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**STUDENTS REPRESENT ALABAMA WELL AT FCCLA NATIONALS;
 WIN 15 GOLD MEDALS IN CALIFORNIA**

Montgomery, Ala. – This summer, more than 95 of Alabama’s top students, and their teachers, traveled to Anaheim, California, to participate in exciting national competitions and advanced leadership workshops at the *2011 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) National Leadership Conference*. This year, **Alabama’s FCCLA students won 15 gold, 20 silver, and 1 national bronze medal.**

“We had over 60 students representing our state in FCCLA’s exciting **Students Taking Action with Recognition (STAR)** competitions in July,” says State FCCLA Adviser, Jennifer Adams. “This event was such an exciting opportunity for our students. In total, there were 25 different national competition categories. To be eligible to compete, students *had to first win at the state level*. Nearly 2,500 students from across the country advanced to the national competition.”

FCCLA is a national, non-profit organization devoted to preparing family and consumer sciences students for leadership and career success. This organization has approximately 220,000 members nationwide. **Alabama has more than 8,000 members.**

Examples of some of the competitions held this year are Culinary Arts, Entrepreneurship, Applied Technology, Chapter Service Project Display, Fashion Construction, Job Interview, and Life Event Planning. *Alabama’s 2011 national medal winners are:*

- **Addison High School** – Jessica Robinson (Gold), Carly Westmoreland (Gold)
- **Enterprise High School** – Bethany Stone (Gold), Marissa Ciluffo (Gold)
- **Hewitt-Trussville High School**- Jo Jo Thompson (Silver), Sean Perkins (Silver), Christopher Renda (Silver)
- **Horseshoe Bend High School** – Marissa Bates (Silver), Tiffany East (Silver), Kelsey Tucker (Silver), Nikki Harding (Gold), Samantha Railey (Gold), Kayla Woodruff (Gold), Leslie Brooks (Silver), Jessica Sexton (Silver), Victoria Peppers (Silver), Serena Holley (Silver), Morgan McDaniel (Silver), Victoria McDaniel (Silver), Stephanie Butler (Gold), Crayton Walton (Gold)
- **Leeds High School** – Casey Collins (Gold), Jesse Turner (Gold), Josh Everett (Silver)
- **New Brockton High School** – Kaelyn Fillingham (Silver), Alysua Spivey (Silver), Kaley Moore (Silver)

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- **Oak Mountain High School** – Edna Jones (Silver)
- **Priceville High School** – Liana Pittman (Silver)
- **Spanish Fort High School** – Aren Valerie (Bronze)
- **Wenonah High School** – Kaitlyn McFarland (Gold), Latrice Broadnax (Gold), Pamela Crumpton (Gold), Lakendra Thomas (Silver), Alexandria Brooks (Gold), Branden Brown (Silver)

Alabama's career and technical education (CTE) programs offer students opportunities to participate in seven different student organizations including FCCLA. Currently, *two out of every three high school students* in Alabama participates in CTE programs.

Since its founding in 1945, the national FCCLA organization has had more than 10 million student members. To learn more about FCCLA or any of the other educational opportunities offered by Alabama's CTE programs, contact FCCLA State Adviser, Jennifer Adams, at (334) 242-9113, or visit the national website at www.fccla.com.

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