



Dear Family and Consumer Science teachers and FCCLA Team,

Greetings from District X; as we've turned the pages to "The Story of Our Life" and are settled into our domain's it's time to embark on *Destination FCCLA: "The Passport to your Leadership Future."* We are eager to have a school year filled with excitement, no matter what obstacles we face! Our Motto, "Bring it on; we're up for the challenge."

As we begin our new school year, we are faced with multiple changes. We are confident that we will unite and continue to build on the importance of our *CTSO - Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America*. It is crucial that we educate our administrators, district personnel, state legislatures and national officials on the benefits and perks of keeping our *FCCLA* chapter's afloat in our district, state and national levels. Not only did Miami Dade County's John A. Ferguson, Mater Academy Charter, and Miami Coral Park Senior High *FCCLA* chapter's shine at District and State's but National's brought us home 5 Gold Medals, 2 Silver Medals and 1 Bronze Medal. These are the steps we need to take in order to keep our programs strong and kicking!

Our goal this year is to raise our membership in every Family and Consumer Science course offered in Miami-Dade County, our jobs are on the line! Thus far, South Dade Senior High Culinary Instructor Ms. Lillian B. Trelles and Sherrol O. Barnes-Burton from Jorge Mas Canosa Middle School will be joining our elite team as they will be *"Arriving at their Leadership Destination."* *Membership is the Key, Let's Do This!* Congratulations are in order for Margarita Puentes and her Mater Academy *FCCLA* Chapter; a 2010 - 2011 new chapter making high standards. Their fifty plus member chapter not only attended Leadership Skills Day, District X Meeting, competed at District X Star Events but funded fully for District, State and National's this summer in Anaheim, California. Way to go Mater Academy! We challenge all advisors to mentor one teacher from a school who has never had an *FCCLA* chapter or did not affiliate last year.

In order to reach this goal, we need your assistance and cooperation in implementing the projects and events that are planned for the 2011-2012 school year. Unfortunately due to budget cuts we've had to cancel Leadership Skills Day this upcoming week, transportation for District X Meeting and Leadership Competitive Events. Let's not let these minor obstacles discourage us but motivate us to push forward to a victorious District X Meeting this upcoming October; friendly and fun filled competitive teams across Miami Dade County in our District Florida Competitive and Star Events in December. Moreover, our State Conference has been moved up to early March, **so plan ahead to order to meet all deadlines!**

Please affiliate using the attached forms, as the state is now requiring us to use **Indirect Affiliation Forms**. Indirect affiliation means that all affiliations go through the state and not directly to national. All chapters will complete the attached affiliation form and send the form and payment to state directly to input for national. **ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE BY CHECK OR PURCHASE ORDER AND SENT DIRECTLY TO STATES.** The state organization does not have the ability to process credit cards and to set that up would end up costing the organization. They have chosen to participate in Indirect Affiliation as in previous years; they have not had the means to retrieve accurate membership numbers from nationals. In other words, they will *"Stay on Track with our Family Values"*. A copy of you chapter affiliation must be sent to the District office as you affiliate. *The first affiliation date is September 30, 2011; the second affiliation date will be October 27, 2011.*

This year we will be "*Fueling Up for Your Life's Journey*"; as we challenge all FCCLA advisor(s) and all FCCLA chapters to challenge their students to do their very best at all times! Also, if you or your chapter needs assistance please feel free to contact us at the telephone or e-mail address listed below. Help us "**Be an Anchor in Your Community.**" Get involved; fundraising has become your best friend. We as a whole must move forward to have a successful year and "**Navigate the World around Us.**"

Thank you in advance for your support! We look forward to working with each of you this year.

Sincerely,

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