



Ryan Rhodes

National Vice-President of Development

Ryan Rhodes is a senior at Breckenridge High School in Breckenridge, Texas. He first joined FCCLA in 8th grade. FCCLA has been a part of his life since kindergarten, as he attended Regional and State meetings alongside his mother/adviser and attended his first National Leadership Conference when he was in 5th grade! Attending numerous conferences planted the seed of desire to serve as an officer in this dynamic organization. In fact, it was during the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim as he sat alongside his sister (who served as an officer) that he decided to set his goal to someday become a National officer. After serving as the 8th grade Representative in his local chapter, he ran for Regional office and was elected to serve the Texas Association as the Region II Vice President of Achievement, followed by serving as Region II President, the Texas Executive Council State Vice President of Achievement, and Southern Region National Officer Candidate. His involvement with FCCLA has allowed him to make new friends, develop leadership skills, and participate in numerous community service projects. Ryan's active involvement on all levels of FCCLA is one of the reasons that he ran for the National Office at the National Leadership Conference in Nashville, and now is honored to serve as the 2009-2010 National Vice President of Development.

Beyond FCCLA, Ryan is a very active member in his school and community. He served as a founding member of his high school leadership team and was instrumental in recruiting members to assist in delivering Meals on Wheels. He felt compassionate about their involvement, so he joined his fellow members in raising financial funds to support the program. He represented his school at the local Chamber of Commerce banquet as server. It was during this event that he met Texas State Representative Jim Keffer, which led Ryan to serve as an honorary page while the House was in session last spring. During this opportunity to serve he was able to meet numerous political figures, gain invaluable experience in observing our great political system in action, and make connections that will last a lifetime. Ryan has been active member of his schools UIL One-Act Play where he earned All Star Cast honors at the Area level. In the spring he participates in track, where he has earned medals as sprinter. In supporting his family's agricultural roots he enjoys riding horses and showing goats and steers at local and state competitions. And just for kicks, he is a member of the local Mixed Martial Arts Academy where he relieves all of his stress!

When it comes to Ryan's future education, he has yet to choose which school he will attend. However, he is certain that he would like to obtain a Marketing degree with a minor in Public Relations. In the future he plans to seek a career as corporate CEO where he will be able to use the many leadership skills that he gained through the ultimate leadership experiences of FCCLA. Following his success in the corporate world, he hopes to become a political leader.

Pat Riley once said "There are only two options regarding commitment. You're either in or out. There's not such a thing as a life in-between." As a member of FCCLA, you must make the decision to be in or out, and Ryan encourages you to commit to the ultimate leadership experience!