members by hosting activities throughout the week, such as an ice cream social, so members can "get the scoop on what a sweet deal FCCLA is." Don't forget to honor the affiliated members and staff of your school with thank you notes and candy, perhaps "FCCLA rocks because of YOU" attached to Pop Rocks. Check out <http://wa-fccla.org/> for more ways to empower members and #RocktheRed!

The Washington State Family, Career and Community Leaders of America are excited to see you all March 30 - April 1 for the empowering State Leadership Conference with some energetic and elevated twists! Stay up to date with us by liking Washington State FCCLA on Facebook and following @WashingtonFCCLA on Twitter. We can't wait to see you all soon!

Stanzi Hay
Vice President of Public Relations

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A few members were disappointed in the “family atmosphere” at Great Wolf Lodge, but the large majority really enjoyed staying there, either because of the location, the networking and team building that many experienced while in the waterpark, attentive service and good food or because families could join them. For the few who want a more professional setting, we will be moving on by 2017; we hope you will see the greater good in attending an FACS conference regardless of the location and not be too dissuaded by a particular conference venue in any year. Several people pointed out that as an organization with families at its center, we should appreciate a setting such as GWL that celebrates families, and be tolerant of the extra noise and energy that comes with a conference site that has a focus on children.

Food is always in the “you can’t please everyone” category, but the large majority enjoyed the catering at GWL, and the choices available. Working to meet the needs of members with various dietary restrictions seems to be an on-going challenge with all venues we work with; we will keep asking for help in providing the needed ingredient information and appropriate meal alternatives as needed.

And finally, we will continue to look at and refine the schedule in an attempt to make the best use of your time away from families and your job. Pushing pre-conference sessions to a week-day as a few suggested would add additional substitute costs for many that districts either can’t or won’t support. We are also trying to schedule enough sessions, including the closing luncheon speaker, to earn enough clock hours to make attendance reasonable from that standpoint. Also, please know that the decision to hand out clock hour forms at the very end of the conference (as opposed to with registration packets, as a few suggested) is a rule set by the state for clock hour providers; there is no room for negotiation on that. It is not a matter of trust on the part of the Executive Board; it is a hard and fast rule we must abide by.

Thanks to all of you who submitted ideas for conference, helped with a million details and took the time to express your appreciation to the conference planners.

There will never be a conference that pleases all members in every respect, but it was darn close this year! Conference planning and implementation is a huge job for your officers and board members, one they take on willingly, but also in addition to their commitments to their own families, personal lives and jobs. A smile, word of thanks, complement or a sincere helpful suggestion go a long ways to renewing their energy as plans get underway soon for next fall. Hope to see everyone in October of 2016.