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AFFILIATION TIME!

BY KACEY LE



Courtesy of the Madera Chapter || Pictured: The Madera Chapter

Happy affiliation time! As our chapter's school years are starting, many have taken part in promoting FCCLA to their peers.

Our members have taken part in creating posters, speaking to their fellow classmates, and participating in their club fairs to show their schools what our organization is all about.



Courtesy of the East Union Chapter || Pictured: The East Union Chapter

Chapters from across the state did an amazing job recruiting new members this year! We hope that your chapter took part in spreading word about FCCLA.



Courtesy of the Rowland Chapter || Pictured: The Rowland Chapter

REGION OFFICER TRAINING CONFERENCE

BY KACEY LE

4 DAYS, 8 REGIONS, & 52 OFFICERS

is a basic summary of what went down at the Region Officer Training Conference in Fresno. It may not sound like much, but those 4 days, 8 regions, and 52 officers went through a whirlwind of activities. The conference kicked off on Tuesday, July 23d, with the arrival of the Region Officers to CSU, Fresno. From there, they took part in workshops, checked into dorms, headed over to the CSU Fresno Alumni House for dinner, and ended their day with team building activities. Wednesday started with the Region officers waking up bright and early to take their head shot photos that are displayed on the California FCCLA Website. The day then proceeded

with a skit by the State Officers about this years theme, "Your Story, Our Story" which involved a horse, a sloth, a dinosaur, an ogre, and a small Vietnamese girl. Wednesday was also an informative day as many workshops that were presented by





Courtesy of Bevyn Cassidy || Pictured: The State Officers' "Your Story, Our Story" Skit

Region and State Officers. Workshops such as Parliamentary Procedure, STAR Events, and individual officer position training left our leaders with skills they will use for their year in office. The day ended with bowling and billiards at the Student Center and team building activities. Thursday morning



Courtesy of Bevyn Cassidy || Pictured from left to right : Hunter Holguin and Kacey Le belaying at the ropes course

filled 2 hours of the EDGE Obstacle Course. Officers bungee jumped off 20 foot platforms for

rubber chickens, rock climbed, and hoisted themselves up a 25 foot ladder through the blazing Fresno sun. The Officers then returned for general sessions with individual officer position and stage presense workshops. The remainder of the day was spent chilling at the pool, playing volleyball, and eating dinner cooked by one of our

chapter advisors, Mr.Manzon. The Region Officers then presented their Region cheers and ended the night with a big movie night with pillows and pajamas. Our last day of ROTC concluded with the last rounds of workshops, a chaotic auction for prizes, and goodbyes.

Region Officer Training Conference is one of the most memorable FCCLA events for officers. Jasmine Flores, Region 4 President, described her experience at ROTC as "a blast for me. The new friends and memories I've created I'll always hold close to my heart. From the late nights to early mornings, it was incredibly fun". For Emily Silva, Region 2 President, her ROTC experience was amazing, "I enjoyed meeting all the officers from different regions and bonding with them. But, it was great to collaborate with other leaders who have similar interest as you and love to promote FCCLA". This years Region Officer Training Conference was one to never forget. Over the 4 days, friendships, bonds, and experiences were made for life. Until next year!



Courtesy of Bevyn Cassidy || Pictured from left to right: Amethyst Walker, Amber Chan, Carmen Rodriguez, Kawai Kiaha, Hunter Holguin, Christina Jones, and Riley Guy all rocking their recycled garments



Courtesy of Bevyn Cassidy || Pictured from left to right: Macie Marshall, CJ Arias, and Zahleyah Miller presenting their poster

CHAPTER OFFICER LEADERSHIP TRAINING

BY KACEY LE

OUR CHAPTER OFFICERS

had the opportunity to learn about their officer positions and bond as a team through our Chapter Officer Leadership Training conferences hosted by our regions in August and September. The Region Officers took their skills and knowledge about leadership that they picked up at ROTC from the State Officers and passed them onto the chapter officers through officer



Courtesy of Elijah Villasenor || Pictured: The Region 6 Officers at their COLT

position meetings, icebreakers, and team building activities. Each region had unique qualities about their COLTs. For example, Region 4 spent half their day learning about officer duties and the other half of the day playing arcade games, while Region 8 included go-kart racing and bumper boats after training.



Courtesy of Region 8 || Pictured: The Region 8 at their COLT

"COLT WAS FUN AND INFORMATIVE, THE REGION OFFICERS SHOWED ME HOW TO BE A BETTER LEADER AND MEMBER OVERALL" - MARISSA CAREY, THE WILCOX CHAPTER



For Kindle Funk, President of the Kern Valley Chapter, "Region 8 COLT was a really amazing experience to be able to meet people from around my region, and also learn skills to take back to my chapter. I gained knowledge on how to be a better president and how to make my chapter the best it can be". President of the Wilcox Chapter, Marissa Carey, described her time at Region 5 COLT as "fun and informative, the region officers showed me how to be a better leader and member overall". Our Chapter Officer Leadership Training conferences were a success this year, we hope that you were able to attend one. If not, we highly encourage you to run for chapter office, as it's a decision you won't regret,

just ask any officer



"I GAINED KNOWLEDGE ON HOW TO BE A BETTER PRESIDENT AND HOW TO MAKE MY CHAPTER THE BEST IT CAN BE" - KINDLE FUNK, THE KERN VALLEY CHAPTER

TEACH FCS

BY KACEY LE

MEET JENNIFER BILLINGS

... or formally known as Ms. Billings by her students at Lodi High School. Ms. Billings has been teaching consumer foods, life management, fashion, and advanced fashion at the school for seven years now, and it's been one heck of a ride! She loves teaching FCS; one of her favorite parts about her job is being able to teach students real life students real life skills that they can utilize for their lives now and their lives in the future.

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Courtesy of Jennifer Billings | Pictured: Ms. Billings in her classroom

Ms. Billings was first inspired to teach FCS when she was in high school. She took multiple FCS classes while being enrolled in Lodi High School. One course she took was child development. With the help of an amazing teacher and a love for the course subject, “I knew the first day of that class that I wanted to be a Family and Consumer Science teacher”.

Teaching FCS has been wonderful for Ms. Billings. She loves how unique of an experience it is. “I am able to teach one of the few subjects left in school that students can use in real life situations ... Teaching FCS gives students all these real life skills”. She advises those interested in pursuing teaching FCS to “DO IT! Work hard, follow your dreams and don’t let anyone tell you different! We need students like you to keep the programs moving forward into the future!”





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“CLE was an amazing experience that not only taught me the value and importance of leadership in FCCLA, but also introduced me to an array of like minded individuals.” - Patrick Kibilov, past CLE Attendee and Region Officer

“CLE was one of the best experiences I’ve had in my time in FCCLA. It was very hands on and you really get a sense of advocacy on another level. Also the food in Sacramento is pretty good!” - Mariam Touni, past CLE Attendee and State Officer





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