



# THE GOLDEN STATE TODAY

2021 SUMMER EDITION

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Dear California FCCLA,

On behalf of the 2021–2022 State Officer Team, I would like to give my regards to every California FCCLA member, advisor, alumni, and partner. My name is Alecea Zeitler and I am a rising senior attending Santa Clara High School in Region 5, and I currently serve as your CA FCCLA State President.

As we look back on the past year, it is often challenging to find hope and power within ourselves. It is often impossible to remind ourselves that although we have been apart for so very long, our FCCLA association is still one, we are a family and we are stronger together. Throughout this past year, we have been challenged to continue to face our future with warm courage and high hopes. Throughout this past year, we've waited in anticipation for the gatherings that we love and cherish to become safe again, and though it may be true, we have lost experiences that were unable to be replicated in the virtual world that quickly became our reality, we have gained the ability to adapt under pressure, we have survived a year like no other. We have made history within our association as we grew in a period of time where everything felt like it was shrinking.

As I reflect further on the history you all have made, I find more than just lost experiences, I find leaders, members, and advisors who flourished in the wake of disaster. I see how the challenges of the past year have created an association that can withstand anything. Because of you, member, advisor, alumni or partner, our FCCLA stories have become enriched, our experiences unique, and our passion for FCCLA: unwavering. When faced with uncertainty, FCCLA has continued to be a beacon, lighting our way through the darkness of a worldwide pandemic. FCCLA has continued to be a dynamic, active organization bound for the future. The past two state teams guided you all through this impossible time, they created virtual meetings and activities, giving our organization the oxygen it needed for survival. They never gave up on all of you, and neither will we.

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The current State Officer Team and I aim to continue to implement virtual elements that past teams have established so that all members have equal opportunities until we can safely go back to in-person activities. This being said, I am optimistic that the gatherings and in-person connections that make FCCLA so special will return this year and when they do, they will be a celebration of each and every one of you. I personally promise to continue working towards this future and that each day I will continue to lead our association towards success. I promise to forever work to offer experiences, be they virtual or in person, that serve your current needs and to use all that I have learned in the virtual world, to make our in-person future that much better. I have no doubt that if you were to ask any of my fellow officers, they would promise you the same.

So, members, advisors, alumni and partners, I leave you with this: we have many struggles that we will continue to endure as life transitions, it would be naive to say that the challenges are all behind us because many lying in wake, waiting to make you doubt why you continue to embark on your FCCLA journey. This being said, challenges are put in our path so that we can prove we are strong enough to persevere. As an association and as individuals, we have proved time and time again that we have the power to smile in the face of a challenge so I urge all of you to continue your path, to fight against challenge and to be excited for the future of FCCLA. I know that your chapter, region, state and nation are behind you every step of the way and that each challenge you face, will create a brighter future for our organization. I thank you for making our association stronger, I thank you for facing challenges and accepting the responsibility of making decisions that affect our lives today, and the world tomorrow.

Wishing you the best,  
Alecea Zeitler,  
CA FCCLA state president

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# Meet the State Officers



Alecea Zeitler

Region 5 | Santa Clara High School

What is your dream travel destination?

**My dream destination is Bora Bora**

What is your go to snack?

**My go to snack are blueberries**



Riley Miller

Region 2 | Pleasant Valley High School

What is your dream travel destination?

**My dream destination is somewhere in the mountains**

What is your go to snack?

**My go to snack are Pringles**



Samantha Madewell

Region 10 | Centennial High School

What is your dream travel destination?

**My dream destination is Italy**

What is your go to snack?

**My go to snack is fruit**

# Team of 2021-2022



Alexa Andrade

Region 10 | Hillcrest High School

What is your dream travel destination?

**My dream destination is Tokyo, Japan**

What is your go to snack?

**My go to snack is Boba**



Viktoriya Bannikova

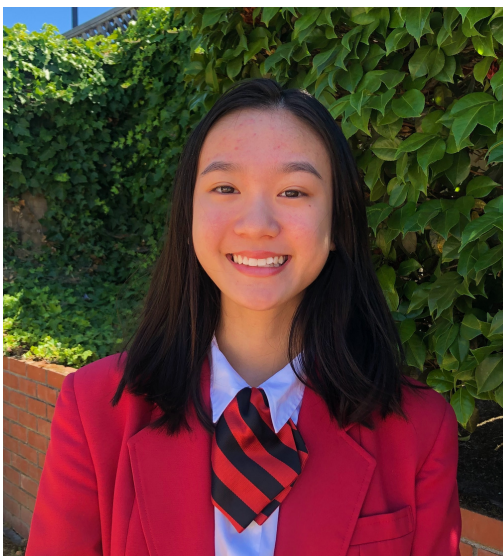
Region 5 | Wilcox High School

What is your dream travel destination?

**My dream destination is the Bahamas**

What is your go to snack?

**My go to snack are Pringles**



Kaitlin Ching

Region 5 | Mills High School

What is your dream travel destination?

**My dream destination is Switzerland!**

What is your go to snack?

**My go to snack are granola bars!**



**This year's theme for the 2021–2022 year is " Make It Count". This year's annual theme is to challenge yourself to set goals and embrace experiences while learning new skills and taking ownership. The state team challenges you to live every day with intention because you only get one chance to “Make it Count!**

The 2021–2022 State Officers are challenging members to grow their abilities further than they thought they could and have identified the following goals for the year (on the next page).



## **Membership**



This year we are making it count by hoping that each Region increases its membership by adding two new chapters. Members can actively engage and participate in these new experiences in FCCLA as these new chapters emerge.



## **Leadership**



Embrace your role as a leader by having your chapter nominate two people for region office as we move forward to an in-person environment.



## **Participation**



Reflect upon the past year and progress to a new one where FCCLA members are challenged to participate and attend any type of meeting whether in person or virtual so that they can seize the opportunity to grow as an individual.



# STAND UP

Stand Up: Stand Up is a new national program built to encourage students to find a cause they are passionate about and take action to create positive change in the world around them. Assess, Educates, and Advocates are the core components of Stand Up. As a result of applying these steps, members can work to select a cause where they can make a meaningful impact, educate others on its impacts, and spark a movement in their community.

# POWER of ONE



Power Of One: Power of One is a national program that assists students in finding their power and knowing how to use it effectively. This program enables its members to design their own goals, set and work toward them, and then enjoy the results. With Power of One, members can learn a number of skills that will benefit them in every aspect of their lives.

# STUDENT BODY



Students Body: Students Body is a national program that teaches members how to make the right choices for their physical and mental health as well as allowing them to teach others in the process. The national program provides students and members with the tools to build a healthy body as well as develop healthy habits and attitudes that will last a lifetime. By participating in Student Body, members become better informed about mental health and how to take control of their own physical health.

# Virtual National Leadership Conference

June 29 – July 2

vNLC was an amazing conference from getting to elect new national officers and meeting them all the way to the amazing workshops whether they were recorded or live. We learned so much in this awesome conference and the opening and closing session were great. California FCCLA had over 100 members and advisors attend the conference as well as two National Officer Candidate, Amber Chan and Alyssa Tat from Mills High School. It was an amazing conference for us virtually and we learned a lot.

# Congratulation to

## Gold

**Jefferson Budiman**, Alhambra High School: Culinary Arts  
**Edgar Munoz**, Calexico High School: Culinary Arts  
**Samantha Aguilera**, Torrance High School: Fashion Construction  
**Brianna Guerrero**, Madera High School: Fashion Design  
**Angela Lopez-garcia**, Madera High School: FCCLA Chapter Website  
**Mynika Simpson**, Cordova High School: Food Innovations  
**Stephen Wiley**, Cordova High School: Food Innovations  
**Mia Fernandez**, Torrance High School: Food Innovations  
**Riley Keany**, Marina High School: Interior Design  
**Tara Fernandez**, Torrance High School: Nutrition and Wellness  
**Natalie Prendergast**, Torrance High School: Nutrition and Wellness  
**Sezen Musa**, Wilcox High School: Repurpose and Redesign  
**Leonel Torres**, Pleasant Valley High School: Repurpose and Redesign  
**Shivani Torres-lal**, Pleasant Valley High School: Repurpose and Redesign  
**Ryan Ontiveros**, Torrance High School: Sports Nutrition

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## Silver

**Lizeth Del toro**, East Union High School: Chapter in Review Portfolio  
**Justin Lizarraga**, East Union High School: Chapter in Review Portfolio  
**Kaylee Rhodes**, East Union High School: Chapter in Review Portfolio  
**Nicole Romo**, East Union High School: Culinary Arts  
**Kayla Kempner**, East Union High School: Event Management  
**Joreen Li**, Rowland High School: Event Management  
**Yirena Wu**, Rowland High School: Event Management  
**Sophia Zhou**, Rowland High School: Event Management  
**Kylie Dawson**, West High School: Fashion Design  
**Rodrigo Arenas**, Paramount High School: Focus on Children  
**Erika Irra**, Paramount High School: Focus on Children  
**Natalia Rodriguez**, Paramount High School: Focus on Children  
**Norah Reyes**, Santa Maria High School: Job Interview  
**Liliahna Bedolla**, Reedley High School: National Programs in Action  
**Cassandra Caro**, Central High School: Professional Presentation  
**Gabriella Ortiz**, Central High School: Professional Presentation  
**KongMeng Lee**, Central High School: Professional Presentation  
**Olivia Boomgarden**, Argonaut High School: Public Policy Advocate  
**Maeve Klement**, Argonaut High School: Public Policy Advocate  
**Andrea Dela Victoria**, Rowland High School: Public Policy Advocate  
**Melody Stetsko**, Central High School: Repurpose and Redesign  
**Daniela Reinoso**, Alhambra High School: Repurpose and Redesign  
**Samantha Alejandre**, Paramount High School: Sustainability Challenge  
**Adrian Bocanegra**, Paramount High School: Sustainability Challenge

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## Bronze

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**Kailey Monday**, Sierra High School: Chapter in Review Portfolio  
**Reina Valdez**, Sierra High School: Chapter in Review Portfolio  
**Amber Chan**, Mills High School: FCCLA Chapter Website  
**Alyssa Tat**, Mills High School: FCCLA Chapter Website  
**Kimberly Gonzalez**, Paramount High School: Job Interview  
**Alfonso Rodriguez**, East Union High School: Nutrition and Wellness  
**Erick Valencia**, East Union High School: Nutrition and Wellness

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# Virtual Region Officer Leadership Conference

June 20–21

vROLC gave members the opportunity to view region cheers and experience creative icebreakers from all over California! The individual officer breakout rooms gave the upcoming region officers how to fulfill their role as an officer. In the final session, awards were announced to recognize regions who worked hard with their team and showed great quality work.



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