

Career and Technical Student Organizations



The FFA is a national organization of students enrolled in agricultural education in 50 states, Puerto Rico, Virginia Islands, and the District of Columbia. It was organized in November 1928, and is an integral part of the curriculum in agricultural education in the public schools. All students in these programs receive instruction in personal leadership growth and development which can best be achieved through the FFA. Through active participation in the FFA, members learn by taking part in and conducting meetings, speaking in public, participating in contest based on occupational skills, earning awards and recognition and becoming involved in cooperative efforts and community improvement. The FFA offers opportunities for becoming productive citizens in our democracy. FFA members believe in leadership, citizenship, and patriotism. They believe in free enterprise-freedom under the law-in making their homes, schools, and communities' better places in which to live and work. Arizona FFA has over 6,000 members; 2,800 members attended their state conferences this year. For more information, contact Tyler Grandil, (602) 542-5564, Sandy Akin, Administrative Assistant, (602) 542-5044 or go to the FFA website www.AZFFA.org.



DECA is a premier student organization that supports the development of marketing and management skills in career areas such as hospitality, finance, sales and service, business administration, and entrepreneurship. DECA provides recognition and leadership activities directly related to attainment of specific occupational and leadership skills. Arizona DECA has over 7,000 members; 1,800 members attended their state conference this year. For more information, contact Oleg Shvets (602) 542-5354, Gwen Lamb, Administrative Assistant, (602) 542-3906, or go to the DECA website at www.AZDECA.org.



Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is a non-profit organization of dynamic young people. The organization works in conjunction with Business Education to enhance the learning experience of students through competitive events, leadership development and scholarship. Arizona FBLA is celebrating its 45th anniversary and looks forward to many more years of positive growth. Arizona FBLA has over 4,000 members; 1,300 members attended their state conference this year. For more information, contact Ryan Hamilton, (602) 542-5350, Elaine Dawson, Administrative Assistant, (602) 542-3290, or go to the FBLA website at www.AZFBLA.org.



It is well established that today's students learn best through hands-on, meaningful experiences. The Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) youth leadership organization and the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) complete your FCS program by providing these experiences. FCCLA provides the information, support, and ready-to-use materials you need to integrate youth leadership and student-directed learning into your FCS classes. Arizona FCCLA has over 4,000 members; 1,000 members attended their state conference this year. For more information, contact Sara Patenge, (602) 542-3040, Alvin Todd, Administrative Assistant, (602) 542-5853 or go to the FCCLA website at www.AZFCCLA.org.



FEA (Future Educator's of Arizona) is the student organization for Education Professions program that focuses on providing high school "Aspiring Teachers" opportunities for personal and professional development. We have over 70 programs across the state that actively engages students in activities and experiences that will equip them for a career in Education. We host regional and state conferences that provide excellent training and exposure to top professionals in the field of education as well as partner with ASU for the FEA / ASU Hunnicutt Academy. This camp is held each summer on ASU campus and provides training, activities, and opportunities for students to create "The School of the Future". FEA continues to expand to more high schools each year as we aspire to meet the tremendous demand for teachers in the future. Arizona FEA has over 1,600 members; over 550 members attended their state conference this year. For more information, contact Gerry Corcoran, (602) 542-5315, Elaine Dawson, Administrative Assistant, (602) 542-3290, or go to the FEA website at www.ade.az.gov/cte/FEA/.

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HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) is a student-led Career and Technical Student Organization whose mission is to promote career opportunities in the health care industry. HOSA provides a unique program of leadership development, motivation, and recognition exclusively for secondary, post secondary, collegiate students interested in a career in health care. HOSA helps build the confidence of students in themselves and their work by providing opportunities to assume responsibilities and by developing personal and occupational competencies and social skills that lead to realistic choices of careers and successful employment in the health care field. HOSA has over 3,800 members; over 1000 members attended their state conference this year. For more information, contact Jane Shovlin, (602) 228-5281, Evelyn Irvine, Administrative Assistant, (602) 542-5197, or go to the HOSA website at www.azhosa.org.



SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. We help each student to excel. SkillsUSA is an applied method of instruction for preparing America's high performance workers in public career and technical programs. SkillsUSA provides quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development by building and reinforcing self-confidence, work attitudes, and communications skills. SkillsUSA emphasizes total quality at work: high ethical standards, superior work skills, life-long education, and pride in the dignity of work. SkillsUSA also promotes understanding of the free-enterprise system and involvement in community service. Arizona Skills has over 7,000 members; over 1,700 members attended their state conference this year. For more information, contact Carrie O'Grady, (602) 542-5565, Evelyn Irvine, Administrative Assistant, (602) 542-5197, or the SkillsUSA websites at www.skillsusa.org and www.azskillsusa.org.