

Brockhoft elected Nat'l FCCLA president



Chris Brockhoft of Winner, right, accepts the president's gavel from outgoing national FCCLA president Brennan Clouse from Kansas. Brockhoft was installed as the 2009-2010 national FCCLA president at the closing ceremony of the 2009 national FCCLA convention held July 12-16 in Nashville, Tenn.

Nashville, TN. — Christopher Brockhoft, a senior at Winner High School, was elected the 2009-2010 National President of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). Christopher is one of 10 national officers elected during the organization's 2009 National Leadership Conference, held July 12-16 in Nashville, Tennessee. Election as a national officer is the highest leadership honor an FCCLA member can achieve.

Christopher will lead an organization of over 220,000 members in 7,000 communities with 10 million alumni. Christopher is the son of Mike and Kris Brockhoft of Winner. Two of Christopher's siblings also served as National FCCLA Officers. Jonathan, a 2005 graduate of Winner High School, served as National FCCLA President during the 2004-2005 school year, and Nichole, a 2002 graduate of Winner High School, served as the National

FCCLA Vice President of Public Relations during the 2001-2002 school year. Kris Brockhoft is the adviser for the Winner FCCLA Chapter.

As a national officer candidate representing South Dakota FCCLA, at the national level Christopher was required to complete an in-depth application, submit two essays, obtain 3 recommendations, complete a knowledge test, participate in an interview and questioning session with the nominating committee, and give a speech and answer fact and situation questions in front of the entire delegation of 5,300 attendees. As an at large candidate, Christopher was elected by voting delegates from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Christopher's election took place during a five-day leadership event centered on the student-developed theme, "Beyond the Label." This theme encouraged members to look beyond the label to build a successful future by exploring career options, addressing community needs, and focusing on family relations. Throughout the five-day convention, more than 5,300 nationwide members, advisers, alumni, and guests of FCCLA examined and discussed several critical issues, including family, school and com-

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munity violence prevention, physical as well as financial fitness, future career exploration and countless community service projects.

A number of relevant youth issues, such as the changing roles of men and women in the home and workplace, traffic safety, and cancer awareness were also explored at the meeting through presentations, workshops, and youth sessions.

Brockhoff will work with other FCCLA members and advisers in South Dakota and across the nation to encourage others to discover their strengths, motivate members to target career goals, and initiate a plan to ignite youth leadership in their community.

Along with nine other members of the national executive council, Christopher will travel to national headquarters in Reston, VA. throughout the year to attend

training and program planning sessions. His first training session will be August 17-21 at National FCCLA headquarters in Reston, VA. Christopher will also help set policies and develop future goals for the organization as a 2 year committee member of the FCCLA National Board of Directors. During the year, Christopher and the other national officers will represent the organization by leading workshops and giving speeches locally and throughout the country.

Also, during the year, as President, Christopher will help plan the focus and content of FCCLA's 2010 National Leadership Meeting, to be held July 4-8, in Chicago, Illinois.

FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and

women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences Education. FCCLA members represent 50 state associations and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The organization has involved more than ten million youth since its founding in 1945.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only career and technical in-school student organization with the family as its central focus. Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.