

## Students Attend FCCLA Leadership Rally

Youth from the local area's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) participated in a leadership rally held on Sept. 13 at Bridgewater College. Over 120 students and advisers from all Rockingham County middle, high and technical schools participated in the motivational event and gained leadership skills they will be able to implement in their schools and community this coming year. The theme of the rally coincided with the intent of empowering the youth to lead as the next generation and was entitled, "EmPower-MePower."

The Fall Leadership Rally is an opportunity for local FCCLA members to learn more about the organization while gaining and building upon their leadership skills. This was an exciting day for members as they were able to focus on the influence that one individual can have on impacting others as their opening session and afternoon workshops focused upon national programs, leadership development, and life skills. The opening session included keynote speakers Chesley Strickler, Virginia FCCLA vice president of membership from Rockbridge County High School, and Natalie Heflin, Virginia FCCLA vice president of programs from Robert E. Lee High School.

Members also had an opportunity to explore Bridgewater College and discover more about the Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) program that is available here on a collegiate level.

Finally, members ended the day by attending various workshops centered around professionalism, digital ethics, empowerment and skills they are able to utilize in FCCLA programs.



**Members of the Turner Ashby High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) club attended the Fall Leadership Rally held Sept. 13 at bridgewater college.**

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