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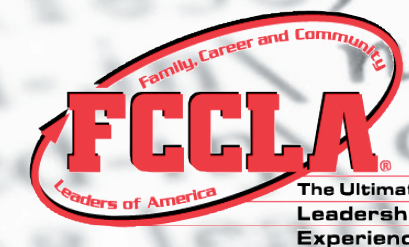
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Career and Technical Student Organizations

The Pennsylvania Department of Education’s (PDE) Bureau of Career and Technical Education coordinates the eight student organizations listed below:

- DECA An Association of Marketing Students
- FBLA Future Business Leaders of America
- FCCLA Family, Career and Community Leaders of America
- FFA An Association of Agriculture Education Students
- HOSA Health Science Technology Education
- PYFA Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association
- SkillsUSA Champions at Work
- TSA Technology Student Association

THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

- Professional and Financial Support
- Secretarial Support and Assistance
- Management Staff Ensuring the Continuation of CTSOs
- Supplies and Related Materials to Encourage Communication with Teachers and Schools
- Web and Electronic Information Access
- ListServe to CTSOs
- Staff to Participate at Statewide CTSO Conferences

The mission of the department is to academically prepare children and adults to succeed as productive citizens. The department seeks to ensure that the technical support, resources and opportunities are in place for all students, whether children or adults, to receive a high quality education.

PURPOSE

The *Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006* encourages CTSOs to be an integral part of career and technical education. This same emphasis is also reinforced in Pennsylvania’s School Law under Chapter 4 and in the Chapter 339 program standards.

Technology Student Association

TSA

The Technology Student Association (TSA) fosters Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education through personal growth, leadership, and opportunities in Technology, Innovation, Design, and Engineering (TIDE). Members apply and integrate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics concepts for the challenges of a dynamic world through co-curricular activities, problem solving, competitive events and related programs resulting in academic development and endless possibilities in our global society.

Membership

- 46 Middle School Chapters
- 92 High School Chapters
- Alumni
- 25,000 Members

Events

- PA-TSA Regional Competitions
- PA-TSA State Leadership Conference
- National TSA Leadership Conference
- Summer PA-TSA Leadership Conference

Awards/Scholarships

- Terry Schwalm Memorial
- Outstanding TSA Female Student
- Outstanding TSA Male Student
- Three Postsecondary Awards

Partnerships

- National Technology Student Association
- California University of Pennsylvania
- Millersville University
- Technology and Engineering Education Association of Pennsylvania
- International Technology and Engineering Educators Association
- Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania Society of Biomedical Research

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The SkillsUSA mission is to help students become worldclass workers and responsible American citizens.

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit student organization that serves students enrolled in career and technical education training programs in our nation's public high schools and colleges.

SkillsUSA

SkillsUSA Programs

- Community Service
- Public Relations
- Professional Development
- Social Activities
- Employment
- Ways and Means
- SkillsUSA Championship

Membership

- Active Membership
- Professional Membership
- Associate Membership
- Honorary Membership

Member Benefits

- SkillsUSA Offers Cutting Edge Skills Training
- Employability Skills, Leadership, Goal Settings
- Competition in Skill Areas
- Opportunities for Industry Contact, Jobs and Scholarships
- Recognition/Travel Opportunities
- Social Outlets with Peers and Community

Events

- Regional Leadership Conferences
- State Leadership Conferences and SkillsUSA Championship
- National Leadership Conference and SkillsUSA Championship
- International Competition Every Two Years
- National Leadership Development Academy
- Washington Leadership Training Institute

Partnerships

- Pennsylvania Builders Association
- Culinary Institute of America
- Snap-On Tools
- Irwin Industrial Tools
- DeWalt Tools
- Harley Davidson, Inc.

Awards/Scholarships

- Rex Wright (Pennsylvania Youth Development Foundation)
- SkillsUSA
- Pennsylvania College of Technology
- Johnson and Wales
- Northwest College of Ohio
- Universal Technical Institute
- Miller Electric Manufacturing Co.
- Wyo Tech
- Lincoln Electric
- Automotive Training Center

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Research Shows...

- Students in CTSOs have higher levels of participation in extracurricular activities than all other students (CTE and general) and work more hours per week than general students, showing an overall propensity towards higher activity involvement among those who join CTSOs.
- Among CTSO students, extracurricular activity participation was positively associated with grades and educational aspirations; and participation in competitive events positively affected grades, academic engagement, SCANS-type academic/job skills and career self-efficacy.
- CTSO teachers reported that they provided more SCANS-type skills in their classrooms, and this was a significant predictor of students' career self-efficacy, motivation, experience of academic/job skills and grades.

Source: National Research Center for Career and Technical Education

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An Association of Marketing Students



The mission of DECA is to prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. DECA enhances the preparation for college and careers by providing co-curricular programs that integrate into classroom instruction; incorporating student learning in the context of business networking, community service, and promoting competition. DECA helps students develop skills, build self-esteem, and gain leadership experience. DECA is committed to the advancement of education, expansion of businesses, and growth of partnerships.

DECA

DECA Programs

- Annual Plan of Work
- Career Development Conferences and Workshops
- Community Involvement Through Service Projects
- District, State and National Competition
- District, State and National Performance Awards
- Fundraising
- Leadership Training
- Publications
- Scholarships for Students and Advisors
- School Stores

Membership

- Co-curricular for Business, Marketing, Entrepreneurship and Hospitality Classes
- Student, Advisor, Alumni, Collegiate and Professional Divisions

Member Benefits

- Networking with Students, Adults and Potential Employers
- Professional Development
- Rewards of Being Involved in School and Community
- Travel Opportunities

Individual and/or Team Events

- Accounting Applications
- Advertising Campaign
- Apparel & Accessories Marketing
- Automotive Services Marketing
- Business Finance
- Business Law & Ethics
- Business Services Marketing
- Buying & Merchandising
- Community Service Project
- Creative Marketing Project
- Entrepreneurship Participating
- Entrepreneurship Promotion Project
- Entrepreneurship Written Project
- Fashion Merchandising
- Financial Literacy Promotion

- Financial Services Management
- Food Marketing
- Hotel & Lodging Management
- Hospitality Services Management
- Human Resources Management
- Marketing Communications
- International Business Plan
- Job Interview
- Learn & Earn Project
- Marketing Management
- Materials Handling/Logistics
- Modeling
- Principles of Business Management & Administration
- Principles of Hospitality & Tourism
- Principles of Marketing
- Professional Selling Event
- Public Relations Project
- Public Speaking
- Quick Serve Restaurant
- Restaurant & Food Service
- Retail Marketing Research
- Retail Merchandising
- Stock Market Game
- Transportation/Logistics
- Travel & Tourism Marketing
- Virtual Business Challenge

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Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association

PYFA

PYFA Programs

Local, regional, state and national PYFA programs have activities to help members develop leadership through conducting meetings and public speaking, and civic involvement activities. Participants develop and enhance management skills to successfully compete in the global agricultural market place.

Membership

The PYFA membership is for any adult in the field of agriculture who is willing to learn. There are over 1,000 members in 35 chapters in school districts offering adult agricultural education.

Member Benefits

Members stay on the cutting edge of agriculture by attending local, state and national workshops and/or classes. They also develop leadership skills to be leaders in the local agriculture community. Members can earn state and national awards by showcasing their agriculture operation.

Events

- State Conferences
- Regional Workshops
- National Conference
- PA Farm Show

Partnerships

- PA FFA Association
- PA Association of Agricultural Educators
- PA Department of Agriculture
- PA Agricultural State Associations

Awards/Scholarships

- Outstanding Chapter
- Outstanding Young Farmer Under 30 Years
- Outstanding Young Farmer Over 30 Years
- Young Farmer Community Service
- Spokesperson for Agriculture

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The mission of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association is to educate and promote the agricultural industry. (February 2012)



HOSA's two-fold mission is to promote career opportunities in the health care industry and to enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality health care to help students meet the needs of the health care community. HOSA's goal is to encourage all health science technology instructors and students to affiliate and be actively involved in the HOSA-HSTE (Health Science Technology Education) Partnership and serve as a major pipeline of health care professionals in the future.

Health Science Technology Education

HOSA

HOSA Programs

- Career Exploration Center
- Leadership and Self Development
- Competency Skill Development-National Standards Approval
- Motivation
- Recognition
- Community Awareness
- On-line Credit Courses
- College Career Center
- Hall of Fame
- Partnership Links
- Program of Work
- Policy and Procedure Manuals
- Student Handbooks

Membership

- Secondary Division
- Collegiate Division
- Postsecondary Division
- Associate Division
 - Elementary School
 - Middle School/Junior High
- Professional Division
- Honorary
- Alumni

Member Benefits

- Career Development
- Career Employment
- Access to Career Pathway Mentors
- Involvement
- Leadership
- Recognition
- Scholarships
- Networking
- Community Service
- HOSA Supply Service
- Publications
- State and National Web Sites
- Individual Portfolios
- Travel

Events

- Regional Workshops
- New Advisor Workshop

- Annual Advisor Workshop
- State Leadership Conference
- National Leadership Conference
- HOSA Week

Partnerships

- Penn HOSA, Inc. Foundation:
 - Genesis Eldercare
 - Stabler Foundation
 - Highmark Blue Shield
 - Lancaster Area Senior Services
 - Country Meadows Retirement Communities
 - Alert Pharmacy Services, Inc.
 - Kline Foundation, Inc.
 - Independence Blue Cross
 - Monongahela Valley Hospital
 - Association of Healthcare Enterprises
 - Pennsylvania Medical Society
- Area Health Education Centers (AHEC)
- National HOSA

Awards/Scholarships

- Outstanding State Leader
- Outstanding HOSA Advisor
- Secondary/Postsecondary/Collegiate Divisions
- Penn HOSA, Inc. Foundation Scholarships
- Association for Career & Technical Education (ACTE) Health Science Division
- Catherine B. Junge Schoarship
- HOSA, Inc. National Scholarships

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Future Business Leaders of America

FBLA

FBLA Programs

- State Level Community Service Project
- State and National Leadership Development Workshops
- Regional, State and National Competitions
- Publications and Web Site
- Scholarships

Membership

- Middle School Chapters
- High School Chapters
- Collegiate Division
- Alumni and Professional Chapters
- Over 13,500 Pennsylvania members
- 294 Pennsylvania Chapters in 28 Pennsylvania Regions

Member Benefits

- Develop Competent, Aggressive Business Leadership
- Strengthen the Confidence of Students in Themselves and Their Work
- Create More Interest in and Understanding of American Business Enterprise
- Develop Character, Prepare for Useful Citizenship and Foster Patriotism
- Encourage and Practice Efficient Money Management
- Encourage Scholarship and Promote School Loyalty
- Assist Students in Establishing Occupational Goals
- Facilitate the Transition from School to Work

Awards/Scholarships

- 26 Postsecondary School Awards
- 10 Pennsylvania FBLA Awards

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Events

- Accounting I & II
- American Enterprise Project
- Banking and Financial Systems
- Business Calculations
- Business Communication
- Business Ethics
- Business Law
- Business Math
- Business Plan
- Business Procedures
- Community Service Project
- Computer Applications
- Computer Concepts
- C++ Programming
- Desktop Publishing
- Economics
- Emerging Business Issues
- Entrepreneurship
- FBLA Principles and Procedures
- Impromptu Speaking
- International Business
- Introduction to Business & Business Communication
- Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure
- Java Programming
- Job Interview
- Local Chapter Annual Business Report
- Marketing
- Mr. & Ms. Future Business Leader
- Multimedia Presentation
- Network Design
- Networking Concepts
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Partnership with Business
- Public Speaking I & II
- Technology Concepts
- Visual Basic Programming
- Web Site Development
- Who's Who in FBLA
- William Selden Outstanding Chapter
- Word Processing I & II



FBLA's mission provides innovative leadership development programs to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship. Participation in FBLA and Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) can have a direct impact on the direction and success of a young person's career. Through active membership in FBLA-PBL, millions of students have learned about the world of business and what is expected of them in the workplace. FBLA prepares students for leadership and careers in business through business-related education and entrepreneurial skill development, community service and partnerships with the professional sector.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America



The FCCLA mission promotes personal growth and leadership development through family and consumer sciences education. Focusing on the multiple roles of family member, wage earner and community leader, members develop skills for life through:

- Character Development
- Creative and Critical Thinking
- Interpersonal Communication
- Practical Knowledge
- Career Preparation

FCCLA

FCCLA Programs

- Family Programs
- Community Involvement
- Public Relations
- Career Exploration
- Leadership Conference and Workshops
- Leadership Training
- Publications
- Early Childhood
- Environmental Ambassador
- Entrepreneurship
- Fashion Construction
- Fashion Design
- Focus On Children
- Food and Beverage Service
- Food Innovations
- Hospitality, Tourism & Recreation
- Illustrated Talk
- Interior Design
- Interpersonal Communications
- Job Interview
- Life Event Planning
- National Programs in Action
- Nutrition and Wellness
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Pastry Arts Baking/Cake Decorating
- Promote and Publicize FCCLA!
- Recycle and Redesign
- Teach and Train

Membership

- Voluntary
- Middle School Classes
- Co-Curricular with Family and Consumer Sciences
- High School Classes
- Occupational Classes

Member Benefits

- Friendships
- Builds Character
- Career Awareness
- Leadership/Citizenship
- Recognition/Travel Opportunities

Partnerships

- STOP the Violence
- Power of One
- Families First
- Action for Healthy Kids
- Financial Fitness
- Pennsylvania Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events

- Advocacy
- Applied Technology
- Career Investigation
- Chapter Service Project Display/Manual
- Chapter Showcase Display/Manual
- Culinary Arts

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An Association of Agriculture Education Students

FFA

FFA Programs

Local, regional, state and national FFA programs and activities help members develop public speaking skills, conduct and participate in meetings, manage financial matters, strengthen problem-solving abilities and assume civic responsibility. Degrees earned at local, state and national levels recognize members' increasing accomplishments that align to their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Program.

Membership

The Pennsylvania FFA membership is over 7,900 members and located in 150 chapters across the state. FFA is a diverse organization, operating in rural, urban and suburban schools. Students, ages 12 to 21 and enrolled in agricultural education programs, are eligible for membership.

Member Benefits

FFA members benefit from membership in the organization by developing their leadership skills and career preparation by participating in career development events. Members receive recognition by participating in the degree program and various supervised agricultural experience endeavors.

Events

- Big E Judging
- State FFA Degree Selections
- National FFA Convention
- Mid-Winter FFA Convention
- State Proficiency Award Judging
- State FFA Activities Week
- State Legislative Leadership Conference
- ACES Conference
- State Record Book Evaluation
- Pennsylvania Farm Show
- Additional Events can be Located on the PA FFA Web Site

Partnerships

- National FFA Organization
- Pennsylvania Association of Agricultural Educators
- Penn State University—Agri & Ext Education
- Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
- PA FFA Foundation
- PA FFA Alumni

Awards/Scholarships

- State FFA Degree
- State Stars Programs
- State Proficiency Awards
- Agri-Entrepreneurship Award
- Agriscience Recognition Program
- Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship
- PAAE Scholarship
- Range Resources Scholarships
- Over One Million Dollars in Scholarships Through the National FFA Organization

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The FFA mission makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

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