

What is 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, or as determined by the state department of education. FCCLA has more than 220,000 members and nearly 7,000 chapters from 50 state associations and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The organization has involved more than ten million youth since its founding in 1945.

FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only career and technical in-school student organization with the family as its central focus. Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.

FCCLA History Timeline

June 1945

Future Homemakers of America was founded at a convention in Chicago, Illinois.

July 1948

The first national convention was held in Kansas City, Missouri.

1966

Future Homemakers of America's membership peaked at 607,175.

July 1973

The organization's first male national officer, Toney Bingham, from Washington, D.C., was elected.

December 1977

Rhode Island was the last of the 53 state associations (including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands) to affiliate.

July 1980

The National Board of Directors approved the purchase of land on which to build a national headquarters and leadership center in Reston, Virginia.

July 1981

Monya Frazier from Florence, South Carolina, was elected the organization's first black national president.

September 28, 1981

The official ground-breaking ceremony was held at the building site in Reston, Virginia.

July 1983

The national headquarters and leadership center was dedicated during the 1983 National Leadership Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Fall 1983

A series of regional Cluster Meetings began.

Fall 1984

For the first time, one copy of *Teen Times*, the national magazine, was sent for every member.

Winter 1985

The Adviser was introduced for chapter advisers.

July 1986

Thomas Lucas from Milton, West Virginia, was elected the organization's first male national president.

January 1994

The pilot program for middle level affiliations was approved to begin in September 1995.

July 1999

Voting delegates voted in favor of the proposed name change to Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

September 2003

"The Ultimate Leadership Experience", the tagline chosen by members, was used on all national materials.

July 2005

The first **Ultimate State Officer Academy (USA) Leadership Training, Phase I**, was held at the National Leadership Meeting in San Diego, California.

September 2005

The first all four-color *Teen Times* was sent to all nationally affiliated members.

February 2010

Celebrating 65 years of leadership.

To view a more comprehensive list of FCCLA's history, see the *FCCLA...The Handbook to Ultimate Leadership*.

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Mission Statement

To promote personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Sciences education.

Focusing on the multiple roles of family member, wage earner, and community leader, members develop skills for life through character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communications, practical knowledge, and career preparation.

Purposes

1. To provide opportunities for personal development and preparation for adult life.
2. To strengthen the function of the family as a basic unit of society.
3. To encourage democracy through cooperative action in the home and community.
4. To encourage individual and group involvement in helping achieve global cooperation and harmony.
5. To promote greater understanding between youth and adults.
6. To provide opportunities for making decisions and for assuming responsibilities.
7. To prepare for the multiple roles of men and women in today's society.
8. To promote Family and Consumer Sciences education and related occupations.

Creed

We are the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

We face the future with warm courage and high hope.

For we have the clear consciousness of seeking old and precious values.

For we are the builders of homes,

Homes for America's future,

Homes where living will be the expression of everything that is good and fair,

Homes where truth and love and security and faith will be realities, not dreams.

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Colors

Red and white

The FCCLA Official Uniform

- Red blazer—may be single or double-breasted
- Black skirts and slacks are to be worn with the official blazer

Tagline

The Ultimate Leadership Experience

Motto

Toward New Horizons

Flower

Rose

