

# The Star Bulletin

## Announcements for Advisers and Participants

~Please print off and review with participants~

Virginia FCCLA

March, 2026

### Welcome!

Nearly 750 participants from over 100 chapters pre-registered for our 2026 state STAR Events. All events (national and state) will be held on Friday, April 10 prior to the State Leadership & Recognition Conference.

Events will be held in the Virginia Beach Convention Center and at the Doubletree Hotel, along with one event that will be off-site.

Advisers and members are to be reminded that we are - first and foremost - in Virginia Beach for a leadership and professional conference. STAR Events competitions occur as a pre-conference activity. All STAR Events participants are required to participate in the conference, which includes Friday's Expo and activities, that evening's Opening Session and keynote speaker, Saturday morning's Business Session and leadership workshops, and Sunday morning's Closing Session.

When not competing, students should participate in the Expo at the convention center, which runs from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. College exhibitors, vendors, a “Candyland Salad Station” (to support our outreach project), and activities will be held in our 1<sup>st</sup> floor lobby area in front of the ballroom. The “FCCLA Game Day” game tournaments will take place on the hour starting at 10:30 a.m. upstairs in Suite 4ABC – this is a drop-in/come-back setting that will be open during Expo hours.

Students are reminded of the conference dress code, which is also in effect for Sunday's Closing Session and STAR Events awards presentations:

#### **Business Casual:**

**State conference sessions and workshops**; STAR Events recognition; STAR Events presentations (exception: culinary uniform in those specified events)

NOTE: The official FCCLA uniform jacket and neckwear are available through the national FCCLA suppliers. They are **not required** for Virginia FCCLA events but are always appropriate.

- Business-style shirt such as a polo, button-up, shell, blouse, or sweater with optional neck tie, scarf, or professional neckwear
- Business-style pants, skirts, or dresses at or below the knee in length (due to the active nature of many of our events, wearing pants is strongly encouraged)
- Business- style shoes (non-athletic)
- *No denim is allowed in any article of business casual attire*

*Any color in clothing is allowed.*

### Because of our large numbers...

A special “thank you” is extended to the nearly 275 volunteers who will be helping to manage STAR Events for your chapter members. This includes management team members and lead consultants, evaluators, room consultants, headquarters staff, and STAR Attendants!

...several live events will occur simultaneously in the same event room – please alert your students. Also, a number of events are filled to maximum capacity and will run to a 5:00 p.m. conclusion.

**In this document...**

...you will find a schedule of events and a map of the facility layouts. A roster of entries from your chapter was provided through the online registration site.

**It is extremely important that you take time to verify the accuracy of your chapter roster from the online registration site, including *correct assignment* to events, any *omissions*, and any *name misspellings*. Notify Deborah Will at [debbiewillFCCLA@comcast.net](mailto:debbiewillFCCLA@comcast.net) immediately with changes, INCLUDING names of those who are no longer planning to participate. Any substitutions, deletions, or other changes MUST BE RECEIVED by Friday, April 3. *There is no guarantee that changes can be made after that date!* Check NOW that your information is correct in terms of STAR Events competition.**

**What do we do once we get there?**

STAR Events materials will be included in your conference registration packet. Conference registration will be open for chapter advisers on: Thursday, April 9 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. and Friday, April 10 from 7:15-8:00 a.m. (tables at the Tower Cafe on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the convention center - look for signs for the conference registration area – this is the same area where we were last year. Advisers are **required** to check in to receive materials during one of these registration times. The chapter's STAR Events packet will contain participant badge ribbons, an event schedule, assigned presentation times, a diagram of room layouts in both facilities, and Culinary Arts Exhibit event identification cards (if applicable).

*It is critical that advisers pick up your conference packet, as well, so that your students will know their presentation times.*

**Neither conference registration nor STAR Events packets will be released if student medical forms and the Adviser Acknowledgement of Responsibility Form have not been submitted to conference registration officials.**

**If you have a student with an IEP...**

...who needs accommodations in order to participate in STAR Events, please **scan and email** a copy of the accommodations page to Deborah Will **no later than Friday, March 27**. This information will be kept confidential but is needed so that the proper accommodations can be made. Accommodations cannot be guaranteed if information is not received by this date.

**Organized chaos...**

...is a part of the beginning of every state STAR Events competition. This is unavoidable while all of the participants and volunteers are trying to locate event rooms. Participants are strongly encouraged to find their event rooms on Thursday night so as to help alleviate the chaos of the next morning.

**An Electronic Device Policy...**

...has been set by the Board of Directors. That updated policy states, "Wearable technology and cell phones, unless medically necessary, are prohibited. This includes the knowledge assessment for state officer candidates and STAR Events setup and competitions. The possession of these items will result in disqualification. Students are allowed to use cell phones for hotspots only. These will be placed in the designated area by the student, as determined by the STAR Events Management Team." Rather than bringing these items into event set-up or competition and face disqualification, participants should leave them with the adviser or a trusted friend until finished with the event. Room consultants may hold the devices for the participants, if necessary.

**Where are the event rules?**

**PLEASE read and work to understand event rules, and work with your students to do the same!** Rules for all national-qualifying events can be found in the “Resources | Competitive Events” section of your chapter affiliation portal and members may also access those from their student portal; rules for state-only events are posted on the Virginia FCCLA website. General information related to management of state competition along with resources for advisers and participants is also posted on the state website. Rules and procedures make management of the event fair and consistent for all involved and it is important that advisers and participants thoroughly review the rules for the events you are entering. Disqualification and point deductions are very disappointing, and a thorough review of all guidelines should ensure a smooth, enjoyable event for everyone. You can find **all** STAR Events information on our state website’s [Competition](#) page.

**Live Event Set-Up**

A table is provided for participants in every live event to use as needed. Participants may stand in front, behind, or beside of this table for the oral presentation.

In addition, we need to point out that pictures shall not be taken during a presentation and that filming and audio recording of any event is not allowed. Coaching during set-up or during the event itself is not allowed. **Events are not open to spectators.**

**What about my personal belongings?**

Participants are welcome to bring your personal bags into your competition room and leave those in a corner or off to the side of your event station. It is not recommended that you leave those in the hallway when you are called in to present!

Remember our Electronic Device Policy on the previous page! Cell phones are allowed for use for hotspots only and there are only a few events where that would even be needed. Students should leave these with the adviser or a trusted friend until finished with the event. Room consultants may hold the devices for the participants, if necessary. As a last resort, devices can remain in your bag away from the competition area. Make sure devices are muted!

**What if I need technology or presentation equipment for my event?**

In live events where students are using any type of electrical equipment, they should bring fully-charged devices. Likewise, students should be prepared to bring their own screen or project any images directly onto the walls – screens will not be provided by event staff. Participants need to be reminded that no supplies or equipment are provided by headquarters or event staff – be prepared!

In terms of using audiovisual equipment in the national display events, participants need to evaluate the necessity of using projectors and other large equipment. While often allowed, projectors are often not necessary and may not be practical when wall space is not available. Projectors and large equipment may hide displays in these events, and participants are more likely to run into difficulties with meeting time set-up specifications. If participants use projectors or other large equipment, the equipment must fit within the dimensions provided (if applicable) and set-up must be completed within the event specifications. **Participants should also be prepared with back-up in case of technical mishaps!**

**Speaking of using technology...**

We will be using an **online scoring system** this year. Participants in live events will see evaluators and the room consultant using a laptop, tablet, or cell phone as that is how scores will be entered and calculated this year. Just

because you will see volunteers looking at their devices, they are definitely listening and paying attention to your presentation!

**Participants in all national events...**

...must complete an Online Project Summary Form, available on the student portal under the “Surveys/Applications” tab and then under “Competitive Events” – this should be completed prior to state competition. Once completed, a confirmation email will be automatically sent to the email associated with the student completing the survey, as well as to the chapter adviser. This email documentation should be included in the participant file folder, display, or portfolio as indicated in the event rules or handed to the room consultant at presentation time. If your school division doesn’t allow students to receive email from outside sources, please do not use their school email address but, rather, another email address that is able to receive the confirmation message. This may mean making an edit on their affiliation to change that email address. And, yes, this requirement applies to Baking & Pastry and Culinary Arts competitors, too!

This requirement does not apply to our state culinary events (Classic Knife Cuts, Chicken Fabrication, or categories of Culinary Arts Exhibit).

Instructions for how to complete and access the Online Project Summary Form are posted at the top of our Competition page on the state website.

If you experience any issues with completing the survey or receiving the email, please contact national FCCLA at [starevents@fcclainc.org](mailto:starevents@fcclainc.org).

**Bibliographies are required...**

...in several national events. Students are required to use either MLA or APA format. A “Quick Reference Citation Chart” for these formats can be found at this link.

**The official FCCLA binder...**

...is required for all entries in Career Investigation, Chapter Service Project Portfolio, Chapter in Review Portfolio, Early Childhood, Entrepreneurship, Event Management, Fashion Design, Hospitality/Tourism/Recreation, Job Interview, Leadership, Nutrition & Wellness, Personal Finance, Promote & Publicize FCCLA, Public Policy Advocate, Say Yes to FCS Education, Sustainability Challenge, Teach or Train, and Teaching Strategies per national rules. The binder is available for purchase from the national FCCLA online store and comes in either red or white, with “FCCLA” on the spine and with a clear front-sleeve pocket. The binder currently available meets dimension requirements for the events noted above.

**File folders...**

...with particular labeling requirements are required in Fashion Construction, Interior Design, Interpersonal Communications, National Programs in Action, Professional Presentation, and Sports Nutrition. Participants do not have to use the purchased file folders from national FCCLA unless you want to. Refer to the General Information document on our state Competition page for instructions and helpful labeling diagrams (hint: page 14!). Culinary Arts Exhibit participants also have a file folder with their project, but the labeling and contents requirements are not as rigid as for the national events.

## **“Dialogue” or Role-Play Events**

Several events are less “presentation” and more “role play”, meaning dialogue between the student presenter/s and the evaluators. These events are: **Event Management** (evaluators should play the role of “client” to the student role of “event manager”), **Interior Design** (evaluators are to play the role of the “clients” to the students’ role of “designer”), **Job Interview** (evaluators serve in the role of “interviewer” and the participant is the “interviewee” in a mock job interview). **Sports Nutrition** (the evaluators play the role of the “student athlete”), and **Teaching Strategies** (evaluators are to play the role of the “students” to the participant’s role of “teacher”. Evaluators are allowed to take items from the participant and actively interact.).

## **Culinary Cook-Off**

Participants in the live Culinary Arts event will compete in the kitchen of the convention center. Participants will receive their shift assignment in the chapter's conference registration packet. When it is your time to report, please meet in the lobby near the cafe/elevator outside Hall A/B of the convention center and you will be escorted to the kitchen. Please note the [equipment list](#) that is posted on our state website and also included in the recipe packet. Each participant will need [two butane burners](#), so be sure to purchase these if you don't already have that item. [No other equipment or supplies](#) are to be brought, and participants may use a rolling box to haul the items. [A competition packet has been emailed separately to advisers of registered chapters](#); please note the equipment list included.

## **The Baking & Pastry event...**

...will be sponsored by Tidewater Community College in Norfolk – spectators are not allowed. To allow for transportation time, all team members must [meet at your assigned time](#) in the convention center at the [outside glass doors in front of the ballroom](#) for check-in and to board a bus provided by Virginia FCCLA. Lunch will be provided to all participants at the end of your competition day. [A competition packet has been emailed separately to advisers of registered chapters](#); please note the [equipment list](#) of items required for competition on the state website and also included in the recipe packet.

## **Culinary certification opportunity!**

In partnership with the American Culinary Federation, Virginia FCCLA members who score 70 points or more in the Baking & Pastry and the Culinary Arts events will be awarded their respective Certificate of Baking & Pastry Essentials or Certificate of Culinary Essentials, along with a digital badge. The certificates will be part of the exit packet that advisers receive at the end of the Closing Session (see page 6) and the digital badge will be provided electronically at a later time.

Following our conference, ACF will work with FCCLA culinary advisers of these winners on administering their online exam for students interested in receiving their Certified Fundamentals Pastry Cook or Certified Fundamentals Cook certification. Both the performance exam (our competition) and the online exam are necessary in order for these members to receive these particular certifications. There is a fee to ACF for the online exam. More information will be provided to those chapters at a later time.

## **Our 1<sup>st</sup> place culinary participants...**

...in Baking & Pastry, Chicken Fabrication, Classic Knife Cuts, and Culinary Arts will be greeted during the Closing Session with a special surprise along with the chapter's state winner trophy! This includes our Level 2 competitors in the state-only events!

**If I am in the state Culinary Arts Exhibit event...**

...it is important to thoroughly review the general guidelines, paying particular attention to rules for set-up of the file folder materials and the exhibit. It is critical for participants to note that the state Board of Directors added three points to the Point Summary Form for following the conference dress code during set-up that morning – **this includes the addition of a chef coat or apron; full culinary uniform is allowed.**

Culinary Arts Exhibit participants will have up to one hour to set up projects in Suite 2A (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) of the convention center. Set up is scheduled for 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. (doors close at 9:00).

Participants will not be allowed into the competition room for set-up without the name badge and the ID card – advisers will receive these items in the STAR Events registration packets. "Time" will be called at the end of your hour, and all remaining participants are required to leave the area, whether set-up is complete or not. Once you have entered the competition room you cannot leave unless finished; items may be left inside the door and carried to your assigned space in several trips, but you may not go in and out of the room.

Room consultants will be monitoring the exhibit set-up process, including whether or not participants have met the conference dress code (with the addition of chef coat or apron; full culinary uniform allowed). Students can save disappointment and embarrassment by not talking with other participants in the set-up area and/or receiving coaching from an adviser or other individual once you have entered the set-up area. **Presence of persons inside Suite 2A other than those running the event (room consultants, lead consultants, and STAR Attendants) is not allowed.**

**Everyone's a winner!**

Individual medals, state winner trophies, scholarships, and ACF certificates will be awarded on Sunday, April 12 at the Closing Session beginning at 9:00 a.m. There will be reserved seating for designated STAR Events participants – the names of these students will be communicated on Saturday and Sunday morning of state conference through various channels; all other STAR Events participants will sit with their chapters.

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The conference dress code is still in effect for the Closing Session. **Students not in conference dress code will not be allowed on stage when called.** It is the **adviser's responsibility** to make sure your students abide by this policy. **The state officers have asked that females wear slacks rather than skirts or dresses when walking across the stage.**

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As results are announced for each different event, participants will stand at their seats when their chapter's name is called, indicating whether bronze, silver, or gold medals will be received. State winners and national qualifiers will be called to the stage.

**Scholarships**

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Virginia FCCLA appreciates the partnership from several institutions in Virginia and elsewhere in sponsoring college scholarships for winners in Level 3 events. A scholarship flyer, listing those institutions and the scholarships to be awarded, can be found elsewhere in this packet. Scholarship awards will be in the chapter's exit packet and a photo area will be provided!

## **Awards!**

Advisers will be able to pick up your chapter's exit packet at the conclusion of the Sunday Recognition Session (following the gavel tap). This packet will contain participant medals and student event materials. These will not be mailed. Please have your chapter wait in their seats or out in the lobby at the end of the session, rather than waiting with you in the line and crowding the area. Packet pick-up goes very quickly this way!

**Online access to rubrics will be provided to chapter advisers several days following state conference** – email messages will alert advisers when access to the rubrics is available.

## **And on to Washington, D.C. –July 6-10**

Advisers to participants who receive state-winner trophies or 2<sup>nd</sup> place for a national-qualifying event (plus 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Baking & Pastry, Career Investigation, Culinary Arts, Focus on Children, Job Interview, Leadership, Say Yes to FCS Education, Sustainability Challenge, and Teach or Train!) at the Sunday recognition session are to attend the National Leadership Conference Information Session on Sunday, April 12 – this critical session will begin 30 minutes following the end of the Closing Session in the Sequoia room of the Doubletree hotel. Important instructions regarding registration for national STAR Events and conference will be provided.

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For budgeting purposes, we usually tell advisers to estimate approximately \$1,500 per participant to attend this national conference – quite costly, but a wonderful experience!

This estimate is based on four people in a sleeping room. To that estimate, add \$300 for three in a room; add \$600 for two in a room; or add \$900 for a single room. The estimate provided includes conference registration, hotel room, special events, and the Virginia Delegation activities package.

***Acknowledgement and appreciation is extended to the Virginia FCCLA Leadership Foundation. The foundation will be providing scholarships to chapters to offset the cost of national STAR Events entry fees again this year!***

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# Commonly Asked Questions

## **Are spectators allowed in the events?**

NO. The only way to observe an event is to serve as a room consultant or evaluator.

## **What do I do when I'm not involved with my event?**

Friday's competition runs the entire day and, as a participant, you are really only involved during a small portion of that time. When not involved in your own event you should check out the opportunities listed in the conference program that you will receive at registration. There will be a number of hands-on activities taking place during the FCCLA Expo so students should take advantage of those. A special program planned again for this year's Expo is our "Say Yes to FCS" event where participants can talk with representatives from college programs from across the state.

Advisers should ensure that your students participate in the "FCCLA Game Day" game tournaments. These will take place on the hour starting at 10:30 a.m. upstairs in Suite 4ABC. Students may stop by to relax and enjoy the company of other members – this is a drop-in/come-back/bring a friend setting that will be open during Expo hours. This is a great time for students to get their minds off of competition – before or after.

## **Why do we not have rubrics in the exit packets following the Closing Session?**

We are using an online judging program for scoring presentations and participant materials. Because of post-conference meetings, moving out of conference headquarters rooms, and then unloading equipment and numerous boxes, it will be several days following conference before rubrics are released. Advisers will receive email notifications when those are available to access.

## **For answers to other questions, check:**

...the introduction section of our state manual on pages 16-17. We have reprinted national's Q&A document there for easier access. The introduction section and all other pieces of our state manual can be found on the [Competition](#) page of our state website.

**PLEASE PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO EVENT LOCATIONS**

*All events are on Friday, April 10, 2026*

VIRGINIA BEACH CONVENTION CENTER

Baking & Pastry bus boarding  
Chapter in Review  
Chapter Service Project  
Chicken Fabrication  
Classic Knife Cuts  
Culinary Arts  
>>Culinary Arts Exhibit  
Early Childhood Education  
Event Management  
Focus on Children  
Food Innovations  
Nutrition & Wellness  
Say Yes to FCS Education  
Sports Nutrition  
Teach or Train  
Teaching Strategies

DOUBLETREE HOTEL

Career Investigation  
Entrepreneurship  
Fashion Construction  
Fashion Design  
Hospitality, Tourism, & Recreation  
Interior Design  
Interpersonal Communications  
Job Interview  
Leadership  
National Programs in Action  
Parliamentary Procedure  
Personal Finance  
Professional Presentation  
Promote & Publicize FCCLA  
Public Policy Advocate  
Repurpose & Redesign  
Sustainability Challenge

TIDEWATER COMMUNITY COLLEGE


Baking & Pastry

KEY: >> Participants must show exhibit event ID card at door to event set-up for admission (Culinary Arts Exhibit)

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE WEARING THEIR NAME BADGE FOR EVENT PARTICIPATION. ADVISERS WILL RECEIVE THE NAME BADGE AT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION.

# THANK YOU TO OUR 2026 STAR EVENTS SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS!

All scholarships are for Level 3

	<b>Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts</b> <a href="http://escoffier.edu">escoffier.edu</a> 1st place of \$5000, 2nd place of \$3000, 3rd place of \$2000	<b>Culinary Institute of America</b> <a href="http://ciachef.edu">ciachef.edu</a> 1st place of \$2000, 2nd place of \$1500, 3rd place of \$1000 <i>Renewable with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better</i>	<b>Culinary Institute of Virginia</b> <a href="http://chefva.com">chefva.com</a> 1st place of \$2000, 2nd place of \$1500, 3rd place of \$1000 <i>Renewable each academic year, for a maximum of 4 years</i>	<b>Sullivan University</b> <a href="http://sullivan.edu/">sullivan.edu/</a> 1st place of \$5,000, 2nd place of \$3000, 3rd place of \$1,500 <i>Paid equally over 6 quarters for full-time enrollment</i>	<b>A SPECIAL THANKS IS EXTENDED TO ZWILLING J.A. HENCKELS, LLC FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF OUR 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE CULINARY WINNERS IN LEVELS 2 &amp; 3!</b>
Baking & Pastry	•	•	•		
Chicken Fabrication			•	•	
Classic Knife Cuts			•	•	
Culinary Arts	•	•	•		
Culinary Arts Exhibit			•	•	
Entrepreneurship	•		•		
Food Innovations	•		•		
Hospitality, Tourism & Rec.	•		•		
Nutrition & Wellness	•		•		
Sports Nutrition			•		



Scholarships for Virginia state winners advancing to national competition will be paid by the foundation, supported by VATFACS and other donors. These scholarships are budgeted at a total cost of \$10,000 for the 2026 competition!

Plus, scholarships in every national event except for ECE, Fashion Construction, Fashion Design, Focus on Children, Interior Design, Say Yes to FCS Ed, Teaching Strategies, Teach or Train



**2026 VIRGINIA FCCLA STAR EVENTS**

**VA BEACH CONVENTION CENTER AND DOUBLETREE HOTEL**

AS OF 3/10/26

*Refer to the State Leadership and Recognition Conference program for a listing of other leadership activities throughout the weekend*

KEY: DT= Doubletree Hotel  
VBCC=VA Beach Convention Center

*>All rooms on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, unless otherwise noted<*

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026**

4:00 p.m. Complete Room Set with Labeling of Tables for Culinary Arts Exhibit Event VBCC Suite 2A

7:00-10:00 p.m.	<b>CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND STAR EVENTS PACKET PICK-UP BY CHAPTER ADVISER</b>	VBCC Tables in Front of Tower Cafe (1 <sup>st</sup> fl)
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8:00-9:00 p.m. Lead Consultants and Room Consultants Check-in and Review of Materials - All Live Events VBCC Suite 1CD

Until 10:30 p.m. STAR Events Headquarters.....VBCC Suite 2E

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2025**

7:15-8:00 a.m.	Conference Registration Open for STAR Events Packet Pick-Up/Name Badge Changes/Issues	VBCC Tower Cafe (1 <sup>st</sup> fl)
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8:00 a.m. STAR Attendants/Helpers Orientation VBCC Suite 3AB

**SCHEDULE FOR EVALUATORS**

7:30-7:45 a.m. Culinary Arts Live Event Evaluators Check-in with Jay Cohen  
VA Beach Convention Center .....Lobby at Ballroom One (1<sup>st</sup> fl)

8:00-8:30 a.m. Live Event Evaluators' Check-in  
DoubleTree Events.....Top of stairs, 2<sup>nd</sup> fl Landing  
VA Beach Convention Center Events .....Between Suites 2 and 3

8:20-8:30 a.m. Back-up Evaluators' Check-in (near top of escalator)

8:30-9:00 a.m. Culinary Arts State Exhibit Event Evaluators' Check-in  
VA Beach Convention Center .....Between Suites 2 and 3 (near top of escalator)

8:45-9:15 a.m. Live Event Evaluators Meet with Room Consultants in Event Room for Brief Orientation

9:00-9:15 a.m. Culinary Arts State Exhibit Event Evaluators Meet With .....VBCC Suite 2A Room Consultants for Brief Orientation

9:15 a.m.-5:30 p.m. STAR Events Evaluations

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7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. STAR Events Headquarters.....VBCC Suite 2E

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**SCHEDULE FOR BAKING AND PASTRY PARTICIPANTS ..... VBCC (1<sup>st</sup> fl) Outside Glass  
**PARTICIPANTS MUST BE WEARING CONFERENCE NAME BADGE** Doors in Front of Ballrooms  
Look for STAR Events personnel holding a “Baking & Pastry” sign**

8:00 a.m. Baking and Pastry Participants Meet for Transport  
to Offsite Location

No other individuals allowed on transport **and**  
**no** spectators allowed at off-site location  
*(Space sponsored by Tidewater Community College)*

Every participant will receive lunch provided by  
TCC at the end of the competition

**SCHEDULE FOR CULINARY ARTS (national event) PARTICIPANTS ..... VBCC (1<sup>st</sup> fl) Outside  
**PARTICIPANTS MUST BE WEARING CONFERENCE NAME BADGE** Hall A/B Near the Cafe  
Look for STAR Events personnel holding a “Culinary Arts” sign**

8:15 a.m. Shift 1 Culinary Arts Teams Meet for Escort to Kitchen  
10:45 a.m. Shift 2 Culinary Arts Teams Meet for Escort to Kitchen  
1:15 p.m. Shift 3 Culinary Arts Teams Meet for Escort to Kitchen  
*(Space sponsored by Centerplate, Virginia Beach)*

**SCHEDULE FOR CULINARY ARTS EXHIBIT PARTICIPANTS.....VBCC Suite 2A**

**PARTICIPANTS MUST BE WEARING CONFERENCE NAME BADGE TO ENTER  
AND MUST PRESENT EXHIBIT EVENT ID CARD**

8:00-9:00 a.m. Check-in and Set-up for Culinary Arts Exhibit  
**EXHIBIT SET-UP ENDS AT 9:00 A.M. AND ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST LEAVE THE ROOM**

9:00-9:15 a.m. Evaluator Orientation with Room Consultants

End of judging until Public Viewing of Projects  
5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Participants Return to Remove Projects

## SCHEDULE FOR PARTICIPANTS IN ALL OTHER LIVE EVENTS

(see room locations below)

8:45-9:15 a.m. Evaluators Meet with Room Consultant for Brief Orientation

*Participants report at pre-assigned presentation time, wearing  
**CONFERENCE NAME BADGE***

9:15 a.m.-5:00 p.m. STAR Events Presentations and Evaluation

Career Investigation .....DT Cedar  
Level 1, Level 2  
Level 3

Chapter in Review ..... VBCC Suite 1AB  
Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 Display  
Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 Portfolio

Chapter Service Project ..... VBCC Suite 1AB  
Level 1, Level 2 Display  
Level 3 Display  
Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 Portfolio

Chicken Fabrication ..... VBCC Suite 3E

Classic Knife Cuts ..... VBCC Suite 3E

Early Childhood Education ..... VBCC Suite 2BCD  
*Sponsored by Bridgewater College, Dept. of Health & Human Sciences*

Entrepreneurship ..... DT Oak  
Level 1, Level 2  
Level 3

Event Management ..... VBCC Suite 3CD

Fashion Construction .....DT Grand Ballroom N (1<sup>st</sup> floor)  
Level 1 and Fashion Design  
Level 2, Level 3

Fashion Design .....DT Grand Ballroom N (1<sup>st</sup> floor)  
Level 2, Level 3 and Fashion Construction Level 1

Focus on Children ..... VBCC Suite 2BCD  
Level 1, Station 1  
Level 1 Station 2, Level 2  
Level 3  
*Sponsored by Neall Family Charitable Foundation*

Food Innovations ..... VBCC Suite 1CD  
Level 1, Level 2  
Level 3

Hospitality, Tourism, & Recreation	DT
Level 1, Level 2 .....	Royal Palm
Level 3 .....	Oak
<i>(Work Room .....</i>	<i>DT Crepe Myrtle)</i>
Interior Design	DT
Level 1, Level 2.....	Willow
Level 3 .....	Pine
Interpersonal Communications and Personal Finance .....	DT Sequoia
<i>(Work Room for Interpersonal Communications) .....</i>	<i>DT Crepe Myrtle)</i>
Job Interview .....	DT Sequoia
Leadership and Parliamentary Procedure .....	DT Maple
National Programs in Action .....	DT Grand Ballroom S (1 <sup>st</sup> floor)
Level 1	
Level 2	
Level 3	
Nutrition & Wellness.....	VBCC Suite 1CD
Parliamentary Procedure and Leadership.....	DT Maple
<i>(Work Room for Parliamentary Procedure .....</i>	<i>DT Crepe Myrtle)</i>
Personal Finance and Interpersonal Communications .....	DT Sequoia
Professional Presentation .....	DT Grand Ballroom S (1 <sup>st</sup> floor)
Promote & Publicize FCCLA.....	DT Sequoia
<i>(Work Room .....</i>	<i>DT Crepe Myrtle)</i>
Public Policy Advocate .....	DT Grand Ballroom S (1 <sup>st</sup> floor)
Repurpose & Redesign.....	DT Grand Ballroom N (1 <sup>st</sup> floor)
Level 1	
Level 2	
Level 3	
Say Yes to FCS Education .....	VBCC Suite 3CD
<i>Sponsored by Bridgewater College, Dept. of Health &amp; Human Sciences</i>	
Sports Nutrition .....	VBCC Suite 1CD
Level 1, Level 2	
Level 3	
<i>Sponsored by Proud Panther Boosters of Page Co. High School</i>	
Sustainability Challenge .....	DT Cedar
<i>Sponsored by Neall Family Charitable Foundation</i>	
Teach or Train.....	VBCC Suite 3CD
Teaching Strategies .....	VBCC Suite 3CD

9:15 a.m.-5:30 p.m. STAR Events Headquarters and Work Area for Lead Consultants  
 Convention Center ..... VBCC Suite 2E  
 Doubletree ..... Elm

11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Lunch Buffet Lines for STAR Events Volunteers VBCC Suite 3AB  
 (Tickets Required-Provided by Room Consultants) DT "Cardinal" Restaurant



**SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026**

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. STAR Events Headquarters ..... VBCC Suite 2E

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026**

8:30 a.m. Doors Open for Closing Recognition Session - All STAR  
 Event Participants Sit with Their Chapters Unless Notified  
 for Reserved Seating

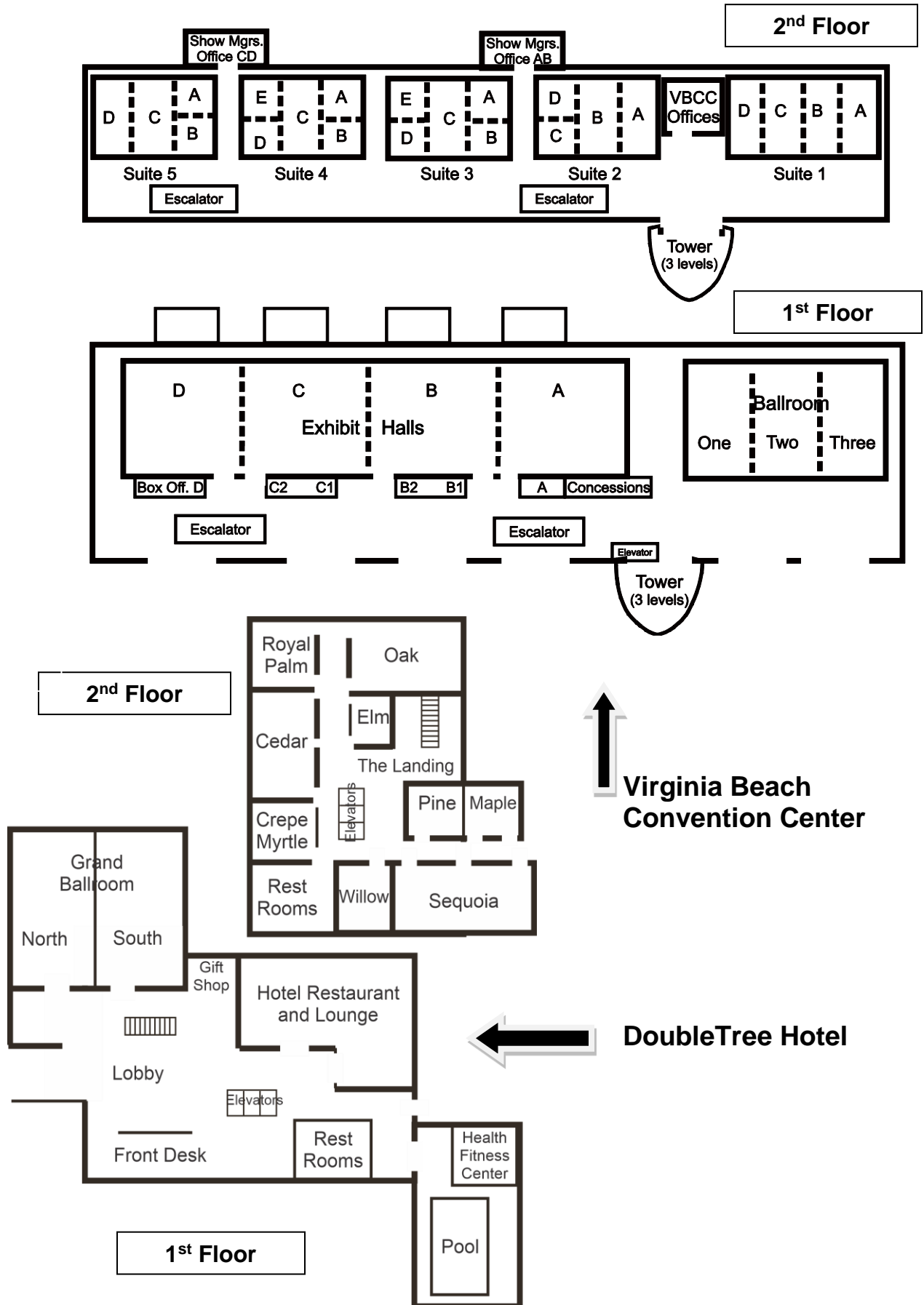
**Participants Notified for Reserved Seating Should Check-In With  
 Members of the STAR Events Management Team at 8:30 A.M. at  
 the Foot of the Stage**

9:00 a.m. Closing Recognition Session, Including STAR Events VBCC Ballroom (1<sup>st</sup> fl)  
 Medal and Trophy Winners (National and State Events).  
**TOP WINNERS MUST BE PRESENT AND REPORT TO**  
**STAGE** WHEN NAME IS CALLED IN ORDER TO  
 RECEIVE AWARD. PARTICIPANTS WHO REPORT TO  
 LINE-UP WEARING JEANS OR OTHER **INAPPROPRIATE**  
**ATTIRE** WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON STAGE.  
**SLACKS FOR FEMALES ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**  
**WHEN WALKING ACROSS THE STAGE.**

Only at Pick-up Exit Packets and Medals VBCC Back of Ballroom (1<sup>st</sup> fl)  
End of session (**required** of advisers)

Begins 30 minutes National Leadership Conference Information Session DT Sequoia  
 after Closing Session (for advisers only - **required** of those advisers with winners  
 eligible to advance to national competition; also  
**required** for advisers planning to attend but do  
 not have national STAR Events competitors)  
*(Scholarships sponsored by VA FCCLA Leadership Foundation  
 & VATFACS)*

# VIRGINIA FCCLA CONFERENCE MAPS



## VA FCCLA State Leadership and Recognition Conference

# Get **ConneCTEd** Activities

2026

April 10-12



### Banner Parade

Be a part of the action at the state conference. The chapter president, or a chapter representative, will have an opportunity to display your chapter banner or flag in the Banner Parade during the conference Business Session. The flag may also be used to identify chapter seating at all sessions. Be creative!



### Shine Your Light!

Send copies of newspaper articles, newsletters, website screenshots, and reports of chapter activities to be on display at the State Leadership & Recognition Conference. All materials must be received by **March 10** to be included in the display. Please send the articles and other items to:

Jude Hickerson, FCCLA VP of Public Relations  
Spotswood High School, 368 Blazer Drive, Penn Laird, VA 22846  
Or email digital files to [vppublicrelations@virginiafccla.org](mailto:vppublicrelations@virginiafccla.org)



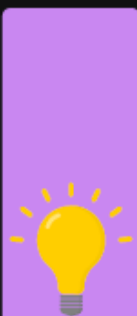
### VA FCCLA Senior Spotlight

As part of the Closing Session on Sunday, we invite chapters to recognize their outstanding senior members through a "Senior Spotlight." The adviser may select up to three deserving senior members, who will be attending the 2026 state conference, to be featured on a slide highlighting their FCCLA involvement. A form (found in the SLRC Forms download file) must be completed for each selected senior. Email the form, with up to two digital photos of the senior member, to Bobbi Comer by March 10.



### FCCLA Game Day

Students will have time to network and relax while enjoying a selection of games and tournaments throughout the day on Friday. Many board games will be available for play throughout the day. The following tournaments are scheduled with prizes for the tournament winners: Connect 4, UNO, Spoons, Hungry Hippos, and Cornhole Toss. Details and tournament times will be listed in the conference printed program.



### Conference Outreach Project

**HumanKind - A Non-Profit Organization Headquartered in Lynchburg, VA**  
With offices across the state, HumanKind supports local families facing challenges related to poverty and works to strengthen individuals, families, and communities through care, counseling, and education. Programs include an Economic Resource Center, Healthy Families, Early Head Start, and Foster Care services.

During the FCCLA Expo on Friday, conference attendees may enjoy a "Candy Salad Bar" where, for a small fee, they create a mixture of favorite sweet snacks. The profits from this will be donated to the HumanKind organization.

Chapters must complete the Virginia Outreach Donation Form (found with the SLRC Forms downloads) and send to Connie Rhoton by March 10, indicating your chapter's participation in this project and identify the amount you plan to donate. All contributing chapters will receive a certificate during the Opening Session of the conference as a representative goes onstage to present the check or indicate that a contribution was sent in advance. The chapter donating the most money and completing the donation form will receive a special entrance and priority seating at the Opening Session.

FOR SATURDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 11, 2026

# Virginia Beach Aquarium Group Ticketing Information

Virginia FCCLA chapters attending the State Leadership & Recognition Conference may purchase discounted youth group tickets and make reservations for admission date and time. Groups must be 15 or more attendees (including adults) so chapters with fewer may want to join with another chapter to purchase group tickets.



**Please follow these instructions:**

- Send an email to: [vamscgso@virginiaaquarium.com](mailto:vamscgso@virginiaaquarium.com)
- Include the following information - must have 15 or more people in group:
  - School Name:
  - Adviser/Chaperone Name:
  - Adviser email:
  - Date and Time of Requested Admission:
  - Number of Students @ \$15 each:
  - Number of Adults @ \$25 each:
- Be sure to indicate you are attending the Virginia FCCLA conference at the Virginia Beach Convention Center (NOTE: VA FCCLA state staff spoke with the aquarium guest services to arrange this process.)

The Aquarium hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. with a last admission time of 3:30 p.m.

