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Twelve members of the Sulphur Bluff Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Chapter joined nearly 4,000 other FCCLA members from across Texas to participate in the FCCLA State Leadership meeting at the American Bank Center in Corpus Christi, April 10-12. Two students placed in STAR Events, one high enough to advance to the national convention, and several students earned gold, silver and bronze for Family and Consumer Sciences Assessments.

“A tremendous amount of effort and hard work has been shown by these members, and they are all winners. They have given their best, and I commend them for their success,” stated Janie Vandiver, chapter advisor.



Casey Gore advanced to the state contest by taking first place honors in the Star Event Fashion Construction at the Region III meet, then followed that up by winning first place at state, which qualifies him to compete at the national convention. Gore won top honors among 28 other entries at state with a formal dress with pleated skirt, set-in sleeves, pockets and many other details he created. He will compete with the top fashion construction STAR Event winners at the national convention in San Antonio July 6-10.

This marks the second year in a row that Gore has qualified to compete at the national convention after winning first place honors at state, but will be the first time he'll get to go to the national meet. He was unable to attend the national conference last year because he was one of 14 students selected to participate in FCCLA's Japanese Exchange Program, which started during the national convention.

Gore was asked to speak to the delegation of more than 3,000 FCCLA members at the first general session at the Texas FCCLA Convention about his experiences during the

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FCCLA-sponsored Japanese exchange program last summer. He gave highlights of the six week stay with a host family, and encouraged other FCCLA members to apply for the opportunity.

Sarah Williams qualified for the second consecutive year to compete in the state contest after winning first place honors in the Recycle and Redesign STAR event category at the Region III meet. Last weekend, Williams won third place honors at the state convention with her “It’s All in the Bag” project, a dress she constructed out of recycled materials — trash bags and discarded plastic bottles. She chose to use black with silver trim as the bodice of the dress, plus four layers of green ruffles for the skirt. She used flowers made from plastic bottles as accessories.

Last year, Williams made an outfit made of comic strips, with several shown overlapping at the bottom to give the a ruffle effect and accessorized with a purple belt with a red buckle with the recycle symbol on it.

Several other SB students also competed in FCSA contests for which gold, silver and broze recognition is awarded; those results are expected to be in later this week. Testing in creed mission purposes were Yesenia Castillo, Katelyn McDonald and Katelyn Allen. Skylar Evans, Kendra Jock and Kadee Anderson competed in etiquette. Angie Alvarez, Sydney Evans and Judy Brown competed in job interview. Halie Waid tested in parliamentary procedure.



In addition to the convention, the Bluff FCCLA members also toured Texas State Aquarium while in Corpus Christi.

The students’ trip to Corpus Christi was paid in part thanks to a donation-only spaghetti dinner hosted March 30. The community donated \$1,019 to help send SB FCCLA to state.

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“It was a great success. We appreciate the community’s support and their generous donation,” Vandiver said of the lunch, which served not only as a fundraiser for FCCLA but also a community social event. “The people in our community not only come for a great meal, but for a great opportunity to socialize with others.”

The chapter is also holding a raffle for a Texas flag-themed quilt donated by honorary FCCLA member Janiece Joslin. The border of the quilt includes “every town in Texas that has a quilt shop on the Quilters’ Tour.” Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 available from any FCCLA member. The winner will be drawn during the May 8 FCCLA Banquet.

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