



## **Jessica Hagood**

### **National Vice-President of Community Service**

Jessica Hagood attends Lakewood Ranch High School where she is now a senior. This is Jessica's 7<sup>th</sup> year in FCCLA, but it all started when she was a 6<sup>th</sup> grader. After climbing the leadership ranks as a chapter and district officer, she wanted to challenge herself further. As an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, she served as Florida FCCLA's Vice-President of Junior Relations. Being the youngest on the council was not always easy, but it certainly paid off. Serving as a state officer landed her a trip to her first National Leadership Meeting in Nashville, TN where she fell head over heels in love with FCCLA. It was then that Jessica mustered up the courage to run for Florida FCCLA State President-elect at the end of her freshman year. Her completion of State President-elect transitioned her into the daunting task of State President. She was challenged to work with 12 varying personalities, organize meetings, and be the ultimate billboard for Florida FCCLA. Jessica was privileged to help host the Orlando National Leadership Conference as well as the Jacksonville National Cluster Meeting. All of this leadership experience helped Jessica become knowledgeable about the organization, an enthusiastic public speaker, and a networker. These traits were what carried her on to run for a national office. Jessica is delighted to be serving as FCCLA's National Vice-President of Community Service and is proud to represent this extraordinary organization.

When she's not busy with FCCLA, Jessica is involved in Lakewood Leaders, Senior Advisory Board, National Honor Society, and her school's Preschool Advisory Board. She is always thinking of ways to improve others' involvement and coming up with activities for students. Jessica's passion is for children. Her school has a free Voluntary Pre-K for four-year-olds that live in the community. During Jessica's junior year, she implemented Spanish Language lessons with the children, teaching them the alphabet, numbers, shapes, colors, and more. This year, she plans to implement "Little Chef's" lessons in addition to Spanish Language. All of Jessica's motivation and dedication to be involved awarded her Lakewood Ranch High School's "Mustang of the Month". Outside of school, Jessica enjoys hanging out with her friends, baking, babysitting, and volunteering.

College life is quickly approaching and although there are no definite plans in Jessica's future, she has a few things up her sleeve. The college of her dreams has always been Florida State University and she is interested in studying Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Communications and Marketing. Her love of FCCLA has inspired her to fight to keep Family and Consumer Sciences in classrooms across the nation and she hopes to do just that.

Throughout all of her experiences in FCCLA, Jessica has learned that anyone can achieve anything they set their minds to. Tony Dorsett said it best: "To succeed... you need to find something to hold on to, something to motivate you, something to inspire you." Let FCCLA inspire and motivate you so that you can grasp it and achieve everything that it offers!