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LOCAL TEACHER RECEIVES AWARD AT FAMILY CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA (FCCLA) 2011 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Anaheim, CA. – Sharon Yonehara, a Home Economics Careers and Technology (HECT) teacher at Big Valley High School in Bieber, CA, was recognized at the 2011 Family, Career, and Community Leaders of American (FCCLA) National Leadership Conference held July 10-14, 2011, in Anaheim, California. Sharon received an award for demonstrating excellence in modeling FCCLA character in helping students achieve success.

She received the 2011 Spirit of Advising Award for her hard work and dedication to FHA-HERO: The California Affiliate of FCCLA. This is an honor bestowed on only one FCCLA chapter adviser from each state. Sharon was nominated for this award by the California Department of Education, HECT State Staff for her exemplary advising.

The criterion that this award is based upon is the ability to recognize chapter advisers who are constantly faithful and often quietly working behind the scenes to ensure the success of their students. These are the advisers whose patience, good humor, flexibility, and skill form the foundation of FCCLA at the local and state levels. Sharon is a wonderful example of what the Spirit of Advising Award is all about.

Without capable adult leaders, students could not take advantage of the many opportunities offered through FCCLA. Being an effective adviser takes special skills and a tremendous commitment of time and energy. Exceptional advisers motivate their chapters to take advantage of opportunities beyond the local level, use a wide variety of resources available to them, and encourage student involvement.

FCCLA is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. FCCLA has over 190,000 members and over 6,500 chapters from 50 state associations, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The organization has involved more than ten million youth since its founding in 1945.

FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only career and technical in-school student organization with the family as its central focus. Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities. When utilizing national programs, 65 percent of FCCLA advisers report teaching community service and 74 percent report teaching career preparation.