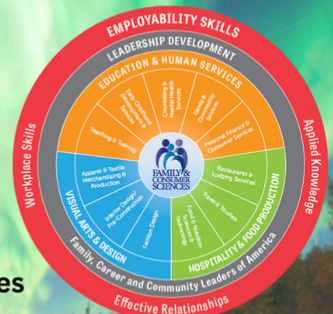


Alabama FCS Newsletter

January 6, 2025

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Alabama FCCLA State Project



Alabama FCCLA is excited to kick off our State Service Project for this year! We will be fundraising for Make-A-Wish and working to grant a Wish Kid's wish. Our fundraising goal is \$10,000. We can easily meet and exceed this if every chapter raises at least \$100.

This ensures that Alabama FCCLA will be able to sponsor a full wish. However, please do not limit yourselves to just this amount as every dollar raised benefits a wish child. Fundraising efforts will be tracked through Make-A-Wish's Wish Your Way site. People can donate directly through your chapter's Wish Your Way page or your chapter members may collect offline donations by cash or check. **Please make all of your donations through the Make a Wish portal and do not bring your donations to the state leadership conference. Make a Wish would like to have most donations noted in the portal by January 15, but no later than February 15 so we can notify and plan for our wish kid to be present at SLC.**

If you are in need of the W9 for Make a Wish, please see the attachment below.



Make-A-Wish Sign Up Instructions.pdf

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Another option to participate in our state project is to bring supplies to State Leadership Conference to donate to Children's Harbor. The mission of Children's Harbor is to strengthen families of seriously ill children through refuge, respite and resources. These unique, no-cost services are offered at both "The Harbor" Family Center located at Children's of Alabama in Birmingham, and at the Lake Martin retreat facility in Alexander City. Children's Harbor has been in service since 1989. To find out more about the services and mission of Children's Harbor visit their website at



[Children's Harbor - Serving Children With Serious Illnesses \(childrensharbor.com\)](http://childrensharbor.com)

A requested list of item donations can be found here [Item Donations | Children's Harbor \(childrensharbor.com\)](#)

Two FCCLA blazers will be awarded at SLC. One for the most donations collected for Make a Wish and one for the most donations for Children's Harbor.

FCS/FCCLA Slack Channel

Enabling Notification

In talking with a few advisers, they said they were not getting notifications when messages were put in Slack, so they didn't know there was new information. If you are not receiving the notifications, try this:

Adjust your notification triggers

By default, only [direct messages](#) (DMs), [mentions](#), and [keywords](#) will trigger notifications in Slack. You can change your preference to be notified about all new messages sent in conversations you're a part of, or nothing at all.

Desktop iOS Android

1. Click your profile picture in the sidebar.
2. Select **Preferences** from the menu to open your notification preferences.
3. Under **Notify me about**, choose your notification triggers.

4. To use different triggers for your mobile notifications, check the box next to **Use different settings for my mobile devices**, then select your preference from the drop-down menu.
5. To disable notifications for threads, uncheck the box next to **Notify me about replies to threads I'm following**.

If you haven't yet joined the Slack Channel, please use the [link](#) to join and be one of the first to be in the know!

2025 State Leadership Conference Town Hall

Mark your calendars for our second annual SLC Town Hall on Tuesday, February 4 at 4 pm. Theresa will cover important topics in preparation for SLC. To register and have input on topics to be covered for the town hall meeting, please complete the registration for at the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/DkvthRdFE6>

FCCLA Week

Help Your Competitors Get Ready for STAR Events

As part of our FCCLA week celebration, we are again hosting a virtual champ camp on Friday, February 14 from 9 am-1 pm. Have an FCCLA party and prepare for competition!

FCCLA Week [FCCLA Week](#) | [FCCLA \(fcclainc.org\)](#)

February 10-14, 2025

Monday is "FCCLA Member Monday"

Launch FCCLA week by showcasing your chapter members and what FCCLA means to you!

Tuesday is "FCCLA Day of Service"

Serving your community with leadership skills and a stellar attitude is the foundation of FCCLA. Share who your influences are and how you've influenced others through your acts of service.

Wednesday is "FCS Educator Day"

Celebrate Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Educator Day by thanking the educators in your life and showing appreciation for everything they taught you and your chapter.

Thursday is "Alumni Day"

Share with others how FCCLA (or FHA/HERO) has allowed you to sharpen your skills for your future careers as well as your independent adult life.

Friday is "FCCLA Spirit Day"

Get ready to show off your FCCLA spirit! Rock the red and fill your day with red clothing, signs, food, decorations, and more!

Champ Camp (virtual) 9am-1 pm. Make it an End of the FCCLA Week Party! Suggestion: Order or make pizza and snacks for the day. Ask your admin if you can treat it like a field trip and have them out of class for the day...especially those who are competing. But even if they aren't, they will learn from the training for next year!

Sign up for your chapter's spot in the virtual champ camp by completing the information in the link below.

[Alabama FCCLA - Champ Camp Registration 2025](#)

Spring Semester Beef 101

As we approach the end of the year, it is time to prepare for another semester of Beef 101 sessions! Alabama Cattleman's Association (ACA) had such an overwhelming response to the release in July (80% of our sessions booked in less than 36 hours!), you may want to plan early to attend.

Due to the facility sizes, each session can accommodate a maximum of 50 attendees (this includes students, teachers and chaperones). In an effort to accommodate as many classes as possible, the site will automatically deduct from the maximum as people register, so your group might be paired with another group to make a full session. The website has a hard cutoff at 50, but if it is just a few spots off from your group total (1-5 people), go ahead and register and then email Josie with how many more spots you need and she will try to work it out as best she can.

The current sessions that will be available for Spring 2025 are-

- Wednesday, February 12
- Wednesday, March 26
- Wednesday, April 16
- Wednesday, April 23
- Wednesday, April 30

If you have not attended a Beef 101 recently, ACA has changed the registration format to be online. More information about the program and the registration link can be found on this website- <https://www.bamabeef.org/beef101>

Registration is live. It will ask for your contact information, estimated group size and the date you are registering for. If you need assistance, please contact [Josie Jones](#)



HUMAN SERVICES

EARLY CHILDHOOD
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

CONSUMER SERVICES

FAMILY STUDIES AND COMMUNITY
SERVICES

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January Cooking

From being National Hobby Month to Celebrating Winnie the Pooh to Marting Luther King, Jr to Natinal Pie Day on January 23, the Home Baking Association has you covered with tasty recipes. See all of their offerings at [January2025](#)



or

Try these [Jamaican Beef Patties](#) from King Arthur Baking.

FASHION

VISUAL DESIGN

INTERIOR DESIGN



Design Trends for 2025

Check out what the experts are saying the 2025 Design Trends will be in 2025 in the articles linked below.

[14 interior design trends to know about for 2025 | Homes & Gardens](#)

[8 Dining Room Trends For 2025, According To Designers](#)

[6 Design Trends That Are Making a Comeback in 2025, Designers Say](#)



HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICES

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ATTRACTIONS

TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Detour Destinations' Are Going To Be Wildly Popular In 2025

In the wake of many people crowding the world's most popular destinations, overtourism has progressed from a buzzword to a rallying cry for change in how and where we choose to explore.

This shift gave rise to 2024's "destination dupe" trend – where people traveled to different, less-crowded cities with the same appeal and attractions as busy tourist destinations. That concept is now evolving into 2025's emerging travel movement: detour destinations. The term was coined in a recent travel trends report from Expedia, where data suggests that 63% of travelers plan to include these lesser-known locales in their itineraries next year.

[READ MORE](#)

The Future of Hospitality: Emerging Trends for 2025

As the hospitality industry continues to evolve, 2025 promises a wave of fresh innovations and shifting consumer demands. Guests today seek more than just great food—they crave memorable experiences that transcend traditional dining. Through technology and human connection, restaurants are finding new ways to meet these expectations.

[READ MORE](#)

Culinary Competitions

CNP Jr. Chef Competition

January 17, 2025

Jefferson State Community College Culinary and Hospitality Institute
Hoover, Alabama

FCCLA Culinary Arts and Baking and Pastry Arts Competition

February 7-8, 2025

(Weather date February 21-22)

Jefferson State Community College Culinary and Hospitality Institute

Hoover, Alabama

Space is limited. Registration is open until Jan. 20 or until slots fill up.

January 1 update: Bakery and Pastry Arts competition is full.

ProStart Competition

February 23-24, 2025

Perdido Beach Resort

Orange Beach, AL

Alabama Cattleman's Association Jr./Sr. Beef Cookoff

April 11, 2025

Riverchase Career Connection Center

Birmingham, AL



Alabama's Junior Chef Competition 2025 (1).pdf

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Culinary Arts STAR Event Recipe Packet.pdf

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Bakery and Pastry Arts Menu 2025.pdf

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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

EDUCATORS IN TRAINING

EDUCATION AND TRAINING



Education Trends for 2025

In 2025, schools can expect trends like cloud computing, AI-driven personalized learning, mixed reality experiences, social-emotional learning (SEL) tools, and hybrid learning models to transform education. These trends aim to enhance student engagement, streamline school operations, and create more flexible learning environments. ([Classter.com](#)). To see what the experts are saying, check out the articles linked below.

[2025 EdTech Predictions: 10 Trends Every School Should Know - Classter](#)

[What's Next: Top Five Trends in Education for 2025 | ACE Blog](#)

[7 Critical Education Trends That Will Define Learning In 2025](#)

FCCLA UPDATES



Registration for State Leadership Conference Is Open!

Registration for SLC 2025 opened October 1. See the conference registration guide in the FCCLA Adviser manual for details. Please also note that your chapter must be fully affiliated to register for conference.

Changes to the registration this year include:

- They system will ask for an approved purchase order if you are not paying by credit card
- There is a 3% fee for credit card payments (non-refundable)
- You will receive a link to book your lodging after registration has been submitted.

[SLC Registration Portal](#)

2025 State Leadership Conference Registration Rates <small>*To register, members and advisers must be affiliated with National FCCLA</small>	Early Bird Rate (non-refundable) October 1, 2024-December 1, 2025	Regular Rate (non-refundable) December 2, 2024-January 15, 2025	Late Rate (non-refundable) January 15, 2025-February 3, 2025
Full Conference Registration for affiliated members, advisers and chaperones.	\$45 per person	\$55 per person	\$65 per person
STAR Event Registration Fee	\$5 per person	\$10 per person	\$15 per person
School Administration/CTE Directors	\$0	\$0	\$0
Judges (no access to sessions)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Opening Session Tickets	\$15	\$20	\$25
Closing Session Tickets	\$15	\$20	\$25

Additional Items available for purchase:

- Conference T-shirt (\$10 small - X Large ++ for larger sizes)
- Disney Character Walk (\$5 per person, with profits going to state project)
- Disney Movie Night (\$5 per person includes movie, popcorn and drink with profits going to state project)

Additional Activities (no charge, but must sign up in the registration portal)

- Say Yes to FCS Signing Ceremony (for graduating seniors pursuing a degree in an FCS field)
- Fashion Show (open to members participating in either Fashion Design or Fashion Construction STAR Events)

**There will be no on-site registration
Guest Tickets need to pre-ordered**



Banner Parade Guidelines 25.pdf

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Calendar of Events

Affiliation Information

FCCLA Online Membership Step-by-Step Instructions

Accessing FCCLA

Activities for Effective FCCLA Integration into Classroom Instruction

Teach CTSO Resources

State Leadership Conference

- **Registration Guide**
- STAR Event Information
- STAR Events by the Number
- Competitive Events by Pathway
- Chapter Recognition Awards
- Adviser Awards

National Conferences and Events

The Adviser Manual was updated 9/30/24



Adviser Manual 2024.pdf

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Chapter Project Awards

Our state chapter awards have been updated and now include the scoring rubric. Please see the updated projects and submission information in the documents below.



A Prescription to Healthy Living State Project.pdf

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Children-First-State-Project and Rubric.pdf

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Focus-on-Alabama-State-Project.pdf

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And our brand-new State Project!! Inspire to Educate!



Inspire to Educate State Project.pdf

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Professional Development Opportunities



Alabama Affiliate of American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

The Alabama Affiliate of AAFCS will hold it's annual spring conference, April 9-11. Save the date for this professional development event! More details coming soon.



American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

High quality professional development and networking opportunities for members and non-members is at the core of the Annual Conference. The conference objectives help provide a framework for the content to be addressed at and included in the 2025 Annual Conference. Join AAFCS in Kansas City, MO June 25-28, 2025.

ALSDE CTE SUMMER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2025

The 2025 ALSDE CTE Summer Professional Development Conference will take place July 23-25, 2025, at the Mobile Convention Center. Mark your calendars!

Elevate Your Classroom

Calling all early childhood and elementary educators! Elevate's in-person professional development conference will be in Nashville on June 13th, 14th & 15th at the beautiful Gaylord Opryland Resort &

Convention Center. Join us for multiple days of learning, networking, and inspiration to take your teaching to the next level.

Join Gerry Brooks, Kim Bearden, Greg Smedley-Warren, Jack Hartmann, and Mr. Ty (The Childcare Whisperer), along with many other amazing presenters who will bring you inspirational, research & evidence-based professional development like no other!

Get up close and personal with the keynotes and presenters, tons of free swag, downloadable resources, prizes, and a certificate of completion for sessions attended.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to grow and connect with fellow educators. Register now!

[#ElevateYourClassroom](#) [#Nashville2025](#) [#EducatorConference](#)

[Registration Information](#)



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Just a reminder that [Theresa](#) and [Kayla](#) are available for technical assistance visits to your school, phone or virtual platforms.



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