



## NEWS RELEASE

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# NEBRASKA RECOGNIZES STATE FBLA AWARD WINNERS

The Nebraska Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) recently named students who won state competitive events at the 52<sup>nd</sup> annual State Leadership Conference in Omaha.

More than 2,400 students and advisers from 135 Nebraska schools attended the conference with students competing in more than 60 chapter, team and individual events. Students placing first, second or third in the competitive events will compete at the national conference in Nashville, Tennessee, June 29-July 2.

### **The 2014-2015 Nebraska FBLA State Officers are:**

Cody McCain of Tri County High School, president  
Trevor Lockman of Elmwood-Murdock High School, vice president  
Aly Faber of Aurora High School, secretary  
AnnaLee Christensen of Syracuse High School, treasurer  
Brittany Blaser of Lakeview High School, Columbus, reporter  
Trevor Koger of Arlington High School, parliamentarian

### **Outstanding Local Chapter Adviser**

Susan Wellman, Syracuse High School

### **Nebraska FBLA National Businessperson of the Year**

Kari Fluckey of Eaton Corporation, Hastings

### **Nebraska FBLA Business of the Year**

Stock Seed Farms, Murdock

### **Members receiving first, second and third place awards are:**

#### **Accounting I**

First place: Grant Moles of Johnson County Central High School  
Second place: Austin Barry of Bishop Neumann High School  
Third place: Alex Meier of Adams Central High School

#### **Accounting II**

First place: Colton Siebert of Heartland High School  
Second place: Allison Braun of Heartland High School  
Third place: Tyler Brown of Heartland High School

#### **Agribusiness**

First place: Marcus Fox of Dundy County Stratton High School  
Second place: Nicole Aschoff of Norfolk Catholic High School  
Third place: Samantha Teten of Johnson-Brock High School

#### **American Enterprise Project**

First place: Elmwood-Murdock High School  
Second place: Arlington High School  
Third place: Fairbury High School

#### **Banking and Financial Systems**

First place: Elizabeth Peterson, Eric Le, Jacob Shiers of Lincoln Southwest High School  
Second place: Catie Theiler, Holly Krueger, Trevor Koger of Arlington High School  
Third place: Seth Woods, Tate Jensen of Dundy County Stratton High School

#### **Business Calculations**

First place: Elizabeth Peterson of Lincoln Southwest High School  
Second place: Akshay Rajagopal of Lincoln East High School  
Third place: Nicholas Eichelberger of Fillmore Central High School

#### **Business Communication**

First place: Tony Blaser of Lakeview High School, Columbus  
Second place: Brandon Warren of Lincoln Southeast High School  
Third place: Marcus Fox of Dundy County Stratton High School

#### **Business Ethics**

First place: Laura Nelms, Tate Jensen of Dundy County Stratton High School  
Second place: Alex Schneider, Ashtyne Nachtigal, Caleb Oswald of Aurora High School  
Third place: Marissa Scholting, Naomi Snyder, Natalie Elwood of Elmwood-Murdock High School

#### **Business Financial Plan**

First place: Brooklyn Westenburg, Erin Bohling, Samantha Teten of Johnson-Brock High School  
Second place: Michaela Mapes of Omaha Westside High School  
Third place: Ashli Soukup, Blair Hofstetter, Ricky Nunez of Meridian High School, Daykin

#### **Business Law**

First place: Blake Bracht of Arlington High School  
Second place: Jacob Blank of Gretna High School  
Third place: Evann Vrana of Wahoo High School

#### **Business Math**

First place: Nicole Kent of Dundy County Stratton High School  
Second place: Bo Wullenwaber of Bennington High School  
Third place: Kaitlyn Oppliger of Blair High School

#### **Business Plan**

First place: Amzie Dunekacke, Erin Bohling, Julia Oestmann of Johnson-Brock High School  
Second place: Jessica Swantek, Jessica Wieck, Samantha Wattier of Twin River High School  
Third place: Kyle Schwisow, Lupe Dimas, Miranda Johnson of Meridian High School, Daykin

#### **Business Presentation**

First place: Austin Conn, Claire Vanness, Leanna Rosberg of Wausa High School  
Second place: Nicole Carbajal, Samantha Teten, Shawna Newman at Johnson-Brock High School  
Third place: Bethany Janzen, Jack Ziska, McClain Narber of Aurora High School

#### **Business Procedures**

First place: Joshua McDowell of Harvard High School  
Second place: Griffin York of Southern Valley High School  
Third place: Colton Siebert of Heartland High School

#### **Client Service**

First place: Trevor Koger of Arlington High School  
Second place: Miranda Keeler of Bellevue East High School  
Third place: Brandt Sunneberg of Aurora High School

#### **Community Service Project**

First place: Twin River High School  
Second place: Dundy County Stratton High School  
Third place: Raymond Central High School

#### **Computer Applications**

First place: Erin Finley of Wilber-Clatonia High School  
Second place: Leslie Braun of Heartland High School  
Third place: Caston Stack of Chadron High School

#### **Computer Game and Simulation Programming**

First place: Nathan Alpaugh, Nathaniel Dreher, Tyler Weis of Lincoln North Star High School  
Second place: Alex Nielsen, Dylan Steinkruger, Lee Landrum of Minden High School  
Third place: Bryan Gomez-Cabrera, Jacob Fischbach of Grand Island Senior High School

#### **Computer Problem Solving**

First place: Brandon Warren of Lincoln Southeast High School  
Second place: Myan Bhoopalam of Lincoln East High School  
Third place: Caston Stack of Chadron High School

#### **Cyber Security**

First place: Matthew Kernen of Concordia High School, Omaha  
Second place: Paul Weber of Cedar Bluffs High School  
Third place: Jaedin Switzer of Sandy Creek High School

#### **Database Design and Applications**

First place: Andy Theiler of Arlington High School  
Second place: Kyle Kruse of Cedar Bluffs High School  
Third place: Maddy Roumph of Cedar Bluffs High School

#### **Desktop Application Programming**

First place: Josh Jones of Bellevue East High School

#### **Desktop Publishing**

First place: Makenna Wallin of Chase County High School  
Second place: Kylie Wiegert, Trevor McQuay of Wausa High School  
Third place: John Willey, Kyle Bogatz of Elmwood-Murdock High School

#### **Digital Design and Promotion**

First place: Lauryl Schumacher, Morgan Kumm of Wausa High School  
Second place: Ciera Magill, Erin Gross of Tekamah-Herman High School

Third place: Carter Albers, Scott Hedglen of Bellevue East High School

### **Digital Video Production**

First place: Jacob Allen, Kami Timm, Matt Jensen of Arlington High School

Second place: Briana Walling, Hannah Smith, Marti Ita of Elmwood-Murdock High School

Third place: Brittany Wolfgram, Haley Granquist, Madison Metheny of Laurel-Concord Coleridge High School

### **E-business**

First place: Jared Crouse, Marcus Fox of Dundy County Stratton High School

Second place: Carlie Bauer, Madisyn Ayres, Mariah Miller of Minden High School

Third place: Hanna Justesen, Kyle Bogatz, Zach Dwyer of Elmwood-Murdock High School

### **Economics**

First place: Jennifer Russell of Waverly High School

Second place: Akshay Rajagopal of Lincoln East High School

Third place: Myan Bhoopalam of Lincoln East High School

### **Electronic Career Portfolio**

First place: Colton Allen of Aurora High School

Second place: Ashlee Fish of Centennial High School

Third place: Kelsey Bohling of Johnson-Brock High School

### **Emerging Business Issues**

First place: Austin Barry, Dana Meduna, Nate Jurgensmeier of Bishop Neumann High School

Second place: Amzie Dunekacke, Samantha Teten, Shawna Newman of Johnson-Brock High School

Third place: Brenna Backemeyer, Hanna Justesen, Trevor Lockman of Elmwood-Murdock High School

### **Entrepreneurship**

First place: Shelby Lewis, Myranda Sheldon, Austin Van Velson of Seward High School

Second place: Allison Braun, Cody Kroeker, Colton Siebert of Heartland High School

Third place: Amzie Dunekacke, Kelsey Bohling, Nicole Carbajal of Johnson-Brock High School

### **FBLA Principles and Procedures**

First place: Abi Sheen of Kearney High School

Second place: Serena Mueller of Waverly High School

Third place: Jessica Bohling of Johnson-Brock High School

### **Future Business Leader**

First place: Shelby Burr of Syracuse High School

Second place: Janae Urban of Wahoo High School

Third place: Kelsey Bohling of Johnson-Brock High School

### **Global Business**

First place: Alicia Zeng, Elliot Sandfort, Ojus Jain of Lincoln East High School

Second place: Liz Uebele, Samantha Fruh, Eric Le of Lincoln Southwest High School

Third place: Caitlin Goin, Elizabeth Peterson, Jacob Shiers of Lincoln Southwest High School

### **Health Care Administration**

First place: Breanna Jacobitz of Adams Central High School

Second place: Jocelyn Daubendiek of Elkhorn High School

Third place: Thanh Vo of Lincoln Southwest High School

### **Help Desk**

First place: Matt Frasier of Platteview High School

Second place: Lindsay Reifert of Norfolk Catholic High School

Third place: Eloy Erives of Grand Island Senior High School

### **Hospitality Management**

First place: Adrienne Cavill, Tianna Engen of Kearney High School

Second place: Nicole Kent, Angela Crouse, Tommy Waters of Dundy County Stratton High School

Third place: Michael Purcell, Melissa Bausch, Erika Hunzeker of Johnson County Central High School

### **Impromptu Speaking**

First place: Suzanne Polzkill of Lincoln Southwest High School

Second place: Megan Goesch of West Boyd High School

Third place: Teresa Statsny of Omaha Central High School

### **Insurance and Risk Management**

First place: Julie Slama, Auburn High School

Second place: Paul Weber, Cedar Bluffs High School

Third place: Evann Vrana, Wahoo High School

### **Introduction to Business**

First place: Bryce Frey of Neligh-Oakdale High School

Second place: Leslie Braun of Heartland High School

Third place: Cody Wullenwaber of Bennington High School

### **Introduction to Business Communication**

First place: Rose Wehrman of Kenesaw High School

Second place: Mikayla Brady of Malcolm High School

Third place: Ethan Hall of Heartland High School

### **Introduction to Information Technology**

First place: Hundter Biede of Adams Central High School

Second place: Jaedin Switzer of Sandy Creek High School

Third place: Mason Goodman of Blair High School

### **Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure**

First place: Heather Bentley of Amherst High School

Second place: Paige Kristensen of Minden High School

Third place: Olivia Maras of Blair High School

### **Job Interview**

First place: Julie Slama of Auburn High School

Second place: Suzanne Polzkill of Lincoln Southwest High School

Third place: Dylan Steinkruger of Minden High School

### **Keyboarding Knowledge**

First place: Courtney Nelson of Twin River High School

Second place: Greg Schukei of Sandhills High School

Third place: Justin Brockhaus of Scotus Catholic High School, Columbus

### **Local Chapter Annual Business Report**

First place: Raymond Central High School

Second place: Arlington High School

Third place: Elmwood-Murdock High School

### **Management Decision Making**

First place: Akshay Rajagopal, Tianye Chen of Lincoln East High School

Second place: Alex Kramer, Jacob Blank, Jeff Glassburner of Gretna High School

Third place: Madison Westlake, Blake Bracht, Catie Theiler of Arlington High School

### **Management Information Systems**

First place: Josh Jones, Andrew Godwin, Blaine Johnson of Bellevue East High School

Second place: Brandon Keffer, Dillon Whitmarsh, Kami Timm of Arlington High School

Third place: River Towne, Jared Frenzel, Elijah Kennedy of Auburn High School

### **Marketing**

First place: Matt Frasier, Haley Benedict, Morgan Kulm of Platteview High School

Second place: Michaela Mapes, Margo Wilwerding of Omaha Westside High School

Third place: Alessandra Canetta, Bailey Carr, Tyler Brown of Heartland High School

### **Network Design**

First place: Eyobe Mills, Brandon Warren, Michelle Krzycki of Lincoln Southeast High School

Second place: Tristan Attebery, Cody Rieken of Johnson County Central High School

Third place: Andrew Koubek, Jack Nelson, Ricardo Jaurez of Grand Island Senior High School

### **Networking Concepts**

First place: Ricardo Jaurez of Grand Island Senior High School

Second place: Devin Duren of Grand Island Senior High School

Third place: Keven Feng of Lincoln Southwest High School

### **Parliamentary Procedure National Team**

First place: Julie Slama of Auburn High School

Second place: Dylan Steinkruger of Minden High School

Third place: Cody McCain of Tri County High School

Fourth place: Abi Sheen of Kearney High School

### **Parliamentary Procedure Team**

First place: Alex Nielsen, Austin Johnson, Dylan Steinkruger, Paige Kristensen of Minden High School

Second place: Abi Sheen, Isaac Liberman, Sarah McTygue, Zayne Kinkade of Kearney High School

Third place: Julia Oestmann, Kendra Alberts, Samantha Teten, Shawna Newman of Johnson-Brock High School

### **Partnership with Business Project**

First place: Bellevue East High School

Second place: Elmwood-Murdock High School

Third place: Syracuse High School

### **Personal Finance**

First place: Elizabeth Peterson of Lincoln Southwest High School

Second place: Paul Weber of Cedar Bluffs High School

Third place: Michelle Krzycki of Lincoln Southeast High School

### **Proofreading**

First place: Raven Leal of Yutan High School

Second place: Mikayla Brady of Malcolm High School

Third place: Emily Guinn of Roncalli Catholic High School, Omaha

### **Public Service Announcement**

First place: Jonathon Johnson of Minden High School

Second place: Kara Zimmerman, Callie Zeorian, Lindsay Mills of Elmwood-Murdock High School

Third place: Shawna Newman, Amzie Dunekacke, Kendra Alberts of Johnson-Brock High School

### **Public Speaking I**

First place: Ojus Jain of Lincoln East High School

Second place: Joe Taylor of Cambridge High School

Third place: Paige Wergin of Aurora High School

### **Public Speaking II**

First place: Morgan Kumm of Wausa High School

Second place: Emma Beal of Malcolm High School

Third place: Katie Ruth of Adams Central High School

### **Spelling**

First place: Grant Moles of Johnson County Central High School

Second place: Olivia Holley of Raymond Central High School

Third place: Brittany Stewart of Johnson-Brock High School

### **Sports and Entertainment Management**

First place: Caleb Goeken, Tommie Brechbill of Stanton High School

Second place: Blake Bracht, Dillon O'Flaherty, Trevor Koger of Arlington High School

Third place: Alex Kramer, Jeff Glassburner, Alex Kramer of Gretna High School

### **Spreadsheet Applications**

First place: Kyle Schwisow of Meridian High School, Daykin

Second place: Marissa Brandl of Norfolk High School

Third place: Alyssa Miller of Lawrence-Nelson High School

### **Website Design**

First place: Kirstin Callaway, Daniel Goudie, Mitchell Rust of Elmwood-Murdock High School

Second place: Dusty Runner, Calvin Wineland of Cambridge High School

Third place: Morgan Cardwell, Jadyn Eckstrom of Waverly High School

### **Who's Who**

First place: Trevor Koger of Arlington High School

### **Word Processing**

First place: Allison Braun of Heartland High School

Second place: Benjamin Zwiener of Twin River High School

Third place: Kaitlyn Quiring of Heartland High School

### **Other Nebraska FBLA state award recognitions include:**

#### **Outstanding Chapter Reporter**

Amanda Niles of Sargent High School

#### **Delta Pi Epsilon Leadership Awards**

12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Julie Slama, Auburn High School

11<sup>th</sup> Grade – Trevor Koger, Arlington High School

10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Marti Ita, Elmwood-Murdock High School

9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Jenna Meyer, Elmwood-Murdock High School

8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Rachel Kraemer, Arlington High School

7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Emma Stahlecker, West Boyd Public School

#### **Scholarship Recipients**

- \$100 Phi Beta Lambda Scholarship: Julie Slama of Auburn High School
- \$500 Anthony Blum Business Scholarship sponsored by The Blum Family: Julie Slama of Auburn High School
- \$500 FBLA Scholarship sponsored by Gallup: Calen Griffin of Chase County High School

### **March of Dimes Mission Triangle Excellence Award**

Bellevue East High School  
Lincoln Southwest High School  
West Boyd High School

### **National Business Achievement Awards, Leader Level**

Haley Orada of Bellevue East High School  
Whitney Aman of Blair High School  
Calen Griffin of Chase County High School  
Cade Duvel, Nicole Kent of Dundy County Stratton High School  
Trevor Lockman of Elmwood-Murdock High School  
Adrienne Cavill of Kearney High School  
Brittany Blaser, Chase Gronenthal of Lakeview High School, Columbus  
Abby Kile of Lawrence-Nelson High School  
Myan Bhoopalam of Lincoln East High School  
Elizabeth Peterson, Samantha Fruh of Lincoln Southwest High School  
Rachel Shackelford of Sandy Creek High School  
Chloe Hartman, Josie Parr of Silver Lake High School  
Cody McCain of Tri County High School  
Jessica Wieck of Twin River High School  
Megan Goesch of West Boyd High School

### **Adviser Service Recognition Awards**

30 years: Jan Went of Lakeview High School, Columbus  
25 years: Lisa Hanson of Neligh-Oakdale High School  
20 years: Shawna Koger of Arlington High School, Pat Hinkle of Bellevue West High School  
15 years: Juli Murphy of Ainsworth High School, Kathy Gladem of Boone Central High School, Kathy Soukup of Meridian High School, Dawn Friedrich of Wausa High School, Annette Rasmussen of Wayne High School  
10 years: Karla Rohde of Amherst High School, Laurel Kreifels of Malcolm High School, Kim Nelson of Newcastle High School, Karla Renn of Omaha South High School  
5 years: Shawn McIlroy of Bennington High School, Jon Critser of Cedar Bluffs, Steve Selk of Elkhorn South High School, Beth Wolfe of Humphrey St. Francis High School, Tom Dickey of Omaha North High School, Sydney Kobza of Omaha Westside High School

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