



Dr. Gene Burton College & Career Academy FCCLA Fashion Design Students Earn National Champion Awards

The 2021-2022 FCCLA Fashion Design competition team, which consisted of 5 National qualifiers, recently attended the FCCLA National Leadership Conference which was held in San Diego, CA in July. Four of these 5 talented young women all placed in the top 10 in the nation in two categories, which was Fashion Design and Fashion Construction. Another talented student placed in the top 20 in the nation as well. All of these amazing students were awarded gold and silver medals for their outstanding accomplishments. Students who are listed in the group picture are as follows (left to right.) Mallory Kehm, Madison Glenn, Ella Novak, Gracie Zellerhoff and Kaitlyn Fowler. “This group of students is one of the most exceptional and talented competition teams that we have ever known, per Mrs. Renee’, the FCCLA Fashion Design teacher/adviser at the Dr. Gene Burton College & Career Academy. They work extremely hard all year long during our competition season and their results are always outstanding every year. Students start out by drafting and designing their own custom-designed garment for competition. Students also prepare a 40 page Fashion Design portfolio, 10 minute

oral presentation, and an inspiration, theme based presentation board. FCCLA members develop skills for life through: character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communication, soft skills, practical knowledge, and career preparation.”

Competition scores are as follows:

- 1) Mallory Kehm, RHS, Fashion Construction Level 2, #17 in the nation. Silver award.
- 2) Madison Glenn, RHHS, Fashion Design Level 3, #3 in the nation. Gold award.
- 3) Ella Novak, RHHS, Fashion Design Level 3, #5 in the nation. Gold medal
- 4) Gracie Zellerhoff, RHS Fashion Design, Level 2, #1 in the nation. Gold medal.
- 5) Kaitlyn Fowler, RHS, Fashion Construction Level 2, #2 in the nation. Gold award.

Numerous scholarships were awarded to these amazing students, and we cannot express how proud we are of each one of them. Mallory Kehm and Kaitlyn Fowler were awarded with a brand new Baby Lock BL15B Zest Sewing Machine for their outstanding performances in Fashion Construction. Madison Glenn was awarded \$20,000 scholarships last year, and has been accepted to The Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles, CA. Madison, Gracie, Kaitlyn and Mallory are returning veterans to our upcoming 2022-2023 FCCLA competition team, as we anxiously await another fabulous competition season, which will be led by these amazing Fashion Design students.