

Fall Leadership Recap

By Alesha Hurst

The 2013 Utah Fall Leadership Conference was a great experience for chapter officers from all over Utah. Members learned about their office position, what they can do to meet the 2013-2014 Utah FCCLA goals, (see goals at UtahFCCLA.org) and how to become a successful leader for this year!

Keynote speaker Jonny Covey got members up and moving during his presentation, teaching us how to get out of our heads and into our hearts. The second keynote speaker, Porter Elliot, talked to us about enduring to the end with this quote: "Don't quit, do it". We also had our friends from AT&T challenge attendee's to take the pledge to not text and drive; for *AT&T It Can Wait Campaign*.

However the fun did not stop there; members even got to see five of the state officers get pied! For FCCLA national outreach program Share Our Strength. These lucky officers were Dylan Skiby, Mikaela Bingham, Maddie Barr, Chandler Gardner, and Wesley Carter. At Fall Leadership, as a state we earned \$557.28, for Share Our Strength! Let's not let the fun end there, continue to earn money for Share Our Strength in your local chapters!

Thanks for everyone who came out for Fall Leadership! We hope you *got Your Search On to Imagine the Possibilities, Reach for the sky, because Adventure is out there!* So continue the adventure with your local chapter!

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Capitol Leadership Recap

By Bridgette Brain

As state officers, we decided to travel to Washington D.C. for Capitol Leadership. Not knowing what was ahead for us, but we knew we were in for a great leadership experience. For the first couple of days, we did some touring. We explored the National Mall, and checked out the White House. The second day, we toured Arlington Cemetery, where we watched the changing of the guards.

We weren't in D.C. just to tour and hang out though; we went there for the leadership experience. The start of the conference was a blast. We were in a room, filled with people we didn't even know, but we wanted to get to know them. I haven't even got to the best part! I am talking about the workshops we went to. Yes workshops are fun, especially FCCLA ones. The main point that was talked about was advocacy. Advocacy is public support for of a particular cause or policy learned. We even got a chance to advocate for FCCLA on Capitol Hill.

One of our main goals in D.C. was to talk to the Congressmen and Senators of Utah about Perkins funding, which is the funding that funds FCCLA. All of the State officers were scheduled to meet with each of our two senators, and our four congressmen. During our meetings with them, we told them why they should keep funding us and talked about how it has helped us and our communities. Since the government had shut down, some of our representatives were busy in meetings so we talked to their staff members.



All of the state officers got to meet Senator Orin Hatch and some of the officer got to meet Congressman Jim Matheson. It was a neat experience to see how they dealt with the shutdown of the government and how they felt about it.

Over all, it was a great experience, and we learned many useful skills. The greatest part is that we get to say that we were in Washington D.C. when the government shutdown. I wish that our time there could have been longer, but we were ready to go home. The things we learned and saw in D.C. will never be forgotten, and I'm sure we will use them in the rest of our lives.



FCCLA has partner with AT&T to fight against texting and driving. Texting is one of the most popular forms of communication for teenagers today. With the rise of text messaging, there has also been an equally sharp increase in the number of car crashes from distracted driving. FCCLA stands with AT&T as they expand their "It Can Wait" Campaign to discourage all drivers, particularly young drivers that no text message is worth the damage or the deaths it causes. Take the pledge at

<http://www.takethepledge.org>