#realitycheck

2012 National Leadership Conference

July 8-12, Orlando, Florida

The Ultimate Leadership Experience
2012 National Leadership Conference

FCCLA
Family, Career and Community Leaders of America

Conference Hotel

Orlando
The state officers arrive early to rehearse for the Virginia state meetings and plan for the conference activities.
Virginia FCCLA members and advisers leave home for an exciting day of travel. For many, this includes a first time airport and flight experience!
The state officers greet the Virginia delegation in Orlando at our first state meeting on Saturday.
State President Jennifer Alviar welcomes 254 Virginia members, advisers, and guests to the 2012 National Leadership Conference.
Our state meeting includes skits about the week’s activities, state cheers, and an opportunity to get acquainted with other VA members.
Sunday was a day of meetings, special training sessions, STAR Events orientation, and........

Brian Will serves on the Nominating Committee, a critical part of the process to elect national officers.

Kelly Thompson & Michele McVey train for the Adviser-to-Adviser leadership network.
Sunday was also the day for our delegation to spend time at Universal Studio.
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We all tried the famous, non-alcoholic treat...Butterbeer!
Monday morning was the beginning of STAR Event competitions for over 130 Virginia members, and a chance to get great ideas at the Spotlight on Projects.
It was also a time to explore the conference center and trade pins with members from other state delegations. The new national dress code gave our chapters the opportunity to show their red and white pride.
The state officers spent a busy day meeting national officer candidates and caucusing on how to cast Virginia’s vote in the election of new officers.
Members of our delegation proudly waved our state flag as the Opening Session was ready to begin on Monday afternoon.
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Monday night’s state meeting included skits on upcoming events and recognition of the trading pin contest winner.
Tuesday began with exciting news for Virginia FCCLA as Justin Hess opened the letter announcing his election as one of the 2012-13 national officers!

Way to go, Justin!
The #realitycheck continued on Tuesday during the Business Session as more Virginia chapters were honored for their winning projects in national programs.
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Virginia FCCLA received recognition for our increase of nearly 1100 members during the 2011-12 school year!
After a busy day of STAR Events and conference sessions, we ended the day with a trip to......
...... Disney’s Hollywood Studios!

[Image of people in orange shirts and a Disney hat with stars and a moon]
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Who is this person lurking in the palm trees??!!
The Tower of Terror is a Virginia FCCLA group tradition!
Wednesday started with workshops and exhibits for students.

Brian Will led a workshop and Powhatan FCCLA was one of the VA chapters spotlighting a successful project.
Advisers attended the Adviser Recognition Session where several of our outstanding Virginia advisers were honored for their dedication to FCCLA.

Master Advisers

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Adviser Academy Graduates
Tupe Faumui and Sarah Earhart
continued on Wednesday afternoon during the Closing Session which included exciting recognition for our members.

Alec Ostapovicz, the 2011-12 Virginia State President, received the Exemplary Leader Award and won 1st Place in the Impromptu Speaking contest.
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Virginia was announced as the winner of The Ultimate Image Award!
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Justin Hess is installed as National 1st Vice President!
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We celebrated our members’ successes in STAR Events with a dessert party and special viewing of IllumiNations!
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An afternoon break is needed to energize for ...
... fireworks, the evening parade....
.... and riding until the park closes at 2 a.m.!
The state officers had a great time in Orlando and encourage you to begin planning now for the 2013 National Leadership Conference in .....
2013 National Leadership Meeting

Nashville

We’ll see you there!