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## **Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Hosts Annual State Leadership Conference!**

Nearly 900 high school family and consumer science students, teachers, members and community leaders from all across Arizona convened at the Westin La Paloma in Tucson, AZ for the Annual Arizona FCCLA State Leadership Conference from March 30-April 1, 2015. Students competed in over 50 different types of competitions related to culinary arts, hospitality management, fashion and interior design, early childhood education and career and leadership. Keynote speaker, Bill Cordes, fired up the conference during the opening session. The gold medal winners in each event were recognized at the awards ceremony on Saturday, April 1. The top two in each event (top one team in Culinary Arts) will advance to the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. from July 4-10 to compete against 7,500 other FCCLA students from all over the United States.

FCCLA is a nonprofit student organization that prepares students for careers in family and consumer sciences and has over 200,000 students and advisers as active members across the nation. The mission of FCCLA is to promote personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Sciences education, focusing on the multiple roles of the family member, wage earner and community leader. Chapter projects focus on a variety of youth concerns. Arizona FCCLA is housed and funded in-part by Career and Technical Education Division in the Arizona Department of Education, Diane Douglas – State Superintendent of Public Instruction. To learn more about FCCLA, visit [www.azfccla.org](http://www.azfccla.org) or contact the Arizona FCCLA State Director at [Marci.Barlow@azed.gov](mailto:Marci.Barlow@azed.gov) or 602-542-3040.

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