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### **South Dakota students elected to CTSO national officer positions**

PIERRE, S.D. – Three South Dakota students have recently been elected national officers of two Career and Technical Student Organizations.

Josh Sorbe, a Brookings High School student, and Allyson Monson, a Clark High School student, will serve as president and vice president respectively, of the FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) National Executive Council for school year 2015-16.

Jean Van Driel, a Mitchell Technical Institute student, will serve as a national officer for SkillsUSA, in an At Large position. SkillsUSA is an association of trade, technology and health occupation students.

“Career and Technical Student Organizations like FCCLA and SkillsUSA complement what students learn in the classroom to advance their leadership and career skills while developing self-awareness and confidence,” said Tiffany Sanderson, director of career and technical education for the South Dakota Department of Education. “Participation in these organizations prepares students for their futures as leaders in business and in our communities.”

As national officers, these students are charged with serving their organization’s membership, representing students from across the country in meetings with business and government leaders, setting policy and fulfilling the missions of their organizations. There are approximately 200,000 FCCLA members across the country and 300,000 members in SkillsUSA.