

# GETTING TO KNOW MCCFR

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WE TALKED TO THE  
CURRENT PRESIDENT  
OF MCCFR,  
JUNIOR HDFS MAJOR  
KORTNEI CONFER,  
TO GET THE SCOOP.

## WHAT DOES MCCFR DO?

**KORTNEI CONFER:** We are a student affiliate council of the National Council on Family Relations. We focus on service, professional development, and social networking. We try to get the HDFS department involved with the campus. We try to do a lot with the community through our service projects. We also help fund trips to professional conferences for students. We get people out meeting each other and practicing professional skills for the social networking piece.

## WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SERVICE PROJECTS THE CLUB ORGANIZES?

Last year we did a small knitting project where we made caps and blankets for the Capital Area Pregnancy Center. We also packed boxes for *Operation Christmas Child*, which is through Samaritan's Purse. We did a letter-writing project last year around Christmas time where we provide supplies and encourage students to write letters to family members and friends to remind people how much they appreciate them. We are doing it around Thanksgiving this year as time to tell people you're thankful for them.

## WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST PROJECT?

Probably *Operation Christmas Child* because it requires more of an effort on our part. Shipping the boxes does cost a bit of money, so when we collect donations, we encourage students and faculty to donate a few dollars to help with this cost. The whole semester sort of [leads] to that event.

## WHAT IS ONE THING YOU WANT STUDENTS TO KNOW ABOUT THAT PROJECT?

Our events are open to the entire campus, not just MCCFR officers or HDFS students. We encourage anyone to donate and also to come help us pack the boxes. We want to get the whole campus involved in our projects!

## WHAT IS THE CLUB WORKING ON RIGHT NOW?

Right now we are working towards our big professional conference next month, National Council on Family Relations annual conference in Orlando. We are working on the logistics for that. We are also getting ready for the letter-writing project and Operation Christmas Child, since they are coming up soon.

## HOW DID YOU PERSONALLY GET INVOLVED WITH MCCFR?

When I was a first-year student, there was an opening for the secretary position in the spring, so I applied and was elected into that position. In my sophomore year, I took the position of the social media director, and this year I was elected president.

## WHAT IMPACT DO YOU HOPE MCCFR HAS ON OUR CAMPUS?

My hope is that we can get the student body more involved in service throughout the semester by giving students opportunities to do small projects. I also hope that students will be more aware of and acknowledge family as a value. For example, with our letter-writing event, I hope students will see how meaningful it can be to reach out to a friend or family member to let them know you are thinking of them and thankful for them.

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