

## **April 26, 2012 –SCS Students Successful at FCCLA Conference**

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A group of students from the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America clubs (FCCLA) at Robert E. Lee High School and Shelburne Middle School attended the FCCLA State Leadership & Recognition Conference and the Virginia STAR Events Competitions in Virginia Beach earlier this month. The three-day event was jammed packed with workshops and sessions that challenged, informed, and motivated members and their advisers to learn more about leadership through FCCLA. Chapter advisers Melissa Yeary, Dana Folks and Jennifer Mattice accompanied the students from Lee and Shelburne.

To begin the conference, nearly 850 members participated in STAR Events, a series of competitive events that demonstrate proficiency and achievement in leadership and job-related skills. There are 81 categories of STAR Events in which members can compete as a team or as an individual. Robert E. Lee High School chapter members received awards in the following events:

- Laura Davis – 11<sup>th</sup> grade, received a bronze medal for her community service project.
- Ashley Kurtz – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, received a silver medal for her job interview skills.
- Miranda Salerno – 12<sup>th</sup> grade and Kiana Hall – 11<sup>th</sup> grade, received a silver medal for their life planning event.
- Kelsey Sheffer – 9<sup>th</sup> grade, and Lexi Ferry – 9<sup>th</sup> grade, received a gold medal and the state 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy for their food innovations project.

Two Shelburne students also participated in the conference: Hannah Leap – 8<sup>th</sup> grader and Ivianna Stewart – 7<sup>th</sup> grader. Both students served as STAR Attendants and helped with the running of STAR Events. In addition to the regular sessions, they also enjoyed attending Saturday's Banquet and Gala with the students in the Robert E. Lee High School FCCLA chapter.

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Another highlight of the conference was when Robert E. Lee High School 11<sup>th</sup> grader, Sydney Davis, was elected to the 2013-2014 State Executive Council as the Vice President of Membership. “This is Staunton City Schools’ first ever state officer. It will be a very busy but exciting year!” said Ms. Yeary, FCCLA Advisor. She added, “We had a very exciting weekend and all the students were exhausted!!! We returned with lots of good news to report!”



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