



## NEWS RELEASE

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### NEBRASKA FBLA NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS NAMED

More than 280 Nebraska students and advisers recently attended the Future Business Leaders of America National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, CA.

Nebraska FBLA members competed June 27-30 in more than 60 competitive events. More than 8,500 FBLA members from 50 states, territories and international chapters attended the conference.

Brent Comstock from Auburn High School concluded his term as a national officer where he served as vice president of the nine-state Mountain Plains Region.

Alex Raun of Minden High School was selected to sing the national anthem at the opening session.

Nebraska's Top Ten award winners are:

#### First Place

- Meghan Schildt and Aaron Steckly of Milford High School, Digital Design and Promotion
- Trevor Sorensen of Minden High School, Future Business Leader

#### Second Place

- Megan Goesch of West Boyd High School, Database Design and Applications
- Sally Moore of Fillmore Central High School, Future Business Leader
- Bryant Grimminger of Raymond Central High School, Impromptu Speaking
- Cody McCain of Tri County High School, Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure
- Amy Chen of Gibbon High School, Dylan Steinkruger of Minden High School, Julia Oestman of Johnson-Brock High School and Mason Holmes of Chase County High School, Parliamentary Procedure

#### Third Place

- Beth Koca of Fillmore Central High School, Accounting II
- Michael Forsman of Aurora High School, Desktop Application Programming
- Sydney Stadler of Minden High School, E-business
- Alex Raun of Minden High School, Electronic Career Portfolio
- Katie Ruth of Adams Central High School, Public Speaking I
- Gary Ritnour and Jordan Steffen of Elmwood-Murdock High School, Web Site Design

#### Fourth Place

- Allison Braun of Heartland High School, Business Law
- Eve Vanderneck of Heartland High School, Word Processing I

#### Fifth Place

- Trevor Lockman and Lindsay Oehlerking of Elmwood-Murdock High School, Partnership with Business

#### Sixth Place

- Abby Cerveny of Aurora High School, Client Service
- Lauren Bowman, Cody Brown and Tyler Jones of Elmwood-Murdock High School, Emerging Business Issues

**Seventh Place**

- Zach Goltz, Elizabeth Sanderson and Danielle Titus of Aurora High School, Business Ethics

**Eighth Place**

- Ashli Soukup of Meridian High School, Computer Applications

**Ninth Place**

- Cole Ashby, Emily Braun and Seth Fosket of Aurora High School, Entrepreneurship
- Annebelle Abisset and Margo Wilwerding of Westside High School, Marketing

**Tenth Place**

- Samantha Teten of Johnson-Brock High School, FBLA Principles and Procedures
- Eric Le and Elizabeth Peterson of Lincoln Southwest High School, Global Business
- Justin Aaberg of Stanton High School, Hospitality Management
- Paul Weber of Cedar Bluffs High School, Technology Concepts
- Rebekah Larson of Heartland High School, Word Processing I

**The following students were Top 15 Finalists:**

- Akshay Rajagopal and Kevin Jia of Lincoln East High School, Banking and Financial Systems
- Callie Hensel, Miranda Keeler and Sam Scamfer of Bellevue East High School, Community Service Project
- Maggie Grosshans and Alex Schneider of Aurora High School, Digital Video Production
- Myan Bhoopalam and Tianye Chen of Lincoln East High School, Global Business
- Curtis Karel of Johnson-Brock High School, Help Desk
- Elizabeth Milliken, Grant Siekman and Tyler Stansberry of Bennington High School, Marketing
- Bill Spilker of Tri County High School, Web Site Design

**Other national awards included:****LifeSmarts Pilot Event**

- Trevor Koger and Blake Bracht of Arlington High School, sixth place

**National Business Achievement Awards – America Level (top award in this four-level program)**

- Jake Albracht of Arlington High School
- Julie Slama of Auburn High School
- Tate Jensen of Dundy County Stratton High School
- Collin Sears of Kearney High School
- Trevor Sorensen of Minden High School
- Taylor Marten of Sandhills High School
- Kalee Fike of Sandy Creek High School
- Kaitlyn Watermeier of Syracuse High School
- Jared Knust and Bill Spilker of Tri County High School

**Mountain Plains Region Business Achievement Award Scholarship**

- Collin Sears of Kearney High School

**National Recognition Event Winners**

- Sally Moore of Fillmore Central High School and Brent Comstock of Auburn High School, Who's Who in FBLA
- Julie Jensen of Aurora High School, Nebraska Outstanding Chapter Adviser

**Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit**

- Arlington High School
- Aurora High School
- Bellevue West High School
- Blair High School
- Centura High School

- Chadron High School
- Dundy County Stratton High School
- Elmwood-Murdock High School
- Fillmore Central High School
- Gibbon High School
- Johnson-Brock High School
- Kearney High School
- Lakeview High School
- Litchfield High School
- Lyons-Decatur High School
- Minden High School
- Raymond Central High School
- Sandhills High School
- Syracuse High School
- Tri County High School
- Twin River High School

**Outstanding Chapter Award**

- Blair High School
- Dundy County Stratton High School
- Fillmore Central High School
- Elmwood-Murdock High School
- Johnson-Brock High School
- Kearney High School
- Raymond Central High School