

Marshall County Career and Technical Education Week

Proclamation

The Marshall County High School Career and Technical Student Organizations would like to proclaim the week of December 4-11, 2016 as Career and Technical Education Week. The various chapters would like to recognize their community service endeavors and commitment to the youth of Marshall County as they highlight their work within the school, region, and state.

Health Occupations Student Association (HOSA) at Marshall County High School is the newest student organization to join the line-up, but has a stellar presence in our community. It has one of largest memberships within the state and has consistently represented our county as both the state and national levels in areas of competition that include job seeking skills, persuasive speaking and writing, and biomedical debate. HOSA sponsors an annual blood and organ donation drive and is involved with several health fairs. Team Ultra focuses on teaching elementary students healthy habits. The organization also collects drink tabs in conjunction with The Ronald McDonald House.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) has 70 members and is involved with a number of community and school activities. Its members volunteer at Marcella's Kitchen and collect canned goods for Marshall County Needline. FBLA members worked with a group of preschoolers this fall concerning career awareness as part of the Unite to Serve Project. They will be hosting a Tacky Sweater Dance and door decorating contest in December. Those members with Star Bank organize the Powder Puff Football Game each year. Money raised goes toward the Toys for Tots project.

Future Farmers of America or FFA was established in 1928 and has a long tradition of involvement in our community. Shelton Owen serves as both the president of the chapter and as the Vice President of the region. Each year the members bag trees as part of a conservation project that celebrates Earth Day. These are then donated to elementary students within the county. Members also help at the Clark's River Refuge by planting trees to provide habitat and erosion control. Many members participate in the SAE or Supervised Agriculture Experience. They work toward the completion of an individual project geared to their interests and specific field of study. The greenhouse provides a great fundraising experience and is a way to get the public into the program. Members compete at regional levels and attend national meeting each year in Indianapolis.

Skills USA was formerly VICA. Students within the welding, auto body, auto mechanics/technology, and carpentry programs compete in their respective areas. Welding students have worked on the completion of the updated baseball press box while carpentry students have worked on the actual field along with providing the backdrops for the various school plays. The auto body program is restoring a classic car and stays busy with various collision repairs. The auto technology class provides oil changes and tire rotations Skills USA has

also participated in the Build a Bed project. Members are currently working on designing and welding a smoker to be used for future fundraising efforts.

FCCLA or Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America was formally known as FHA. FCCLA has 58 members. This year's Impact Project has been with Families on the Spectrum, a regional autism awareness group. Members helped paint their new office, volunteered at the Fall Family Fun Day, and will be helping with a Pancakes with Santa event on December 10th. Members have also served at the Alpha Delta Kappa Fashion Show and Luncheon in November. Members recently traveled to Begg's Farm and Lamberts and were given a hospitality tour at the Opryland Hotel. 6 members were awarded their Power of One last year and were recognized at state meeting. Several members are currently working on their Star Events projects for competition this spring. Those members in the Essential Life Skills classes helped with STOP the Violence Week activities in October. The Marshall County chapter also collected over \$1,000 toward Pennies for Patients, the statewide Leukemia and Lymphoma Society fundraiser this past fall.

The career and technology chapters at Marshall County High School represent over one third of the student population. They are a vital part of the school environment and provide opportunities for students to become involved in the community. Each organization is committed to training student for future careers. They also strive to get students into the community to become the leaders of tomorrow.

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