

Student honored for 'green' project

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Jamie Kubsch's "Go Green" efforts at Rossville schools resulted in national recognition this summer in Nashville, Tenn.

The senior at Rossville High School participated in STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition) at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America's 2009 National Leadership Conference.

Kubsch received a gold medal for her "Go Green with FCCLA" project. She partnered with Subaru of Indiana Automotive Inc. in Lafayette to organize a recycling program in the Rossville Consolidated School District.

"The best part was seeing the progress of the project," Kubsch said Monday. "It didn't seem like it would be such a big deal."

Last year, she and other classmates toured the SIA plant to learn about the plant's recycling program.

SIA officials then toured Rossville schools, conducted a waste assessment, and advised students and administrators how to start a recycling program.

In December, SIA provided recycling containers for school corporation classrooms. Rossville students volunteered to paint and distribute the containers. The high school drama department even made a promotional video.

From February through May, the schools recycled more than

3,000 pounds of paper and other waste to save the corporation more than \$1,000 in waste hauling fees.

"This would not have happened without a total effort from many people at Rossville," she said. "I want to thank everyone who made this possible."

Principal Jeff Hoover said he was proud of Kubsch and the other 30 students who helped with the project. He also praised teacher Ellen Mosson, the Family,

Career and Community Leaders of America adviser.

"I'd like to congratulate Mrs. Mosson for giving the students leadership opportunities," he said.

"As a former science teacher, I appreciate efforts to help the environment."

Kubsch said the Rossville club's students will raise money and plant flowers for Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

"We hope to take the flowers to the children," she said.

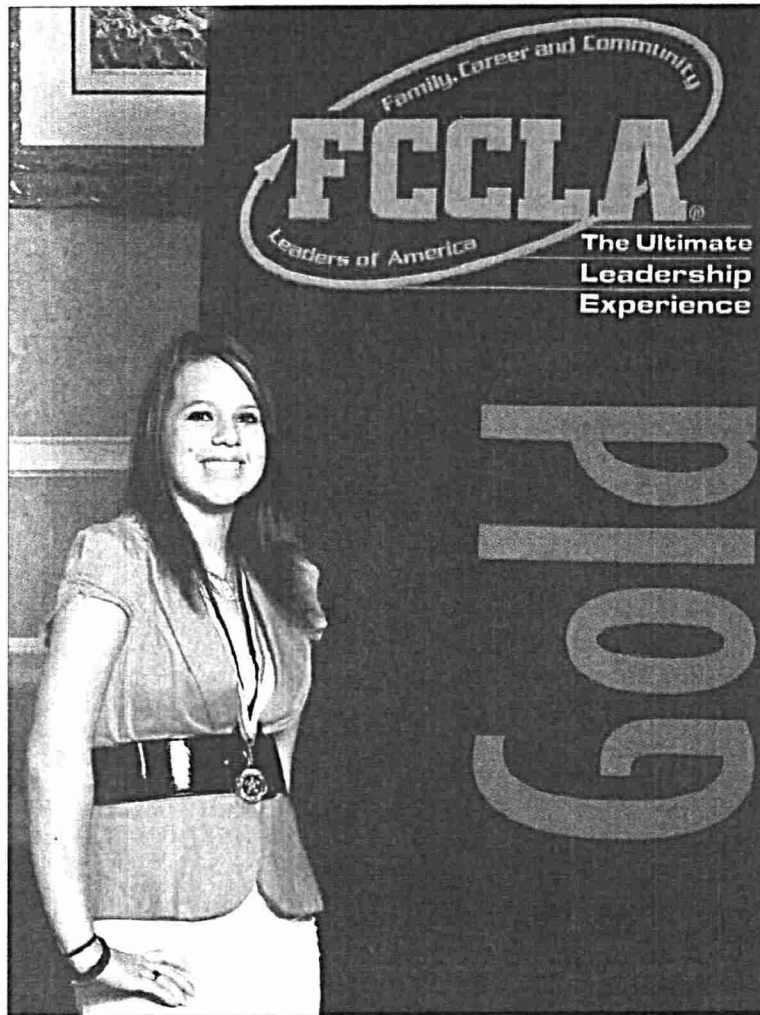


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