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<td>1917</td>
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<td>The first national Vocation Education Act was signed by President Woodrow Wilson and resulted in federally supported, state-run vocational education programs. FHA grew out of the Home Economics programs that were a part of these vocational educational programs.</td>
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<td>1945</td>
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<td>The George Barden Act provided federal support to Home Economics programs focusing on homemaking education.</td>
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<td>June</td>
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<td>FHA was founded at a convention in Chicago, Illinois. NHA was founded for black students in 16 states where schools were segregated by state law. Kentucky was the first affiliated state association, followed by Georgia and Maryland.</td>
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<td>November</td>
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<td>The first issue of Teen Times, the official magazine of the organization, was published. The magazine came out four times a year and was sent to local chapters, one for every 20 members. The first issue of Chatter Box, the official magazine for NHA, was published and came out twice a year.</td>
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<td>1946</td>
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<td>Six of the 1945-1946 national officers and 12 new officers met in Chicago, Illinois, for the first installation of officers and presentation of honorary memberships.</td>
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<td>October</td>
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<td>The national headquarters moved from the AHEA in Washington, D.C., where it had been housed since October 1944, to the U.S. Office of Education.</td>
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<td>1947</td>
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<td>The NEC selected the first national projects for the year. These included National FHA Week, the World Christmas Festival, Youth United for Famine Relief and the Leadership Training Fund.</td>
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<td>The first national program of work was printed in Teen Times. The theme &quot;Building Today for Tomorrow&quot; was planned around the eight purposes of the organization.</td>
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<td>1948</td>
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<td>The first national convention was held in Kansas city, Missouri, and was attended by 2,000 delegates.</td>
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<td>1953</td>
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<td>At a meeting in Green Lake, Wisconsin, the voting delegates passed a resolution to increase the annual national dues from 10 to 15 cents per member.</td>
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<td>1955</td>
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<td>FHA celebrated its 10th anniversary at the national meeting in Ames, Iowa.</td>
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<td>The FHA and NHA advisory boards and executive councils met to plan national meetings with common themes and programs.</td>
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<td>1956</td>
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<td>The time frame for the national program of work was changed from one to three years.</td>
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<td>The national program of work was developed as a separate publication and mailed to chapters.</td>
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<td>Two national officers, of both FHA and NHA, attended each other’s national meetings as guest delegates and program participants.</td>
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<td>1964</td>
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<td>Voting delegates at the national meeting in Chicago, Illinois, approved an increase in the annual national membership dues from 15 to 25 cents per member.</td>
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<td>September</td>
<td>The National Advisory Board decided to extend the national program of work to cover a four-year period.</td>
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<td>1965</td>
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<td>The FHA and NHA merged and held their first national meeting as one organization in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The membership of NHA in the year prior to the merger was 78,616 in 1,409 chapters, and the membership in FHA was 549,668 in 10,970 chapters.</td>
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<td><em>Teen Times</em> and <em>Chatter Box</em> combined into one magazine and retained the title <em>Teen Times</em>.</td>
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<td>1966</td>
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<td>Membership peaked at 607,175. A &quot;coming of age&quot; 21st birthday celebration was held at the national meeting in St. Louis, Missouri.</td>
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<td>1968</td>
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<td>The national program of work provided for adaptations on the state and local levels. A resource workbook was sent to every state association and local chapters with suggestions and resources for program planning.</td>
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1971

The National Advisory Board and NEC approved the expansion of the organization to include HERO (Home Economics Related Occupations) chapters. The National Advisory Board was restructured to include supervisors of large urban areas, local Home Economics teachers and two youth members.

January

The national headquarters moved from the U.S. Office of Education to the fifth floor of the American Home Economics Association building. Chapters raised approximately $95,000 for the move and purchase of furniture and equipment.

July

The booklet, Encounter, Personal Growth through Future Homemakers of America, which provided members with guidelines for planning and achieving personal goals, was presented at the national meeting in Kansas City, Missouri.

The voting delegates approved a dues increase from 25 cents to one dollar.

The national meeting format was changed to provide more participant involvement and designed to provide learning experiences that would strengthen chapter action. Members of HERO chapters attended the national meeting for the first time.

1972

July

HERO members were appointed to serve as members of the NEC.

The six vocational student organizations developed a four-year project called BICEP (Bicentennial Environment Program) in preparation for the country's bicentennial celebration in 1976. This was a voluntary project to upgrade American communities.

1973

Program Action Impact was introduced at the national meeting in Dallas, Texas, to replace the national program of work. It was designed as a self-help process for chapters to plan projects based on their own concerns and needs.

The voting delegates elected the organization's first male national officer, Tony Bingham, from Washington, D.C.

A bylaws change made it possible for independent chapters to affiliate where no state association existed.
A new system was created for electing national officers. Instead of rotating offices through the sub-regions, 12 national officers representing the sub-regions, but without designated titles, would be elected. This 12-member National Executive Council would then elect designated national offices among themselves (this change became effective in the 1974-1975 school year).

**August**

The Dallas Urban Development Project began as a two-year program to integrate FHA/HERO into urban junior and senior high schools, and to analyze use of the *Program Action Impact* to meet the needs of city youth. A set of films was developed to assist other urban areas.

**1974**

The Teacher Education Advisory Committee was set up to make recommendations for improving the preparation of Home Economics teachers for FHA/HERO programs.

**July**

Through a bylaws change, the National Advisory Board became the National Board of Directors.

Delegates at the national meeting in Chicago, Illinois, voted to observe National FHA/HERO Week at the same time as National Vocational Education Week.

The FHA/HERO Advisers Leadership Development Fund was established to train FHA/HERO advisers for effective leadership of the organization.

**1975**

The Field Consultants program was established as an extension of the national headquarters staff. The consultant team consisted of advisers, teacher educators and urban supervisors who helped provide field service and conducted workshops. These services expanded advisers' knowledge of how to effectively organize and manage chapters.

FHA/HERO celebrated its 30th anniversary at the national meeting in Washington, D.C.

**November**

The "Healthy Babies: Chance or Choice?" project was piloted at a training conference in Estes Park, Colorado, for peer education teams from 20 states. The project was a joint effort by FHA/HERO and The National Foundation of the March of Dimes designed to focus on a healthier next generation.
1976
A six-member Teach Education Task force was established to strengthen work with teacher educators. Task force members were given the responsibility of conducting workshops, producing publications, coordinating research efforts and developing communication links with teacher educators.

July
The BOD approved the organization's philosophy of, "Cooperation as a Way of Working."

1977
July
National meeting participants in Seattle, Washington, explored definitions of the homemaker and concluded, "Everyone Is a Homemaker."

The NEC, with the approval of the BOD, selected a new emblem design representing both FHA and HERO (before 1977, the organization had separate emblems for FHA and HERO chapters).

November
A Resource Development Department was established, making special projects possible with grants from corporations, foundations and private individuals.

December
Rhode Island was the last of the 53 state associations (including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands) to affiliate.

1978
A Public Service Announcement (PSA) kit, including four black and white print ads, was developed and incorporated into a full-scale image campaign emphasizing that "Everyone Is a Homemaker."

July
Voting delegates at the national meeting in Bal Harbor, Florida, approved a dues increase from one dollar to two dollars.

1979
For the first time, two national HERO officers were elected.

The film, Using Today to Build Tomorrow, was introduced and used as a national training and public relations tool.

Ten FHA/HERO members spent eight weeks in Japan and two Future Homemakers of Japan members spent the school year in the United States as part of a new student exchange sponsored by Kikkoman Foods, Inc., and the Youth for Understanding International Student Exchange Program.
November  Twelve FHA/HERO members from five northwestern states met in Seattle, Washington, to launch the Student Body Peer Education Project, designed to teach teens about health and nutrition.

1980

April  FHA/HERO and 11 other National Collaborative for Youth agencies piloted the two-year Youth Employment Project for HERO chapters under a contract with the U.S. Department of Labor.

July  The BOD approved the purchase of land on which to build a national headquarters and leadership center in Reston, Virginia. A land-site campaign was initiated to seek contributions from Home Economics professionals and friends of FHA/HERO.

September  The State Advisers Coordinating Committee (SACC) was formed to identify state advisers' concerns and share them with the BOD and national staff.

1981

Spring  The Western high, Russiaville, Indiana, chapter was the first chapter to contribute to the building campaign. Students continued to play a major role in raising building funds.

July  National Leadership Meeting delegates in San Francisco, California, participated in the official kick-off of the fundraising campaign to build a national headquarters and leadership center in Reston, Virginia.

Monya Frazier from Florence, South Carolina, was elected the organization's first black president.

September 21  The official ground-breaking ceremony was held at the building site in Reston, Virginia.

1982

January  The BOD voted to implement national participation in competitive events on a limited scale at the 1983 National Leadership Meeting.

1983

July  FHA/HERO's national headquarters and leadership center was dedicated during the 1983 National Leadership Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Voting delegates approved a dues increase from two dollars to four dollars, and added an alumni membership category to the bylaws. Alumni dues were set at ten dollars for one ear.

STAR Events (Student Taking Action with Recognition) began.
Fall  A series of regional cluster meetings began.

1984
Fall  For the first time, one copy of Teen Times, the national magazine, was sent to every member.

1985
July  FHA/HERO celebrated its 40th anniversary at the National Leadership Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Winter  The Adviser was introduced to chapter advisers as a professional resource.

1986
July  National Leadership Meeting voting delegates in Orlando, Florida, approved addition to the Creed of, "We are members of FHA and HERO chapters," which immediately follows both instances of, "We are the Future Homemakers of America."

Thomas Lucas from Milton, West Virginia, was elected the organization's first male national president.

Two new programs - Power of One, for individual action and recognition, and Community Service - were introduced at the national meeting.

Voting delegates added an associate's membership category to the bylaws.

The film, Skills for Life, and its companion PSAs were introduced, featuring former member and noted news commentator, Judy Woodruff.

1987
July  The national programs Financial Fitness and Leaders at Work in Food Service were introduced, as was the Adviser Recognition Program.

1988
July  Step One was introduced as a pilot project.

1990
Fall  Teen Times was expanded to 20 pages, with a full-color cover. Advertisements were accepted in Teen Times to help offset increased costs.
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<td>Three new STAR Events were added, bringing the total number of national competitive events offered to 11. At the national meeting in Washington, D.C., voting delegates approved changed in the FHA/HERO Purposes to make them more consistent with the roles of today's members.</td>
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<td>1992</td>
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<td>The first A+ (A Positive Lifestyle for Ultimate Success) Conference was held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.</td>
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<td>1993</td>
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<td>Voting delegates approved a dues increase from four dollars to five dollars effective on September 1, 1993, and from five dollars to six dollars on September 1, 1994.</td>
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<td>1994</td>
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<td>Two new national programs were introduced: Project Earth 2000, a joint project with Keep America Beautiful, Inc., which focused environment, energy, economic impacts of recycling and understanding garbage and packaging usage; and FACTS - Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety, which involved youth in promoting safety belt usage and reducing the number of impaired drivers.</td>
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<td>1995</td>
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<td>FHA/HERO members from across the nation celebrated the organization's 50th anniversary at the National Leadership Meeting in Washington, D.C. A Leadership Hall of Fame was established; 76 honorees received recognition at the national meeting for their contributions to FHA, youth and community service. Voting delegates approved a bylaws amendment to change all references to &quot;Home Economics&quot; in the bylaws to &quot;Family and Consumer Sciences.&quot; September</td>
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<td>1996</td>
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<td>Families First, a new national program to build strong families, careers and communities was introduced at the National Leadership Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri. October</td>
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1998
July  Career Connection, a new national program to promote career preparation was introduced at the National Leadership Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

1999
July  STOP the Violence (Students Taking on Prevention) was introduced as a pilot program in 11 states.

*Dynamic Leadership* and the expanded *Leaders at Work* were introduced at the National Leadership Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts.

Voting delegates voted in favor of the proposed name change to Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and for chapter types to be referred to as comprehensive and occupational. They also voted in favor of the dues increase from six dollars to seven dollars beginning September 1, 1999.

2000
July  The new integrated program, *The Guide to FCCLA in the Classroom*, with accompanying CD, was introduced at the National Leadership Meeting in Orlando, Florida.

STOP the Violence (Students Taking on Prevention) was introduced nationally at the National Leadership meeting in Orlando, Florida.

September  The new MemberQuest membership materials, including a membership video, were sent to all affiliated chapters.

2001
July  The *Community Service Action Guide* was introduced at the National Leadership Meeting in Anaheim, California.

Two new STAR Events - Career Investigation and Occupational Childcare - were demonstrated at the National Leadership Meeting.

2002
July  The piloted STAR Event, Hospitality, Lodging and Recreation, was demonstrated for delegates attending the National Leadership Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The *Get Connected CD*, including the updated *Families First*, *Financial Fitness*, *Student Body* and *FACTS* programs was introduced at the National Leadership Meeting.
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<td>The updated and expanded <em>Career Connection</em> and <em>Leaders at Work</em> CD was introduced at the National Leadership Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.</td>
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<td>September</td>
<td>&quot;The Ultimate Leadership Experience,&quot; the official national tagline chosen by members, was added to the logo and used on all national materials.</td>
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<td>2004</td>
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<td>At the National Leadership Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, Brand FCCLA, and image and awareness campaign to gain recognition was introduced and brand kits were given to all attendees. The <em>FCCLA Is...</em> DVD and video was made available for sale. Members voted to increase the dues from seven dollars to eight dollars, effective for the 2004-2005 school year, and an additional increase of one dollar for the 2007-2008 school year. Members also voted to change the bylaws to say that state advisers need not be &quot;a member of the state Family and Consumer Sciences education program staff&quot; but they need to be &quot;a qualified professional in the Family and Consumer Sciences discipline.&quot;</td>
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<td>September</td>
<td>The new Be Part of It! membership campaign was initiated and materials, including a membership video, were sent to all affiliated chapters. A STOP the Violence, &quot;Voices in Action Symposium,&quot; was held in Alexandria, Virginia.</td>
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<td>2005</td>
<td>July</td>
<td>At the National Leadership Meeting in San Diego, California, the <em>Dynamic Leadership</em> and <em>Power of One</em> programs were combined into one CD and <em>The Essential Guide to FCCLA in the Classroom</em> was updated in CD format. Both publications were introduced and made available for sale. The first ultimate State Officer Academy (USA) Leadership Training, Phase I - Officership, was held at the National Leadership Meeting.</td>
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<td>September</td>
<td>One Brand FCCLA packet was sent to each affiliated chapter in the fall chapter mailing. The first all full-color <em>Teen Times</em> was sent to all nationally affiliated members. A four-day USA Leadership Training, Phase II - Capitol Leadership, was held in Reston, Virginia.</td>
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November
The USA Leadership Training, Phase III - Maximum Leadership, was held at National Cluster Meetings in Houston, Texas, Hartford, Connecticut, Albuquerque, New Mexico and Louisville, Kentucky.

2006
July
At the National Leadership Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, the USA Leadership Training, Phase IV - Mentorship, was completed. A new team of state officers began Phase I.

The Chapter Handbook was updated to CD and re-introduced.

The NEC hosted a mini Relay for Life to raise money and awareness for cancer research.

2007
July
At the National Leadership Meeting in Anaheim, California, new program logos were introduced.

The national program, STOP the Violence toolkit CD was updated and a new middle level resource, The Middle Level Comprehensive Guide was introduced.

September
The STAR Events Manual was posted online.

November
Four new STAR Events - Fashion Design, Financial Planning, Interior Design and Recycle and Redesign - were demonstrated at each National Cluster Meetings.

2008
July
At the National Leadership Meeting in Orlando, Florida, an updated program CD for FACTS was made available; The FCCLA Guide to Preparing Future Advisers was updated and put on CD; and a new DVD/video was introduced, FCCLA...What's It All About?

The first Adviser Academy was introduced and 50 advisers from across the country began a pilot class for a five-track certification program.

The Alumni & Associates online community, www.fcclaalumni.org, was launched.
**September**  
Track 2 of the Adviser Academy was presented at USA Leadership Training in Washington, D.C.

The new Fashion Design STAR Event was renamed Fashion Construction and the Financial Planning event was renamed Life Event Planning.

All national program award applications were posted online for submission.

**November**  
Two new STAR Events were demonstrated at the four National Cluster Meetings: Promote and Publicize FCCLA! and Teach and Train.

Track 3 of the Adviser Academy was also presented at the National Cluster Meetings.

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