



Leadership Moment: "Do something." - Andy Andrews

Dates to Remember:

September Enjoy Regional Cultural Arts and Fashion Revue Events

2026 NAFCE Conference Recap

Tennessee was represented with seven delegates serving and learning in various capacities. The three current officers from TN are: Pam McIntyre-Albaro as Public Policy Coordinator; Mary Alice Weber as Program Coordinator; Pat Woods Program Coordinator (unable to attend). Candidates that won offices were: Barbara Beeman Vice President of Programs; Pamela Sites as Program Coordinator; and Pam Albaro Public Policy Coordinator. Others attending were Annie Albaro, Peggy Richmond and I represented you as your state President carrying our State Flag in the opening procession.

Highlights included: our TN Heart of FCE winner; Hearthfires being presented by Mary Alice and Pam, FCL Lessons presented by TN; TN First Place in Leadership and Action Program Books; TN First Place in Brochure Contest under Marketing; three earned 60 hour FCL Trainer badges; TN \$2,000 Scholarship recognition; ten FCE Club Recognition Awards; 10 individual Recognitions; and 52 Community Service Awards!

ACWW handed down their resolution to reduce screen time for young and old. National adopted the same focus using their three year implementation schedule of: learn all about the issue, year 2-plan appropriate actions, and year three-implement those ideas. My goal is to follow their lead and spend the next year learning all we can about negatives and positives of screen time and what to do with AI?

-Emily Gordon

Youth Essay and Artwork Contest

National FCE hosts two annual nationwide contests for 4th grade and high school students from schools and youth groups. The 2027 Essay and Artwork Contest runs from September 1 to March 31, with state winners submitted to National by April 15, and this year centers on the theme of Responsibility. Full contest criteria and guidelines are available on the National FCE website (<https://www.nafce.org/resourcelibrary>).

Annie Albaro,
TAFCE Coordinator for FCE Essay and Artwork Contest

Idea to Ponder:

Some have wondered whether changing the name Certified Volunteer Hours (CVUs) would be a positive change. The thought behind this suggestion is that the current name may not be easily understood by everyone. National has already updated its category name to Volunteer Hours, which raises the question: Would a similar change make things clearer and more accessible for our members?