

# Alumni Articles

August 2017

## Alumni Association Social Event– Escape Bloomington

The Alumni Association is holding a social event at Escape Bloomington, September 30, 2017. Our escape starts at 3:45pm, but please arrive by 3:30pm. After we make our escapes, dinner will be at Avanti's Restaurant. **Reservations must be made by September 8, 2017.**

After we eat, those of us who are staying for Ignite! Conference will caravan to Springfield.

Feel free to bring non-members as a guest if you would like.

You are more than welcome to come join us just for dinner if you do not want to do the Escape challenge.

We would love to see you there! Mark your calendars!

To register, head over to [www.ilfcclaalumni.org](http://www.ilfcclaalumni.org)



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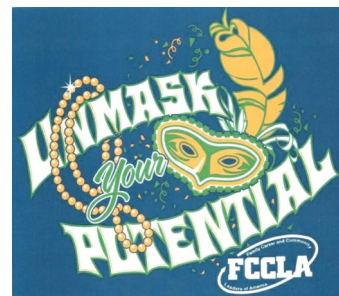
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## “Unmask Your Potential” Illinois FCCLA State Leadership Conference 2018

The 2017-2018 state officers chose “Unmask Your Potential” to be the state theme. The idea is that as the year progresses and members get more involved with IL FCCLA by participating locally and by attending leadership meetings, they will discover or “unmask” their talents, passions, and “potential” to be leaders in their families, careers and communities.

State Leadership Conference 2018 will be held April 12-14, 2018 at the Bank of Springfield Center (formerly Prairie Capital Convention Center) in Springfield. Alumni Association help is always needed at State Leadership Conference. Over the years, alumni members have served in a variety of roles when volunteering for State Leadership Conference, and next year will be no different. If you have any questions or are interested in serving at State Leadership Conference 2018, please contact Ashley Schrock.



## National Leadership Conference– Nashville, TN

163 members, advisers and guests from Illinois attended the National Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN, July 2—6, 2017. The week began with Maddi Groves and Lucy Reike, from Dwight Township High School, being chosen to sing the National Anthem in the Opening Session of the Conference. Eighty-Nine members participated in STAR Events, bringing home 43 Gold, 40 Silver, and 6 Bronze medals. Among the Gold Medal finishers, Gina Fiorentino from

Maine South finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation with her Fashion Design entry. Tashara Thomas from Wilco Area Career Center finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in with her Hospitality, Tourism & Recreation entry. Elmira Hezarkhani from Stevenson High School finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation with her Advocacy entry. Benjamin Zhao from Glenbrook North High School finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation with his Entrepreneurship entry. Pallavi Pachpor finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation in Nutrition and Wellness.

Mr. Wyatt Waterkotte received the National Spirit of Advising Award. Mrs. Kathy Patten and Ms. Sara Rushing received their Master Advising Award. Finally, your 2016-2017 Illinois FCCLA State President, Hannah Van Der Karr, was awarded a National Scholarship through Chipotle.



### 2017-2018 Event Calendar

#### September 10-11

State Executive Council  
Springfield, IL

#### September 30

Alumni Escape Room Event  
Bloomington, IL

#### October 1-2

Ignite! Conference  
Springfield, IL

#### October 11

Fall Leadership Conference  
Naperville, IL

#### October 18

Fall Leadership Conference  
Charleston, IL

#### October 23

Fall Leadership Conference  
Springfield, IL

#### October 25

Fall Leadership Conference  
Bloomington, IL

#### November 1

Fall Leadership Conference  
Carbondale, IL

#### November 8-10

National Capitol Leadership  
Washington, D.C.

#### November 10-12

National Cluster Meeting  
Washington, D.C.

#### November 17-19

National Cluster Meeting  
Oklahoma City, OK

#### December 1

Final 2017-2018 Alumni  
Association Dues Payment Date

#### January 28-29

State Executive Council  
Springfield, IL

#### February 11-16

National FCCLA Week

#### April 12-14

State Leadership Conference  
Springfield, IL

#### June 28- July 2

National Leadership Conference  
Atlanta, GA

## Alumni Dues and Membership Update

### PAYING DUES:

Annual Fees: \$25.00

To join for the first time or to pay your annual dues, please go to our website:  
[www.ilfcclaalumi.org](http://www.ilfcclaalumi.org)


### Alumni Association Officers

President- Ashley Schrock  
 Vice- President- Nicole Nelson  
 Secretary and Treasurer- Micah Heddins  
 VP of Fundraising- Sarah Neill, Katie Neill  
 VP of Special Events- Darien Abadie  
 VP of Public Relations- Annie Geitner  
 State Conference Chairperson- Nicole Nelson  
 Membership Coordinator- Wyatt Waterkotte

We currently have 40 dues paying members! Members are comprised of retired teachers, former state officers, former members and friends and family of the association!

Our last annual meeting was held on April 8, 2017 following State Leadership Conference.

Please join us April 14, 2018 for our next meeting!



**Make sure to check your emails and our Facebook page for updates and events!**

## Update from Mrs. Marta Lockwood

As many of you know, Illinois FCCLA is partially funded through the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). The monies received help cover the operation costs of the organization while the past five years have been challenging due to the delay in receiving state payments, notion compares to the challenges we face.

Our fiscal year turns from Jul 1st to June 30th. Fiscal year 2017 ended on June 30th, 2017; however, we still not received our payments from the state.

More than that, due to the budget crisis, the ISBE is currently not releasing contracts for FY 18.

What does this mean?

It means that Illinois FCCLA is in a financial crisis! While we don't want to sacrifice the conferences and services we provide to our members, we may be forced to do so if the finances do not come through. So how can you help?

Your continued physical support and volunteered time at meetings and in the state office are appreciated now more than ever!

Financially, our support of any amount would be tremendous.

If you choose to donate you may send your donation to:

IL FCCLA  
 8 S. Washington Street Ste. 105  
 Sullivan IL, 61951

As more information becomes available, I will share it with you. Until then, we will do everything we can to continue to offer the very best leadership experience to our members.

Thank you,

Marta Lockwood  
 Executive Director