

The Minnesota Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Patrick Mitchell has been named as the new Executive Director for the organization. Patrick Mitchell, who joins the FCCLA community after serving as the Program Director for Advocating Change Together (ACT), will begin his duties on December 19th, 2022.

“I am so pleased to welcome Patrick into our organization, we are truly fortunate to have him accept this position. Patrick brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from his role with ACT that will help him continue MN FCCLA’s legacy of excellence into the future,” said Shane Vogt, Chair of the MN FCCLA Board of Directors. “His proven experience as an outstanding leader in the non-profit community and his strong communication skills were key qualities we sought in the new Executive Director. Patrick truly impressed the Board of Directors with his commitment and passion for empowering others and bringing people together.”

As the Program Director at ACT, Mitchell oversaw the planning, finances, and execution of over 40 projects statewide. He created and managed a service member program, leveraging thousands of volunteer hours a year and designed a Self-Advocacy Academy trainers’ orientation, tapping into person-centered thinking practices, the human rights approach to disability services, and other best practices.

In addition to his eight years of employment with ACT, Mitchell also had worked for two years as an AmeriCorps VISTA Leader with the Phillips Family Foundation. His strong background of experience in the non-profit sector stood out during the search process.

Mitchell holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Minnesota Duluth, a Master’s in Public and Non-profit Administration from Metropolitan State University and has completed the MBA for Non-Profit Organizations Executive Program at the University of St. Thomas.

Mitchell will follow Wendy Ambrose who held the Minnesota FCCLA Executive Director role for the past 36 years.