

Eight members of the Perkins County High FCCLA (Family, Career & Community Leaders of America) Chapter attended the FCCLA State Leadership Conference, April 8 -9 in Lincoln. "Lights! Camera! Take Action!" was the theme of the two-day meeting for 1,281 delegates from 100 FCCLA chapters in Nebraska. Perkins County members attending were Kylie Hanson, Elizabeth Krajewski, Michelle Skeels, Alexis Schmidt, Samantha Snogren, Claire Friedel, Korey Lake and Renae Goodwin. The group was sponsored by FCCLA Advisor Cathy Ochsner. The students were motivated by a variety of leadership experiences during the conference, making FCCLA The Ultimate Leadership Experience. Delegates were able to explore careers (through an opportunity fair held on Monday at the Pershing Auditorium) related to family and consumer sciences, and were encouraged to take advantage of opportunities for developing leadership skills for their family, career, and community lives.

Kylie Hanson and Alexis Schmidt competed in the STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition) on Monday at the Cornhusker Hotel.

They received a bronze medal at the awards on Tuesday for their work on their advocacy event. They advocated against legalized prostitution.

Korey Lake and Alexis Schmidt were recognized at state for completing all five modules in Power of One. Power of One projects relate to "Family Ties", "A Better You", "Working on Working", "Take the Lead" and "Speak Out for FCCLA". They will also be recognized at national conference in Nashville, Tenn. in July.

One of Schmidt's projects was to secure sponsors for state STAR trophies. Two businesses in Grant were recognized at state FCCLA for their contributions to the trophies that were presented to Top Gold in each category of State STAR. Hatch's Super Foods and Zeilinger Law Office were contributors from Perkins County.

