

Seventeen members from Perkins County High School FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America) and advisor Cathy Ochsner attended District 11 Leadership Conference in McCook on Wednesday, Nov. 6. The conference was held on the McCook campus of Mid Plains College.

District 11 FCCLA Conference includes students from Chase County, Dundy County, Wallace, Perkins County, Medicine Valley, Cambridge, Elwood and Arapahoe.

Mike Smith, formerly from Imperial, was the keynote speaker.

Smith is a professional, inspirational speaker based out of Lincoln. He specializes in speaking to students and professionals about topics like bullying, substance abuse, leadership, and pursuing passions. He is the founder of "The Bay," a non-profit skate park in Lincoln and "Skate for Change."

Alexis Schmidt from Perkins County High School presided as District 11 President at this conference.

Ashley Briggs and Claire Maailao participated in Junior Creed Speaking and Ashley won second place.

Carra Johnson and Capri Meyer received first place in the poster contest. The contest promoted FCCLA National Programs in Action.

Samantha Snogren, Mariah Curtis, Bailey Johnson, and Hailey Sletten also participated in the poster contest.

Members attended various mini sessions in the afternoon. Tim Bishop from Grant presented a

mini session on starting a business. He is the owner of 310 Central American Grill in Grant.

Other mini sessions included: RAD (Reactive Attachment Disorder), Healthy Relationships, SCIP: Self Defense, Texting and Driving, Overcoming Obstacles, Combining Fashion and Entrepreneurship, and the FCCLA State Officers and PEER Officers also presented mini sessions titled, "Are You Smarter Than a PEER Officer" and "Finding Your Voice in FCCLA".