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FCCLA is committed to creating and maintaining a healthy and respectful environment for all. Our philosophy is to ensure all members, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, or socio-economic status, are treated equally and respectfully. Any behavior in the form of discrimination, harassment, or bullying will not be tolerated. It is the responsibility of all members to uphold and contribute to this climate.

Letter from the Editor:

Greetings Michigan FCCLA! Michigan FCCLA is excited to introduce the semi-annual Michigan FCCLA Newsletter. This publication will serve multiple purposes: to discuss upcoming events, provide knowledge of the organization and its history, and to showcase the growth and talents of our members. We are excited to bring this service to you and enrich your FCCLA experience.

This newsletter relies heavily on member involvement. If you're a current or former member, we want to hear from you! What are you and your chapter doing in your schools and communities? Alumni, what has life looked like since you graduated? Michigan FCCLA is about family and community; we can't wait to hear your stories!

We hope you enjoy this debut edition. Thank you for your dedication to our organization and our message!

The logo consists of the words "BEYOND" and "MEASURE" stacked vertically. The letters "BE" in "BEYOND" and "ME" in "MEASURE" are colored red, while the remaining letters are black. The entire logo is enclosed within a thin red rectangular border.

**BEYOND
MEASURE**

Hello Michigan FCCLA,

Although this year looked different, we had another amazing year of FCCLA. This year's theme was "Beyond Measure", which encourages members to grow as a leader, while discovering what it means to BE ME!

We had an exciting virtual State Leadership Conference full of workshops, competitions, and fun activities . . . all from the comfort of our own homes! Congratulations to all competitors! We were so impressed by the leadership shown in all of the competitions. We loved "seeing" you there, and we hope you had a great time!

We are also excited to welcome a new State Executive Council! Five leaders have stepped up to lead our amazing state association. I can't wait to see the amazing things that they will do for Michigan FCCLA in the upcoming year.

Also, make sure to follow Michigan FCCLA on social media for upcoming events and reminders and to keep in touch with your state officers! Follow us on Twitter and Facebook [@mifccla](#) and on Instagram [@mi_fccla](#).



Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Michigan FCCLA State President. I had an amazing time during my last two years on the State Executive Council, and I am so grateful. Michigan FCCLA will always hold a special place in my heart, and I hope to serve as an alumni to continue strengthening our state association.

Emily Willerick
Michigan FCCLA State President

Michigan FCCLA alumni are doing big things across the world! We love hearing about the success of our alumni as they use the skills they learned to make a difference in their communities. Today, we're excited to hear from



Nicholas Mitchell.

I graduated in the year of the pandemic, 2020, from Pickford Public Schools, which is a small school in the Upper Peninsula. While I attended Pickford Public Schools, I was a member of FCCLA. Through my seven years as a member of FCCLA, I was blessed with countless memories that I will carry for the rest of my life. My favorite FCCLA memory was at the 2018 State Leadership Conference when I won a position on the Michigan FCCLA State Executive Council, in which I was going to serve with people who became like a family to me. After graduation, I became a student at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan. I am currently studying criminal justice and pre-law. With this degree, it is my hope that in the future that I will attend law school and become a prosecuting attorney. I firmly believe that FCCLA was critical in helping me take my next step into post-secondary education. FCCLA exposed me to diversity, helped me realize my true self, and has given me leadership skills like the ability to communicate with others, work ethic, and taking the initiative to make a difference.

If you or someone you know is doing something outstanding, we want to know about it! Share your story with us at staff@michiganfccla.org

Alumni Check - In

To encourage individual and group involvement in helping achieve global cooperation and harmony.

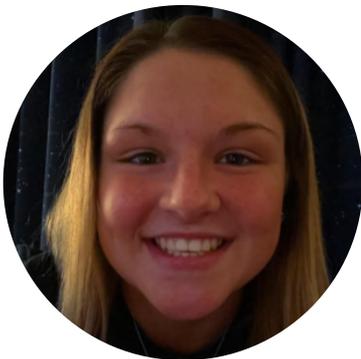
Good evening,

This purpose motivates me to tell others to think creatively to make someone's day a little better after seeing you. I can fulfill this by starting to do it first and hopefully, others will notice and join me along the way. Well- covid has ruined most of the usual ways to make the purpose come alive. We could each make a video of ourselves encouraging others they are not alone in the struggles of life.

Sincerely,

Grace Byler

Branch Area Careers Center



The fourth FCCLA purpose to encourage individual and group involvement in helping to achieve global cooperation and harmony connects to me this year in many ways. One way is we have brainstormed ideas for different projects to support one another. This past semester each one of our members had been working on and completed the five units of Power Of One. We as a group have done so to make a difference in our homes, our school, and our community.

Mia Rzepka

Branch Area Careers Center

Elisa Nottingham

Branch Area Careers Center



It makes me sad that we even need this purpose to encourage people to do this. I believe this is a heart issue and it all starts when we are young, still at home, and the lifestyle we live in. I work in a second grade classroom and investing in these students lives. I not only teach them just academics but also acts of kindness and cooperation skills. This year the students have been working together on a project on learning about ocean animals and the environment they live in. I'm very proud of them. They have also donated to a food pantry that's right next to our little school.

My chapter is all at an elementary school working together to make a difference in all of these students' lives. Teaching and investing in these students lives giving them hope for a better future for us all. I can proudly say that each and every one of these boys and girls in my chapter will make a difference in teaching their students to cooperate and be peacemakers in our future. When I think of this purpose I think of my chapter. I think of the difference they are already making. So that one day we won't have to encourage adults to cooperate and be peacemakers, but the next generation will already know how to live and lead a peaceful life with others.



DID YOU KNOW?

Michigan FCCLA has been represented by 9 National Officers, dating all the way back to 1947! Joan Iwerks served as National Secretary until 1948, and most recently Noah Brooks was the Vice President of Programs in 2013-2014.

Noah Brooks | MI VP Programs 2013-2014

Andrew Schantz | MI First Vice President 2008-2009

Holli Mezeske | MI VP Public Relations 1994-1995

Crystal Ann Eack | MI National Officer 1983-1984

Lou Ann Muir | MI Vice President Central Region 1972-1973

Chloe Ann Westfall | MI Reporter 1965-1966?

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Joan Iwerks | MI Secretary 1947-1948

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Interested in Joining our Alumni ranks?

Your FCCLA journey doesn't have to end when you graduate high school. Michigan FCCLA is always seeking dedicated, driven alumni who want to stay connected to the organization and their community. By becoming a paid Michigan FCCLA Alumni Association member, you can support current and future students as they participate in engaging programming, build valuable skills and complete inspiring STAR Events. All of this is made possible through your time and support. Michigan FCCLA and its members truly appreciate your support!

If you are interested in making a donation or joining the Michigan Alumni, please fill out the Michigan FCCLA Alumni form on the next page!

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