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**CT FCCLA:** The website for CT FCCLA is [www.ctfccla.org](http://www.ctfccla.org) If you have any questions about the spring conference or the information here, please send them to [ctfccla@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ctfccla@sbcglobal.net) Additional information is available regarding STAR events and national programs at the national website – [www.fcclainc.org](http://www.fcclainc.org)

**CONFERENCE DETAILS:** *Plant the Seeds for your Success* will take place at Manchester Community College on March 16. The state officers have been hard at work planning the spring leadership conference and finding workshop presenters that they think will interest FCCLA members. They have focused on a variety of hands-on workshops related to the theme for this year. In addition to several culinary workshops, students are working on speakers related to gardening, fashion, credit and finance, recycling, and going green. It sounds like a conference with something for everyone!

The FCCLA conference will be everywhere at Manchester Community College on March 16. The day will begin in the **SBM Charitable Auditorium** which is located near the large tower. Activities will be grouped so that STAR events will be close together and workshops will be together. Your students will be impressed with the beautiful campus! Lunch will be in the Lowe building lobby, as usual, but don't worry about getting lost - maps will be in the program and on signs around the school.

Students in **Culinary Arts** will compete on Saturday, March 13, from 10AM till 2PM at **Lincoln Technical Institute** (formerly Connecticut Culinary). There will be refreshments for the teachers and parents who accompany the students. We have adjusted the schedule to give the students more time to compete and the judges more time to complete their work without being rushed. All national rules are followed except that extra time will be allowed for the students. We have made a special effort to provide workshops of interest to Culinary students on Tuesday. Please note that the 3 possible menus are posted on the national website at [www.fcclainc.org](http://www.fcclainc.org) under the STAR events logo.

Please be on time on March 16. There will be a quick breakfast snack ready when you arrive, but that area will close at 9:15 so that the conference can start!

**CANCELLATION/WEATHER DELAY:** In case of snow or other weather problems, listen for the Manchester Community College announcement. If there is a school cancellation there, the conference will be cancelled for that day. A delay would delay the conference by up to 90 minutes. **At this time we have not been able to schedule a “snow day”, but will keep you posted.**

**AFFILIATION:** How many members have you affiliated? Remember that you can affiliate at any time and add new members as they join. Affiliate on line by March 1 in order for members to be eligible to participate in Star Events and Skill Events. The address is [www.fcclainc.org](http://www.fcclainc.org).

**STATE OFFICERS NEEDED!** We are looking for candidates from every school! **The more chapters represented, the better our conferences will be!** Talk to your local officers and interested students and encourage them to apply. This is a wonderful opportunity for resume building and skill building! The state officers receive a stipend to be used when traveling to the national conference or to USA training. The application forms and more information will be on the website. Please distribute them to interested students. The deadline is March 10.

#### **WORKSHOPS INFORMATION:**

- Some workshops will be given only once, so there may be conflicts. Every effort will be made to give as many first choices as possible.
- The list of workshops will be posted during February. The state officers are working hard to choose speakers who will be of interest to your chapter members.
- Assignments to workshops will be made as schools register, so it is best to register early!
- Attendance will be taken at the workshops and teachers are asked to stress the importance of students being where they have been assigned.
- Students attending the conference must wear their name badges at all times and **ATTEND** their assigned workshops. If they are competing, they will be given a time to compete and should attend the workshops when they are not competing.

#### **STAR EVENTS INFORMATION:**

The **Connecticut SKILL AND STAR Events** will be held on March 13 (Culinary) and March 16

These national events include:

Applied Technology	Career Investigation
Chapter Service	Chapter Showcase
Culinary Arts	Early Childhood
Entrepreneurship	Focus on Children
Hospitality	Illustrated Talk
Interior Design	Interpersonal Communication
Job Interview	Life Event Planning
National Programs in Action	Parliamentary Procedure
Promote and Publicize FCCLA!	Recycle and Redesign
Teach and Train	

**Red** designates the brand new STAR Events!

**Fashion Construction** An individual event- recognizes participants who apply fashion construction skills learned in Family and Consumer Sciences courses to create a display using samples of their skills.

**Fashion Design** An individual event - recognizes participants who apply fashion design skills learned in Family and Consumer Sciences courses to design and market clothing styles.

**Food Innovations** An individual or team event - recognizes participants who demonstrate knowledge of the basic concepts of food product development by creating an original *prototype formula*, testing the product through *focus groups*, and developing a marketing strategy.

**Environmental Ambassador** An individual or team event - recognizes participants that address environmental issues that adversely impact human health and well-being and who actively empower others to get involved.

We will be using the ***2010 National STAR Event Manual***. Do not use old rules or rubrics. A copy of this manual is available on the FCCLA website at no charge along with lots of additional information and rubrics, scenarios, menus and **suggestions for integrating the STAR events into your various curriculum guides**. You will find this information at <http://www.fcclainc.org> or by clicking on the STAR Event logo on the home page.

- The top scorer(s) in each event will be invited to represent Connecticut in at the FCCLA National Leadership Meeting in Chicago next July. The participants in these events will receive gold, silver, or bronze medals.
- Reviewing the event rules with your students before the competition should assist them in their preparation. If your event requires a portfolio, manual, or scrapbook, these items must be ordered from the national supplier found on the FCCLA website. [www.fcclainc.org](http://www.fcclainc.org).

The **Connecticut Skill Events** rules have not changed. These are the events that have been designed for students in Connecticut, and include Comprehensive Cake Decorating, Occupational Cake Production, Dining Room Service, Garde Manger, and Textile Arts. Clothing Construction will be replaced with the Fashion Construction STAR event. The participants in these events will also receive gold, silver, or bronze medals. The rules for these events are posted on the website for CT FCCLA.

**STUDENT EVALUATORS-** We are looking for student evaluators to work with the judges. If you have a chapter officer who is not competing and would be interested, mark the registration form: Evaluator. Students and advisers who work as evaluators are given a special gift with the FCCLA logo on it. They also pay half price for the conference- \$10 instead of \$20. The names of these students and the event they are interested in participating in should be sent by e-mail to Karin Pyskaty, the coordinator of STAR Events, at [ctfccla@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ctfccla@sbcglobal.net). Our goal is to have 1 (one) student evaluator in each team of evaluators.

### **HOW TO REGISTER:**

1. All students attending the spring conference or taking part in Star events or Skill events must be affiliated with nationals **BY March 1**.
2. The Registration and Payment forms for this conference can be found on the CT FCCLA website available in February. They can also be e-mailed to you upon request at any time. They are in the form of Excel Spreadsheets. Do not make any changes in the forms except to fill in the necessary information.
  - Type each student name as it is written on the affiliation form.
  - List any competition event carefully, using the correct and full name.
  - Show the 2 students who will be voting delegates in the first workshop section.
  - Choose workshops for your students. The list of workshops will be sent as soon as they are finalized- prior to March 1. Do not send everyone to the same workshop. Try to distribute your students so that all the workshops will be well attended
  - E-mail Karin Pyskaty with the name of any students interested in being evaluators and list Evaluator in the Workshop space. Karin Pyskaty [james.pyskaty@snet.net](mailto:james.pyskaty@snet.net)
3. Registration may be made by e-mailing the 3 forms and paying, (by check only) on the day of the conference. Do not plan to pay by cash. Checks should be made out to **CT FCCLA**
4. A late fee of \$20 will be added to any registration e-mailed or mailed after March 5. Refunds will be honored if requested in writing before March 10. Requests may be faxed or e-mailed. Substitutions also must be done in writing or by fax by March 10. **Students registering for STAR events after March 5 will not be able to compete.**
5. The **Rules of Conduct** form must be signed by each student and parent along with a permission slip if required by your own school. Bring these forms with you on the day of the conference.

## **SCHEDULE:**

8:30- 9:15	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30- 9:15	Room Consultants and Evaluators Orientation
9:15- 9:45	Opening Session and Welcome
10:00- 12:15	Skill Events, and Star Events
10:00 – 11:00	speaker for non-competitors
11:15 – 12:00	Workshop I
12:00 - 1:15	Lunch, College Fair,
1:15 - 2:00	workshop 2
2:15 – 3:15	General Session: Keynote; Officer Installation
3:15 – 3:30	Snack and Project Display
3:30 - 4:30	Closing General Session
4:30	STAR / Skill Event packets available for pickup



**NATIONAL LEADERSHIP MEETING-** July 4 – 8, 2010 in Chicago. All members may attend the conference! Connecticut participants usually travel a day or 2 ahead in order to become familiar with the area and to prepare for their activities. More

information will be in your packets at the state conference. Imagine what it is like to have over 5,000 **FCCLA** members participating in Chicago. Look for more information on the national web site.