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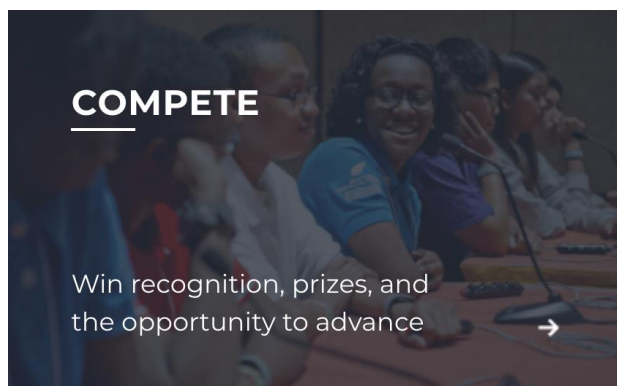
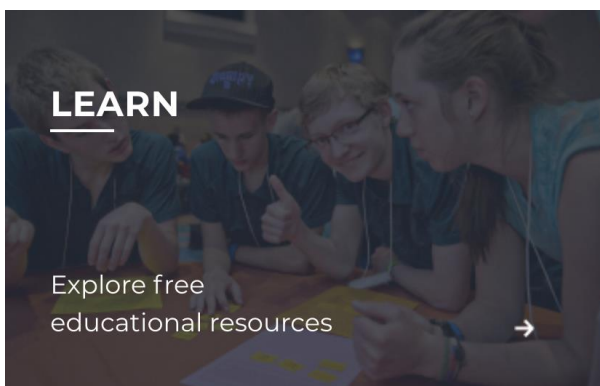
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Technology & Workforce Prep Month

The COVID-19 pandemic drove professional and personal life into the online space more than ever before, and, unfortunately, cybercrime has risen as a result. Thus, the need for cybersecurity professionals grows every day. The projected employment growth for all occupations through 2029 is 4 percent. By comparison, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics expects information security analyst jobs to [grow](#) by 31 percent in the same time period. The demand for cybersecurity professionals is so high that there is a zero percent unemployment rate in the field, and the overall technology-related employment in the United States will be 12.4 million jobs in 2022.

LifeSmarts helps prepare youth for their futures in technology as well as other fields through our concentrated learning opportunities and educational experiences.



New resources

This month our focus at LifeSmarts is on Technology & Workforce Preparation, and we are excited to present new Technology & Workforce Preparation educational resources:

[New Resume LifeSmarts U Lesson](#), an overview on creating your first resume. Students will learn about writing a resume, compare poor and better resume examples, and develop a mock Linked In resume with this new LifeSmarts U lesson. Included is a slide presentation, a resume worksheet, an action verb handout, and a vocabulary focus.

New [Flippity](#), Technology & Workforce Preparation Practice Quiz [Kahoot!](#), and [Quizlet](#) to use with your teams this month.

[Meta "Get Digital" resources](#) will be used in the new LifeSmarts Get Digital mentoring program to educate younger students and older community members about staying safe online and using technology and social media

December TeamSmarts Challenge Quiz open

The [December TeamSmarts Challenge](#), featuring Technology & Workforce Preparation, is open now through December 31. Top scoring JV, Varsity, FBLA, FCCLA, 4-H, BPA, and SkillsUSA teams earn cash awards of \$100.

Congratulations to the November Consumer Rights and Responsibilities TeamSmarts Winners!

Varsity: FZS Dawgz, Ft. Zumwalt South High School, St. Peters, MO

Junior Varsity: Iola Mustangs JV 1, Iola Middle School, Iola, KS

4-H: Bell County, Bell County 4-H, Texas 4-H, TX

FBLA: Miao & Feng, Montgomery High School, Skillman, NJ

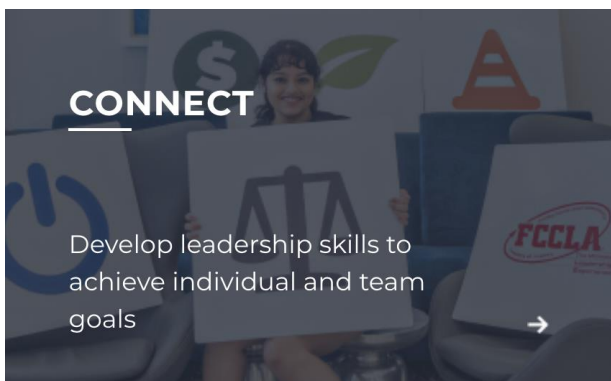
FCCLA: Millard West FCCLA, Millard West High School, Omaha, NE

Compete for your State LifeSmarts Championship

Don't miss your chance to advance to the 2022 National LifeSmarts Championship, April 21-24, 2022, in Washington, DC. Visit [your state page](#) to

securely. Wild Card teams attending the National LifeSmarts Championship will pilot this project, and competition questions will be included from these materials.

check the deadlines for your state competition. Contact your State LifeSmarts Coordinator with questions.



LifeSmarts FBLA Fall Challenge results

The LifeSmarts FBLA Challenge is a competitive event with the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Congratulations to the 11 teams who qualified in the Fall Challenge to compete in the live, virtual finals in May:

Teams are: Mira Loma_Guo_Banerjee, Mira Loma High School, CA; AkronFBLA1, Akron High School, CO; NCHS Gupta Kommalapdi, Normal Community High School, IL; Odessa Bulldogs, Odessa High School, MO; JHRoseGaulandBecker, J. H. Rose High School, NC; DCHS_Geneziz_Brita, Divide County High School FBLA, ND; RaymondCentral_Lockman_Lange, Raymond Central High School, NE; Monroe_Chin_Khan, Monroe Township High School FBLA, NJ; UDHS_DengFaberman, Upper Dublin High School, PA; World Winners, Cameron High School, WI; and JMHS FBLA 1, John Marshall High School, WV. Congratulations!

The Spring LifeSmarts FBLA Challenge opens January 31. [Click here](#) for additional information.

FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl top 16

Be Safe, Buy Real Digital Poster Contest

Introducing the [NEW LifeSmarts Be Safe, Buy Real Anti-Counterfeiting Digital Poster Contest](#). The contest is open to all LifeSmarts students in grades 6 -12. Students use information from [UL's anti-counterfeiting campaign, Be Safe, Buy Real](#), to learn about counterfeit goods. Then, students develop and design their own unique message in a digital poster format. Prizes will be awarded to the top middle and high school students. Entries are due **January 31, 2022**. For additional information, [read the full rules](#) and [review the rubric](#). *Teams attending the National LifeSmarts Championship have a separate opportunity to earn travel stipends for their winning posters.*

National LifeSmarts Championship Wild Card bids

This year, all Varsity teams are invited to [apply for a Wild Card bid](#) to the National LifeSmarts Championship. At least five teams will be selected to compete in the National LifeSmarts Championship with one spot each reserved for FCCLA, FBLA, and 4-H teams. Teams will work together to complete the Wild Card TeamSmarts quiz available beginning

Congratulations to the top 16 FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl teams who will compete for top honors at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference next summer in San Diego, CA!

Teams are: Adair High School FCCLA Team 1, OK; Archer City FCCLA Team 1, TX; Archer City FCCLA Team 4, TX; Bartlett FCCLA, TX; Brighton High FCCLA, UT; Brookings Senior FCCLA, SD; Butler Tech – Ross High School FCCLA, OH; Clark FCCLA Senior, SD; East Central FCCLA, IN; Jordan High FCCLA, UT; Linn FCCLA, MO; Mountain Home FCCLA, ID; Page County High School, VA; Selah High School FCCLA, Team Blue, WA; Sioux Valley FCCLA, SD; Woodford High School FCCLA, Team 3, KY; and alternate teams: Timpanogos High School FCCLA Team 2, UT; Wabaunsee FCCLA Team 1, KS.

December 1 and design an educational PowerPoint or Prezi on a suggested LifeSmarts topic. The first deadline is January 31. Successful teams receive a travel stipend upon completion of an assigned community service project. [Click here](#) for detailed application information.

We need more students (and adults!) for the LifeSmarts Team Advisory Board

The Team Advisory Board is a select group of students and adults working together, sharing ideas and communicating new ways that LifeSmarts can grow and reach out to youth. Team members will be invited to provide input for 2022 planning and beyond. Questions? [Email Cheryl Varnadoe](#). Interested? [Sign-up deadline is January 5, 2022!](#)

