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Robert E. Lee High School Student Brings Home Silver Medal

Staunton, VA, July 14, 2012 – Rising Junior, Sydney Davis, represented Lee High School at the 2012 National Leadership Conference for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) in Orlando, Florida this month and brought home the Silver Medal in the Chapter Service Project Manual event. Her project was part of the effort of Lee High School's FCCLA Club to address ending childhood hunger through service learning, education/awareness, and fundraising. As part of the club's project, Sydney organized a student walk at Lee last spring where students walked around the track earning money for the "No Kid Hungry National Outreach Project" along with other activities. Her project was a huge success and her efforts resulted in her winning 1st place and a Gold Medal at the State Competition this past spring in Virginia Beach. Sydney is an active member of the Lee High FCCLA and is involved in many activities throughout the school. Sydney was accompanied by the club sponsor, Melissa Yeary, along with four other FCCLA members, Ashley Kurtz, Jessica Coiner, Chelsea Fridley, and Lexi Ferry, who attended various leadership workshops and sessions.

The Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) club at Lee High School began during the 2011-2012 school year due to the efforts and involvement of our Family and Consumer Science teacher, Melissa Yeary. Miss Yeary's desire to get students involved in FCCLA began while she was teaching at Shelburne Middle School and that passion carried over to Lee High. FCCLA is a non-profit organization that works with community service and has many different programs and events that serve families, careers and communities. One such program is the STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) event that Lee students participated in during their recent trip to Orlando, Florida. In the coming years, Lee High will work to build the FCCLA Club and continue the tradition of providing community service to our school and local community.