



# Wisconsin Family, Career & Community Leaders of America Foundation, Inc.

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

## 2024 Greetings from Foundation President Duchac

The Wisconsin FCCLA Foundation continues to work behind the scenes to generate funds for their sponsored programs that are integrated in Family & Consumer Sciences programs and Wisconsin FCCLA Chapters that build leadership skills, community involvement, personal development, and career exploration.

We would like to thank all of our donors and sponsors for their continued support of the Wisconsin FCCLA Foundation's mission and sponsored programs. Your generosity enables the foundation to provide a \$500.00 Chapter Presidential Scholarship, Professional Development Grants to FCCLA Ad-

visers, the Pat Thorsbakken Chapter Grants that emphasizes FCCLA National Programs integrated into chapter annual projects, a Carolyn Barnhart Memorial Leadership Scholarship, the FCCLA Regional Representative Leadership Scholarship in memory of Rachel Wussow, and stipends to Chapters with National STAR Event participants.

By networking at the state, regional, and local levels, the foundation provides information about the foundation's sponsored programs and how they benefit their chapters, schools and communities. We look forward in 2024-2025 to encourage "members to dream about their **See 2024 Greetings continued on Page 2**

## Delebreau named \$500 Chapter President Scholarship recipient

The Wisconsin FCCLA Foundation Presidential Scholarship recognizes a Wisconsin FCCLA Chapter President for their leadership and outstanding involvement at the local and state level.

This year's recipient served as a Secretary, Vice-President and President for 2 years in her local chapter.

At the state level she has served as a Region 4 Representative, First Vice-President and as the 2023-2024 WI State FCCLA President.

Ellie will attend UW-Stevens Point and major in marketing.

In her essay she stated "FCCLA will forever have a place in my heart. Reflecting on the journey I have traveled; I have accomplished the ultimate leadership journey and I intend to use every opportunity to continue to lead".

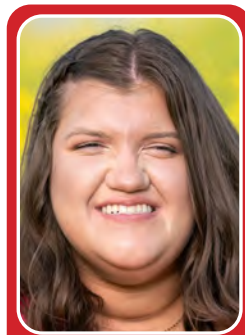
To learn more about the Wisconsin FCCLA Foundation's scholarship opportunities, contact Carol Subera, Scholarship Chairperson, a Foundation board member, or visit [wifccla.org](http://wifccla.org).



**Ellie Delebreau**  
Kewaunee HS  
FCCLA  
Kewaunee HS  
Adviser:  
Jackie Pionek

## Augusta's Melanie Ives Earns FCCLA Foundation's Carolyn Barnhart Memorial Leadership Scholarship

The Wisconsin FCCLA Foundation Board of Directors sponsored a \$500 scholarship to recognize Carolyn Barnhart's lifelong contributions to FCCLA, FCS and UW-Stout. Barnhart served as a WI FCCLA Foundation Board of Directors member, a professor in the Family & Consumer Sciences Department at UW-Stout and a leader in FCS Professional Organizations at the local, state and national level. She is a UW-Stout Alumni and served as President of UW-Stout's FCS Student Professional Organization, and was a WI FCCLA State President while attending high school. The foundation recognizes a current



**Melanie Ives**  
Augusta HS  
FCCLA  
Augusta HS

Wisconsin FCCLA member who plans to continue Carolyn's legacy by pursuing a degree at UW-Stout. This scholarship was made possible by numerous donations to the foundation on behalf of Carolyn Barnhart.

The Carolyn Barnhart Scholarship was awarded to Melanie Ives of the Augusta FCCLA Chapter. Ives made significant contributions to her chapter, school, state and community through her FCCLA participation with her involvement in many FCCLA

chapter projects and activities and served as Chapter President. She will major in Human Development and Family Studies at UW-Stout.

**Our Foundation's Mission: To accept, manage and distribute contributions that will support Wisconsin FCCLA members who are learning to take informed, socially responsible, individual, family and career actions.**

## Anderson Appointed to DPI Consultant, FCCLA Adviser Roles

The foundation welcomes Julie Anderson, CFCS. She completed her undergraduate work in Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) education at UW-Stevens Point.

While attending UWSP, she was awarded the Chancellor's Leadership Award and the Albertson Medallion for exemplifying outstanding qualities as a leader, a scholar, and as a citizen on campus.

Julie continued her education at UW-Madison where she studied Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis with a focus on Social Justice and Equity. Julie is also certified to hold her administration licensure in Wisconsin. She is a 2019 WI FCCLA Foundation Diane Colby Professional Development Grant recipient.

Julie's career began at the New Glarus



**Julie Anderson**

School District where she taught 12 different FCS courses and Health to grades 6-12. One of her greatest achievements as a teacher was being awarded the Herb Kohl Teacher Fellowship and earning funds to start a coffee cart out of her FCS classroom. She is an active member of the Wisconsin Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (WAFCS)

and co-chaired the annual conference three times and has presented multiple member workshops.

Julie continued to expand her leadership, networking and service to FCS professionals, stakeholders and business and industry partners as the Associate Director of Affiliate and Member Relations at the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS). Through this role she worked with FCS leaders, professionals and post-secondary students across the United States. Best wishes in her new role.

## 2024 National STAR Events Results

WI FCCLA was well represented with 37 chapters competing. They earned 11 Bronze, 67 Silver, and 51 Gold Metals! The following chapters competed in the individual and team events at the National FCCLA Conference: Abbotsford, Bangor, Beaver Dam, Black River Falls, Blair-Taylor, Case HS, Dodgeville HS, Eau Claire North, Elkhorn Area HS, Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau, Indian Trail HS, Janesville Craig, Kewaunee HS, La Crosse Central HS, La Farge, Lake Geneva Badger, Lincoln, Loyal, Manitowoc Lincoln, Menasha HS, Mosinee HS, Neillsville, New Glarus, Osseo-Fairchild, Prairie Farm HS, Sheboygan North, Sparta HS; Stanley-Boyd, Stevens Point Area HS, Tomahawk, Two Rivers HS, Wausau West, West Bend HS, Westby, Westosha Central, Weyauwega-Fremont, and WI Rapids Lincoln. Congratulations to all in national competition!

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potential and to explore a future where their dreams can become reality" as they develop skills for life that will prepare them for careers and post-secondary education relating to Family & Consumer Sciences.

Thank you for your continued support of the WI FCCLA Foundation and WI FCCLA.

*Sincerely,*  
**Bonnie Duchac**  
Wisconsin FCCLA Foundation President



## Scholarship Awarded In Memory of Rachel Wussow

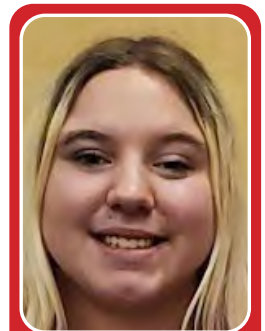
The Wisconsin FCCLA Foundation Board of Directors will recognize a Wisconsin FCCLA Chapter member who has served as a Regional Representative with a one-time leadership scholarship of \$500 in memory of Rachel Wussow, who served as a Regional Representative from Bonduel, WI.

This scholarship recognizes leadership contributions that the applicant has made in

their chapter, school, state and community activities. This scholarship was made possible by a generous donation to the foundation by the Wussow family.

Hanna served as a State Regional Representative for 2 years and served as the Public Relations Officer and Vice-President in her chapter.

She will attend UW-Platteville with a pre-nursing major.



**Hanna Albert**

*Cuba City HS  
FCCLA  
Cuba City HS*

## 2024 WI FCCLA State Leadership Conference Raffle Results

We received 40 baskets for the raffle. Ticket sales plus monetary donations totaled \$2,182.00. This year the board voted to provide a \$35.00 stipend to each chapter attending the National STAR Events competition and an additional \$35.00 stipend for their chapter event participation in the National STAR Events.

We would like to thank the following basket donors:

**Businesses:** Green Bay Packers; Yogi Bear Campground-WI Dells-Cate Gasser; Rubi Reds LLC-Cranberries Naturally; and WI Dells Visitor & Convention Bureau.

**Educational Institutions:** University of Wisconsin-Stout-Diane Klemme.

**Individuals:** Julie Anderson-State FCCLA Adviser; Bonnie Duchac; Judy Foss; Julie Rodger; Elvira Schmidt; Carol Subera; and Marilyn Swiontek.

**FCCLA Chapters:** Barron Riverview MS, Black River Falls HS, Blair-Taylor MS & HS, Cuba City HS, Iola-Scandinavia HS, Loyal Public HS, Manitowoc Lincoln HS, Marshfield HS, Osseo-Fairchild HS, Stanley-Boyd MS & HS, Stevens Point Area HS, and WI Rapids Lincoln HS.

Again, a big thank-you to all that helped and participated in the raffle. This would not be possible without each of you.

# 2023-24 Pat Thorsbakken Chapter Grant Award Winners

The Foundation Grant reflects the tireless efforts of Pat Thorsbakken to the grant project and the importance of the FCCLA Planning Process. Three FCCLA Chapters were each awarded up to \$500 to help facilitate their national program project.

Osseo-Fairchild FCCLA addressed the community Service program with the topic “Thunder Cooking 101” by providing 4 community cooking sessions to teach knife skills, increase healthy food options and support the district’s food pantry.

Tomahawk Middle School FCCLA chapter promoted Community Service with their project “Spread Love” by creating 40 inspirational bags for families with a baby in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit to give a sense of love and understanding during a time of distress.

Milwaukee South Division’s project was “Making Friends with Books.” Chapter members read to young children and provided the children with books to take home from a “Pancakes with Santa” event attended by over 700 children and parents.

Selected projects were featured at the 2024 Wisconsin State FCCLA Leadership Conference held at WI Dells in April. The 2024-2025 Grant applicants will be eligible for \$500 for their project upon acceptance of their grant proposal and completion of the project requirements. Recipients of the chapter grants must be nationally affiliated and focus their project on one of the FCCLA National Programs.

Grant Applications were due Nov. 8 with notification of recipients by Nov. 18. The project must be carried out between Dec. 1 and May 1 of the school year. Grant awards are made based on concerns addressed and clarity of Family & Consumer Sciences Education concepts. The chapter must to

submit an application, a followup report, record and receipts for the completed project and develop a display for the WI FCCLA State Leadership Conference. For information on how to apply for a chapter grant, contact Judy Foss, WI FCCLA Foundation Board Grant Chairperson.

**Milwaukee South Division FCCLA: \$500**  
Milwaukee South Division’s project was titled ‘Reading Together: Making Friends with Books.’ Chapter members spent time reading to young children & providing them with books to take home.  
National Program: Career Connections  
Advisers: Marilyn Swiontek & Helen Martin



**Osseo-Fairchild FCCLA: \$399.90**  
Osseo-Fairchild FCCLA provided four cooking sessions for the community to teach knife skills, increase healthy food options and support the school district food pantry with their project ‘Thunder Cooking 101.’  
National Program: Community Service  
Adviser: Delaine Stendahl



**Tomahawk MS FCCLA: \$500**  
For their project titled ‘Spread Love,’ the Tomahawk Middle School FCCLA created 40 inspirational bags for families with a baby in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit to provide a sense of love and understanding during their time of distress. Student Morgan Kretschschmar (at right) chaired the project.  
National Program: Community Service  
Adviser: Allison Ewart



## Professional Grant Available to Advisers

The Diane Colby Professional Development Grant is available to WI FCCLA advisers seeking to further their professional development in Family and Consumer Sciences and FCCLA by completing courses or workshops that provide academic or professional development credit. For information on how to apply, visit [wifccla.org](http://wifccla.org) and click on resources or contact Bonnie Duchac, WI FCCLA Foundation President. Funds are still available for Professional Development Grants for 2024-2025. The foundation encourages all advisers to take advantage of this professional development opportunity.

# Wisconsin FCCLA Foundation Update: Fiscal Overview & Foundation Contributors

## Wisconsin FCCLA Foundation, Inc.

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## Foundation Fiscal Overview: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Balance June 30, 2023	\$14,839.99	<b>EXPENSES (continued)</b>	
Diane Colby Memorial	\$2,864.00	Chapter President Scholarship	\$500.00
Total	\$17,703.99	Postage and Delivery & Printing and Reproduction	
		<i>(Includes Annual Report)</i>	\$369.52
<b>INCOME</b>		Supplies & Materials	\$ .00
Contributions & Support	\$2,092.90	Website	\$ .00
Interest Earned	\$ .68	Diane Colby Memorial Award	\$ .00
Diane Colby Memorial Contributions	\$75.00	Total Expense	\$7,152.60
Raffle	\$2,082.00		
Total Income	\$4,250.58	<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>-\$2,902.02</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Government Fees	\$104.50	Balance June 30, 2024	\$11,862.97
Chapter Grant Awards	\$2,328.58	Diane Colby Memorial	\$2,939.00
NLC STAR Event Awards	\$3,850.00	Total	\$14,801.97

## Foundation Contributors: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

**Grants/Organizations/Corporation/Donations:**  
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