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ALABAMA STUDENT MARY KATHERINE GUNN HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY ELECTED NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE FCCLA ORGANIZATION

“Alabama FCCLA also Receives Several Top Honors at Recent National Event in San Diego”

Montgomery, Ala. – Alabama student *Mary Katherine Gunn* from *Elberta High School* was one of ten national officers recently elected to serve on this year’s National Family, Career and Communities Leaders of America’s (FCCLA) executive council.

Mary Katherine, daughter of *Jay and Vicky Gunn* was elected FCCLA’s *National President* for 2022-2023. [FCCLA](#) is a highly respected national student organization, dedicated to helping young people develop leadership while addressing personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. This organization is focused on building student employability skills, college readiness, and financial literacy.

FCCLA now has over 178,000 members and more than 4,500 chapters in 50 state associations, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. This year’s FCCLA National Executive Council election process and highly professional interviews were held in San Diego, California.

As the National President, *Mary Katherine* will now be accompanying her team of nine other executive team members, to the FCCLA National Headquarters in Reston, Virginia for a planning meeting – to prepare and plan their strategic goals for the upcoming year. Additionally, these officers will prepare for future workshops and meetings on the local, state, and national levels.



Mary Katherine Gunn
National President

Also, during the year, *Mary Katherine* will assist in planning the focus and content of FCCLA’s 2023 National Leadership Conference in [Denver, CO, July 2-6](#).

“I am exhilarated for this experience to serve the organization that has given me so many opportunities to better myself and my future,” said *Mary Katherine Gunn*, 2022-2023 President of the National FCCLA Executive Council. “FCCLA has helped me forge friendships, make a positive difference in today’s world through participation in community service, especially working with the BaxStrong Foundation. Getting to have the opportunity to network with youth leaders and attain essential college-and career-ready skills has prepared me for not only college, but life beyond higher education.”

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FCCLA is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members, and it is the only career and technical in-school student organization with a central focus on careers that support families. Participation in national FCCLA programs and chapter activities has been shown to help members become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.

Alabama FCCLA Also Earned These Top Accolades at the Recent National Awards Event

- This summer at the National Leadership Conference (NLC) championship in San Diego, [our state had 124 students to compete](#) for awards in FCCLA's STAR Events:
 - 32 Alabama students earned national gold medals, 71 silver, and 16 bronze
 - Trophies were awarded only to the top 3 students in each national event
 - Alabama had 33 students place in the Top 10 in the nation.
 - Also, two Alabama teachers won National Adviser Awards.
 - One new Alabama teacher also received recognition for completing the *rigorous* National FCCLA New Adviser Professional Development process.

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