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***Stephanie Griffin, Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher & Amy White, Career Development Coordinator from North Buncombe High School to be Awarded Adviser Mentor at Virtual National Leadership Conference***

**Reston, VA** – *Stephanie Griffin and Amy White are two of only 13 honorees across the nation selected by Family, Career and Community Leader of America (FCCLA) for the 2019-2020 Adviser Mentor Award. FCCLA will honor all Adviser Mentor Award recipients during the Virtual National Leadership Conference, July 7-9, 2020.*

The FCCLA Adviser Mentor program acknowledges exceptional, experienced Family and Consumer Science (FCS) educators who excel in FCS and FCCLA. These skilled FCS teachers train, assist, and familiarize new FCCLA advisers as they adjust to their new role and responsibilities within FCCLA.

All FCCLA advisers have the opportunity to be recognized as an Adviser Mentor. To achieve this award, advisers must first earn Master Adviser Recognition. Such recognition can be accomplished by devoting two years to new adviser assistance, assuming adult leadership roles in FCCLA, conducting adviser workshops, attending training workshops, and utilizing national and state FCCLA resources.

“Adviser Mentors are crucial to our continued growth at FCCLA,” said Sandy Spavone, Executive Director of FCCLA “Their knowledge, experience, and devotion to the organization is shared with incoming advisers, who carry out their learned skills throughout the entire program. Our mentors are an instrumental reason we can continue to flourish and evolve.”

FCCLA student success is predominantly due to the guidance, support, and leadership of chapter and state advisers. To serve as an adviser requires an enormous amount of time, energy, and commitment. Exceptional advisers continuously go above and beyond by staying well informed, connecting students to opportunities and resources, and making significant contributions to FCCLA at the local, state, and national levels.

***About FCCLA***

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America ([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 more than 182,000 members and 5,253 chapters from 48 state associations, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

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