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## An Overview of Michigan FCCLA

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Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), *the Ultimate Leadership Experience*, 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. Projects focus on a variety of youth concerns, including teen pregnancy, parenting, family relationships, substance abuse, peer pressure, environment, nutrition and fitness, teen violence, and career exploration.

Involvement in FCCLA offers members the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop **skills for life** – planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making and interpersonal communication – necessary in the home and the workplace.

With more than 220,000 members and advisers, we function as the companion student organization to over 7,500 family and consumer sciences programs in schools across the United States and its territories. Our once-revolutionary ideas have become models for effective educational alternatives. FCCLA remains committed to the advocacy of family and consumer sciences education and the growth of business and education partnerships.

FCCLA was founded in 1945, under the name of Future Homemakers of America. In 1999, as members recognized the continued growth of the organization, and changing needs of schools across America, the name was changed to more accurately reflect the vision of the organization.

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### Community Service

FCCLA is committed to providing our members with valuable community service activities to instill a sense of social responsibility. Each year, Michigan FCCLA sponsors a state community service project designed by our high school state officers. In the 2011-2012 school year, Michigan FCCLA members participated in activities encouraging reading among special needs students, and other activities such as the Adopt a Highway program, violence prevention, food drives, volunteering in nursing homes, and working with younger children.

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### Funding

Michigan FCCLA is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) education association affiliated with Eastern Michigan University, funded by a grant from the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth, student dues, conference registrations and corporate support. All funds contributed are used directly for students' benefit through FCCLA's program of activities.

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