



Thirty-six members of the Chase County Chapter of Family, Career, Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) attended the District 11 Conference held on the Mid-Plains Community College McCook campus Nov. 7. Chase County junior David Almanza was initiated as a district officer and will serve as District 11 vice president for the 2012-2013 school year. Those attending the conference were challenged by keynote speaker Maile Ilac Boeder to find their heartbeat and passion in life and become leaders with character and integrity. They also attended mini-sessions on self-defense, Zumba, healthy relationships, bullying, dating violence, blood donation and teen finances. Members of the chapter attending were, front left to right, Brittanie Bengel, Bridgette Odens, Jadin Bussell, Lauren Prior, Kayla Schilke, Emma Ferguson, second row from left, Alexandra Valenzuela, Mikaela O'Brien, Abbigail Almanza, Dawn Castle, Vianey Marquez, Cade Francis, Stevie Johnson, Jade Harris, third row from left, Brittany Simeon, Jasmine Dannar, Tagan Mays, Caitlyn Murillo, Blake Schilke, Whitney Hopp, fourth row from left, Brittany Peters, Leslie Acosta, Meagan Kilpatrick, Mylee Sorensen, Abby Sorensen, Jake Lueth, David Almanza, back from left, Luis Rodriguez, Charlie Ann Carter, Jasmine Laird, Claire Kuenne, Jaclyn Morales, Aleida Marquez, Berenice Marquez and Natali Rodriguez. (Courtesy photo)