



# FCSTAC HEADLINES

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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### Roadshow Activities



by: Dawn Maceyka

We took on the theme of "Empowering FCS Superhero's" in June. I want to rephrase that, we did not take on the theme "WE ARE THE THEME". There are a few people that I want to acknowledge for their exceptional powers these past few months. The membership owes them a huge thank you.

The first hero is Wonder Woman, Mona Klein for first bringing together a task force to help take on some much needed action. The first action is a current FCS directory, the directory was spearheaded by Priscilla Burns and Pat Pect. You may say why a directory? Our field has grown in the past 7 years, many professionals have joined our arena, but have no idea the resources available. We all know the proof is only in data of numbers. Without this data we get overlooked. This is an arduous task, slowly but surely Priscilla, Pat, Melissa Webb and Christina Vallejo (Sac State intern) are making this a reality. Christina's time is up and we are about ½ way through verifications. Thank you Christina for your help.

Mona Klein has also opened many doors with the Universities and California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. These doors are leading to acknowledgement and strong conversations that you can still receive a FCS degree and credential to teach. Most popular programs have closed, this is true, but there are still some great programs out and about. Mona is working on spreading the word. Our positions are being filled by people

from industry, so students coming out of programs have no idea there are jobs. Mona has even had face to face with CCTC, that's pure super power.....

Jenifer Poulsen your board treasurer is moving us in the right direction of organization and memberships business. No superhero wants to spin their wheels, going nowhere. We are all busy people so she has found an on-line company to help manage membership, notices, labels, emails and notifications. More to come on this in the weekly flash.

Lastly, we are super grateful for Taudine Andrew your board VP. Taudine is a super smart, power broker. Within weeks of our first board meeting she had already commissioned Rocklin High School. We have CTE students that will now be our webmaster for FCSTAC. These students are building their resume from within. This same class is responsible for our new logo. Taudine sets a great example of making connections and collaborating with her CTE department. Be looking for the official launch around the first of the year.

Please be reminded all this happening in a four short months along with full time jobs, FCCLA and families. So, we are not empowered we ARE superheroes. I am so thankful to be surrounded by these amazing professional.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

Please read inside in regards to the legislative update and Sacramento Soundings.

## FCCLA FALL MEETINGS KICK OFF THE YEAR

by Jenifer Poulsen

September and October were busy for California FCCLA with the regions holding their Fall Meetings across the state. These meetings were an opportunity to introduce members to the state theme "Inspired to be an FCCLA Superhero." I love how the theme the state officers chose echoes the theme that we had at our Leadership and Management conference in June. This theme encourages students to step up and develop their superpowers by being actively involved in FCCLA at the chapter, region, state and even national levels. As the Region 10 coordinator (adviser to the president) I had a first hand opportunity to be involved in the planning and execution of our Fall Meeting. We were hosted by Lesa Gallagher and her amazing chapter at Temescal Canyon High School in Lake Elsinore. The region officer team worked hard to prepare a skit introducing the theme and to run two general sessions, 2 region mixers and 3 workshops covering STAR Events, the Golden State Degree Program and Financial Fitness. We were fortunate to have our state advisor, Melissa Webb, and the FCCLA State Historian, Lucy Andrews with us for the day. It was a busy day but the students had the chance to meet new people, learn the region cheer and start thinking about participating in competitions, earning their Golden State Degree or even running for region (or state) officer. Thank you to everyone who helps make FCCLA an amazing opportunity for our students and if you're not involved yet, we invite you to join us and see the growth that can happen when students become leaders.

### Students in Action



Spider Web Activity



STAR Events Workshop



State Historian Lucy Andrew

# LEGISLATIVE ACTION

by Mona Klein, Legislative Liaison

FCSTAC Represents You in Sacramento!

FCSTAC is a member of GetREAL (Relevance in Education and Learning), a coalition of business, labor, agriculture, public safety, technology, health care, child advocates and educators who believe California schools should provide a balanced educational experience that includes academic studies and industry-relevant career technical education (CTE)

The shift to Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) left many high schools without the resources to offer career pathway programs such as hospitality, education and child development, and fashion and interior design. Get REAL was instrumental in the passage of the short-term funding solution, CTEIG (Career Technical Education Incentive Grant), and is currently laying the foundations for legislative action which will result in sustained, dedicated funding for CTE.

**A C T N O W !** Get Involved in Get REAL's Social Media Campaign

Get REAL has hired a communications firm to promote CTE programs like yours!

**WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW**

- Follow and share GetREAL's Twitter (@GetREAL\_CA), Facebook (@GetREALCA) and social media posts and be prepared for calls to action

- Dawn Maceyka is FCSTAC's leader responsible for mobilization so keep an eye out for emails or communications on how you can be directly involved.

- Post content that shows the importance of maintaining CTE funding to your personal social media platforms.

- Share content posted on FCSTAC's channels.

- Share content (such as 30 second videos, photos and personal stories) directly with GetREAL (info@getrealca.org) to have it featured on the coalition's channels.

## NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

- ▶ **BEN RICHARDSON**
- ▶ **NANCY KOLTONIUK**
- ▶ **MICHELE CASALE**

## Professional Development

**Super Powered Curriculum Road Show**  
February 9 Friday Camarillo

**Food Safety and Sanitation Workshop - ServSafe®**  
February 27 Tuesday Pomona

**Education and Child Development Produces Superheroes**  
March 15-16 Thursday and Friday Irvine

**Culinary Arts Skills**  
April 13-15 Friday – Sunday Los Angeles

**2018 FCS Leadership and Management Conference**  
June 21-23 Thursday – Saturday Garden Grove

**Dates Subject to Change**



Pictures from San Luis Obispo High – (1) Our FCCLA kids made and embroidered Sous Chef aprons for Chef Ben Richardson our new Culinary Arts teacher. (2) Chef Richardson demonstrating to his Culinary 1 class using new tables and new tv's! (3) Students sewing aprons in my (Lisa Washmuth) Fashion A class.

# FCS GOALS TASK FORCE UPDATE

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By: Mona Klein

Notes from Goals Task Force  
Conference Call, November 15

- Melissa Webb reported that great progress has been made in building an updated CA directory of teachers of the three FCS industry sectors.

- Pat Peck reported that the CSU system continues to develop stand-alone degrees within FCS departments. Degrees are evolving to concentrate on specific FCS subject areas, such as a B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences Education or a B.S. in Interior Design.

- Mona Klein reported that Get REAL is deeply involved in setting the stage for legislative action that will result in sustained, dedicated funding for CTE. The Assembly Hearing held at Buena Park High School on October 2 was evidence that legislators, administrators, and community leaders agree with 69% of California registered voters who support greater emphasis on preparing students for the workforce (EdSource/Berkeley IGS Poll, 2017).

- Mona Klein met with the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to explore ways to quickly increase the numbers of FCS [Child Development, Hospitality,

Interior Design, and Apparel Design and Merchandising] grads in the teacher pipeline. As reported in the "Teacher Pipeline" article, two-year and four-year grads with some industry experience qualify for the D.S. CTE credential and can apply for "Home Economics" positions.

- Melissa Webb reported that CALPADS numbers and FCCLA affiliation numbers are critical to funding our programs. Priscilla Burns added that selecting the codes is challenging.

- Melissa noted that there are about twenty new FCCLA chapters.

- Mona added that there is evidence that misinformation is leading CTE coordinators to direct all of their teachers to Skills USA instead of the CTSO that corresponds to their industry sector.

- Dawn Maceyka, Melissa Webb, and Mona Klein will present at the CA AFCS Conference in San Francisco in April, 2018. Their topics will be related to middle and high school FCS curriculum and the need for FCS teachers.

- Mona reported that the Designated Subjects CTE Credential can be key to getting FCS grads into the teacher pipeline more quickly.



BY MELISSA WEBB

Happy Thanksgiving Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers! As I am sitting here in the office today, I am reflecting on this past school year and feel I have a lot to be thankful for, not only personally but professionally too. I have a very supportive family who allows me to travel for work without any guilt (although sometimes Baby Shane, 18 months old sometimes needs to tag along). I also get to work with some very smart and passionate educators in California who believe in the importance of Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) education and Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). In both my personal and professional world, "Family" is the focus and you cannot operate well unless both are balanced and supported. I recently took one of our FCS Fact Sheets and pulled out a few paragraphs to see what the Wordle would look like. It was amazing to not only see "Family" magnified in the Wordle, but also all of the other words that are reflected in FCS education. As professionals, we should be very proud of everything our work represents.

I'm also very thankful that our FCS Professional Development (PD) Contract is finally to a point where we are able to provide much needed PD for our teachers. I'm looking forward to attending as many FCS workshops as possible as I truly enjoy getting to see the latest trends in best practices, especially relating to the 11

Elements of High Quality CTE which is going to be our gold standard. I have also been fortunate enough to work with our FCS Task Force who are assisting me with the unification of our FCS teachers among our three Career Technical Education (CTE) industry sectors: Education, Child Development, and Family Services; Fashion and Interior Design; and Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation. It will be this unification that will allow us the platform to advocate for FCS/FCCLA legislations. You will have the opportunity to read more about this work in Mona Klein's legislative report. Part of this unification is adding to the current FCS/FCCLA directories with the survey that Priscilla Burns sent out a few months ago. I was also fortunate to have an intern from Sacramento State, Christina Vallejo, assist in removing duplications and incorporating additional FCS teacher's names that were sent to me from CTE Directors across the state. Currently, we are at around 650 teachers included in the FCS directory, but the data shows that we have around 1100 FCS teachers in the state, so there is more work to be done on this front.

Finally, I am very thankful that in the past seven years since I've been at the CDE, I've had the opportunity to meet and establish some strong industry partnerships. One of these is with the California Restaurant Association who we are working with to strengthen our alliance

which will also help with our legislative efforts. We will also be working to develop similar alliances with the California Hotel and Lodging Association, California Fashion Association, American Society of Interior Designers, and California Association for the Education of Young Children. We are going to need the full support of all business and industry partners that relate to our three CTE industry sectors. I would appreciate any names or contact information that you may have to assist with these efforts. I am looking forward to 2018 and knowing that we have secured contract dollars for both the FCS and FCCLA contracts, but we are still going to need to continue to promote our programs, unify with letters and phone calls to our legislators when called upon, and collaborate with our business and industry partners to ensure sustained and dedicated funding for CTE. I hope you can take a few minutes from your day and also reflect on what you are thankful for this year. It does put a positive perspective on your life and will give you the motivation and energy to continue your work. Thanks for everything you do and know that you are appreciated!





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