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**ALABAMA EXCEPTIONAL AT RECENT NATIONAL
FCCLA LEADERSHIP EVENT IN DENVER, COLORADO**

Montgomery, Ala. – Alabama’s Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapters proudly represented our state and local communities at the recent National Leadership Conference (NLC), held at the Colorado Convention Center.

This annual event brought together more than 7,900 excited students, advisers, and special guests from across the nation.



This event provided Alabama’s FCCLA student members with a wealth of leadership opportunities,

including attending inspiring speaker sessions, engaging in youth workshops, competing on the national level, and networking with fellow student leaders.

Centered around the theme "*incREDible*," this conference highlighted how FCCLA offers incredible prospects to its members and advisers through Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) education. By exploring career opportunities and instilling real-world skills, advocacy, and service, FCCLA empowers its members to make positive impacts, which will guide them throughout their lives.

Sandy Spavone, Executive Director of the National FCCLA organization, expressed her enthusiasm, stating, "We are thrilled to have welcomed over 7,900 members, advisers, corporate partners, and guests who are dedicated to discovering the unlimited possibilities available through FCCLA. The relationships and skills developed during this conference have inspired students to make an *incREDible* difference in their communities."

During the conference, 131 Alabama FCCLA student members showcased their leadership talents in various events. Their achievements are truly a testament of their hard work and the remarkable guidance of their local teachers.

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Alabama FCCLA Top Winners at recent National Leadership Conference in Denver, CO

FCCLA is a dynamic student-led national organization, which supports youth throughout their personal journey to become highly skilled leaders. It focuses on, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education.

This year, Alabama FCCLA earned the following top national accolades:

- **29 overall Top Ten finalists.**
- **7 National First Place winners.**
- **6 National Second Place winners.**
- **1 National Third Place winner.**

Alabama FCCLA also earned a total of 57 gold medals, 47 silver medals, and a total of 19 bronze certificate awards.

Next year, the National FCCLA organization will be hosting its 2024 Leadership Conference in Seattle, Washington, in June.

FCCLA has over 237,000 members and more than 5,100 chapters nationally.

Interested in getting involved as a student, sponsor, or supporter of Alabama FCCLA? Please contact Theresa Long, State FCCLA Adviser, at theresa.long@alsde.edu

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