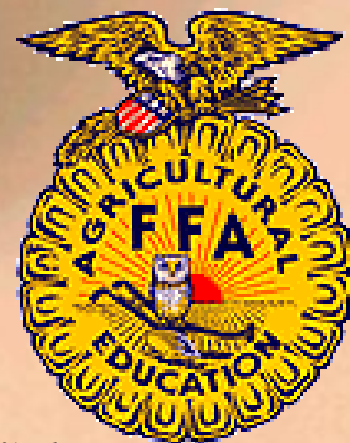
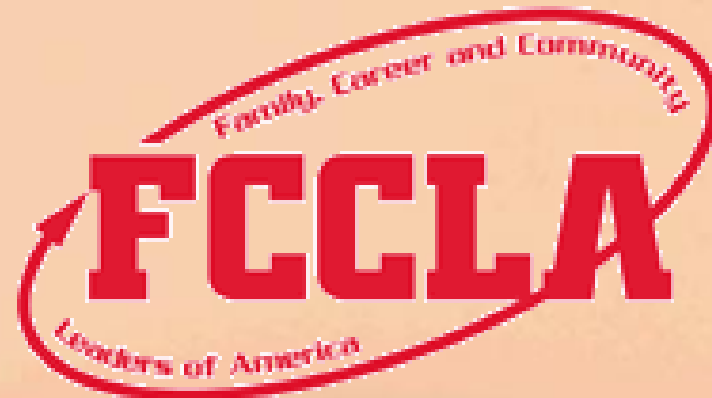


CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS at Mt. Vernon Township High School



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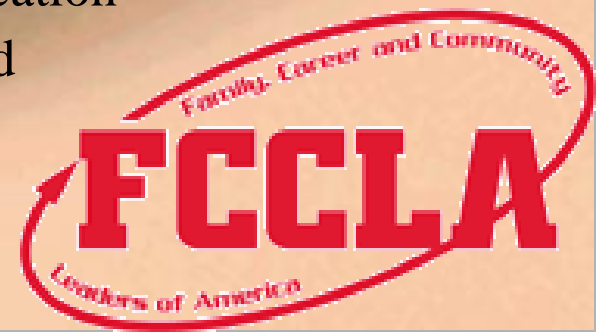
FCCLA



- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Inc.
- Associated with Family and Consumer Sciences
- Originally FHA (Future Homemakers of America) - 1945
 - then FHA-HERO (Home Economics Related Occupations)



- **Mission:**
 - 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 communication
 - practical knowledge and
 - vocational preparation



Web Links

- FCCLA <http://www.fcclainc.org/>



Membership benefits:



How do young people benefit from membership in the Career and Technical Education Student Organizations (CTSO)?

Benefits of CTSOs



- Provides for personal development.
 - Young people grow and mature through CTSOs. These organizations help in the maturation process.



- Develops “people” skills that can be used throughout life such as learning to work in teams and how to set and achieve goals as a group.
 - CTSOs promote the development of interpersonal relationship skills.



- Develops leadership skills. Research has shown that membership in CTSOs develops leadership skills.
 - Members are more likely to be community leaders in the future.

Benefits of CTSOs



- Provides for experiential learning.
 - In CTSOs students learn new information through a “hands-on” approach.



- Develops responsibility. CTSOs members learn to be responsible for their actions.
 - For the organization to succeed each member has to do his/her part.



- Helps make learning fun. Not only is learning enhanced if it is experiential, it is also enhanced if it can be made enjoyable.
 - Many educational activities in CTSOs are fun; thus learning is improved.

Benefits of CTSOs



- Home life is improved.
 - When students apply what they have learned in CTSOs at home, life is improved.



- Develops self-confidence.
 - When CTSOs members experience success in their endeavors, they gain a new sense of self-confidence in their abilities.



- Provides recognition.
 - Many young people have never won a single award or recognition. Through youth organization activities, young people have a chance to receive recognition. This is an important part of developing into a well-balanced individual.

Benefits of CTSOs



- Provides a positive atmosphere.
 - Young people today come from a variety of backgrounds; not all of which are desirable or healthy.
 - The CTSOs often provides the only nurturing and positive atmosphere the young person will experience.



- Develops a sense of community and volunteerism.
 - Community improvement and development is a hallmark characteristic of CTSOs.
 - Through participation in these activities the young person learns that he or she is part of a larger community.



- Improves communication and decision making skills.
 - Public speaking and participation in meetings is encouraged in the youth organizations.
 - In these activities students learn to think on their feet and make quick decisions.

Benefits of CTSOs



- Cultivate new friends and develop respect for others.
 - Life long friendships develop through CTSOs activities.
 - Young people also learn how to interact with their peers.



- Promotes career awareness.
 - By participating in CTSOs activities, young people become aware of new career opportunities.



- Learn to be more accepting of other cultures and diversity.
 - By participating in youth organization activities outside the local area, young people are exposed to different cultures.

Benefits of CTSOs



- Develop parliamentary procedure skills and the ability to run a meeting.
 - No matter what a person does in life, a knowledge of parliamentary procedure and how to conduct a meeting are valuable skills.



- Develops skills and responsibilities associated with being a role model and mentor.
 - There are numerous CTSOs activities where older members work with younger members and elementary school children.



- Earn scholarships and money.
 - Through participation in CTSOs activities, young people have the opportunity to earn scholarships and cash prizes for their efforts.

Benefits of CTSOs



- Fosters a sense of belonging.
 - It is human nature to want to be accepted. Young people want to be part of a group.
 - The CTSOs provide a much more desirable way to belong to a group than the alternatives such as gangs.



- Have the opportunity to travel.
 - Many young people, even in this day and age, go on their first real trip of first overnight trip away from home while participating in CTSOs activities.

Interested?

- Interested in learning more or joining FCCLA?

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