Hello Washington FCCLA! It’s me, Maddie Fairbanks, your state secretary! October is one of my absolute favorite times of the year, and I know I am not the only one! This month has been a busy one for not only me, but for the other officers as well! We have been hosting fall regional meetings, attending trainings, and partaking in Halloween festivities!

This month you guys get to hear from Caden Doggett, the state Vice President of Parliamentary Law and Finance, and Aurora Hudson-Beeks, the state Vice President of Recognition.

Let's hear what Caden has to say...

Hello Washington FCCLA, today I wanted to tell you all about earning. There are many ways in which teenagers earn money, the most popular choices are part-time jobs, babysitting, and working in the “gig economy” (working odd jobs for cash).

When earning it is important to pay attention to things such as what jobs you are fit to do, and what jobs you enjoy doing, remember the adage “if you love what you do, you will never work a day in your life”.

Also pay attention to wages. Different jobs offer different wages and different advances for making more in the future, and some jobs even offer tips.

However, the caveat to earning is that after an IRS-specified level of earning, one must pay taxes on the money they bring in (including tips) so make sure to keep your pay stubs for AT LEAST three years in case the IRS ever needs them.
Now let’s hear from Aurora...

So far, I have been planning out this year’s recognition award. I have worked alongside my advisor to set up this program to give some well-deserved recognition to the chapters of Washington State FCCLA! I hope that this award can begin as soon as the new month starts!

Outside of FCCLA I love to participate in sports (even though many aren’t going on right now) mainly Swimming and Cheer! I also really like to spend time with the other people in my neighborhood. We plan some fun events and are a really close-knit community.

I would love the members of WAFCCLA to know that I am super excited for everything coming up and I know we can get through these tough times together. I hope I get to see everyone’s participation in all the amazing events the other officers and I have been working on, and hopefully we’ll get to see everyone at State.

Thank you all for reading the October Red Report! I hope everyone had an amazing October, Halloween and Fall Regional meeting!

-Madison Fairbanks, the Washington FCCLA state secretary