

**Maureen Gburek  
2008-2009 FCCLA National  
Vice-President of Membership**



Maureen Gburek is a senior at Warsaw Central School in Warsaw, New York. Maureen joined FCCLA in 7<sup>th</sup> grade following in her older sister's footsteps. This is when she went to her first meeting. At the time she was a little confused about the organization but liked the idea of it. No one knew her very well because she came from small Catholic school and was new to Warsaw, but at FCCLA she seemed to fit in very well and no one cared that she was younger or new at school.

Her oldest sister Maggie had been very involved with FCCLA going to a National Leadership Meeting with her STAR event and becoming a state officer the year Maureen had joined. At Maureen's first state meeting she saw her sister inducted as a state officer and it was at that moment that she knew that she too, wanted to do that. She never could have realized how much she would come to love the organization, and how far she could go with it. As a 10<sup>th</sup> grader and a state officer elect she went to her first National Cluster Meeting where she discovered she wanted to run for national office some day. Since then she has been to every National Leadership Meeting possible. At the 2008 National Meeting in Orlando, FL, she ran for national officer and her dream came true. Now she is the 2009-2009 National Vice-President of Membership.

Not only is Maureen involved with FCCLA, but she is also a great student and involved with other various activities in her school and community. She is a member of her school soccer team, and has also been a member of track, basketball, and tennis. She has been an active member in student council. She is a lifeguard at Darien Lake Theme Park and Resort and has been for the past two years. In down time Maureen loves to be with her family, friends and enjoys playing with her pets: her dog Angie, and her gerbil Mr. Schnukums.

Maureen plans on finishing her senior year with a bang as National Vice-President of Membership; she is so excited to Recruit, Retain, and Recognize members! She loves meeting new people and getting them to join this organization that is so close to her heart. After she graduates, she has eight top choices for college and plans on having a major in Business Management, with minors in Public Relations, and Communications.