



NEWS RELEASE

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NEBRASKA FBLA RECOGNIZES STATE AWARD WINNERS

The Nebraska Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) recently named students who won state competitive events at the 53rd annual State Leadership Conference in Omaha.

More than 2,500 students and advisers from 135 Nebraska schools attended the conference with students competing in more than 70 chapter, team and individual events. Students placing first, second or third in the competitive events qualified to compete at the national conference in Chicago, Illinois, June 29-July 2.

The 2015-2016 Nebraska FBLA State Officers are:

Nicole Kent of Dundy County Stratton High School, president
John Willey of Elmwood-Murdock High School, vice president
Samantha Young of Syracuse High School, secretary
Ojus Jain of Lincoln East High School, treasurer
Claire Redinger of Shelton High School, reporter
Abi Sheen of Kearney High School, parliamentarian

Outstanding Local Chapter Adviser

Jane Blum of Minden High School

Nebraska FBLA National Businessperson of the Year

Mr. Kelly Lammers of the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance, Lincoln

Nebraska FBLA Business of the Year

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium

LifeSmarts National Qualifying Team

Trevor Koger and Blake Bracht of Arlington High School

Members receiving first, second and third place awards are:

Accounting I

First place: Ethan Hall of Heartland High School
Second place: Leslie Braun of Heartland High School
Third place: Brooke Bonifas of Adams Central High School

Accounting II

First place: Bryce Frey of Neligh-Oakdale High School
Second place: Colton Siebert of Heartland High School
Third place: Jordan Burns of Wausa High School

Agribusiness

First place: Joel Keim of Lincoln East High School
Second place: Melissa Newkirk of Omaha Burke 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: Twin River High School

Banking and Financial Systems

First place: Michaela Mapes and Samuel Stevenson of Omaha Westside High School
Second place: Catie Theiler, Kami Timm, Trevor Koger of Arlington High School
Third place: Eric Le and Jacob Shiers of Lincoln Southwest High School

Business Calculations

First place: Trevor Mckeown of Norfolk High School
Second place: Matthew Kernen of Concordia High School
Third place: Breanna Jacobitz of Adams Central High School

Business Communication

First place: Brandon Warren of Lincoln Southeast High School
Second place: Rachel Shackelford of Sandy Creek High School
Third place: Allie Johnson of Chadron High School

Business Ethics

First place: Brenna Backemeyer, Trevor Lockman, Callie Zeorian of Elmwood-Murdock High School
Second place: Jenna Oberhauser, Spencer Van Buskirk, Benjamin Zwiener of Twin River High School
Third place: Nikita Estrada and Abigail Thomas of Auburn High School

Business Financial Plan

First place: Tim Graves, Michaela Mapes, Samuel Stevenson of Omaha Westside High School
Second place: Jessica Bohling, Makayla Damme, William Speckman of Johnson-Brock High School
Third place: Andrea Neill and Alyson Smock of Cozad High School

Business Law

First place: Blake Bracht of Arlington High School
Second place: Jackson Grasz of Concordia High School
Third place: Nathen Varner of Bishop Neumann High School

Business Math

First place: Jae Hyun Lim of Lincoln Southwest High School

Second place: Jack Arens of Ainsworth High School
Third place: Keenan Allen of Lincoln East High School

Business Plan

First place: Scott Riley, Samantha Teten, Brooklyn Westenburg of Johnson-Brock High School
Second place: Walker Fisher, Chase Parker, Jeb Vavak of Ashland-Greenwood High School
Third place: Courtney Carlson and Logan Teten of Syracuse High School

Business Presentation

First place: Journee Trimble and Shayla Mandl of Stanton High School
Second place: Tori Claussen, Sam Hennings, Claire Vanness of Wausa High School
Third place: Kendra Alberts, Jessica Bohling, Brooklyn Westenburg of Johnson-Brock High School

Business Procedures

First place: Colton Siebert of Heartland High School
Second place: Grant Moles of Johnson County Central High School
Third place: Mason Goodman of Blair High School

Client Service

First place: John Alfs of Shickley High School
Second place: Trey Cox of Aurora High School
Third place: Emily Zakaras of Elmwood-Murdock High School

Community Service Project

First place: Fillmore Central High School
Second place: Bellevue West High School
Third place: Elmwood-Murdock High School

Computer Applications

First place: Braxtyn DeGolyer of Syracuse High School
Second place: Samantha Young of Syracuse High School
Third place: Leslie Braun of Heartland High School

Computer Game and Simulation Programming

First place: Andrew Godwin, Blaine Johnson, Josh Jones of Bellevue East High School
Second place: Treyton Carey, Ryan Earl, Donovan Smith of Grand Island High School
Third place: Nathan Alpaugh and Meyer Kluch of Lincoln North Star High School

Computer Problem Solving

First place: Mitch Mead of Grand Island High School
Second place: Brandon Warren of Lincoln Southeast High School
Third place: Allen Junker of Blair High School

Cyber Security

First place: Zach Brown of Bellevue East High School
Second place: Nate Brown of Bellevue East High School
Third place: Mitch Mead of Grand Island High School

Database Design and Applications

First place: Gabriela Montanez of Gibbon High School
Second place: Ashli Soukup of Meridian High School

Third place: Rachel Kraemer of Arlington High School

Desktop Application Programming

First place: Jared Frenzel of Auburn High School

Second place: Zach Brown of Bellevue East High School

Third place: Joe Taylor of Cambridge High School

Desktop Publishing

First place: Mary Johnson and Jessah Molina of Wausa High School

Second place: Claire Kuenne and Makenna Wallin of Chase County High School

Third place: Camryn Dick and Haley Huebert of Heartland High School

Digital Design and Promotion

First place: Anisha Jones and Vanessa Steckly of Milford High School

Second place: Hannah Jackson, Paige McCaslin, Jennifer Russell of Waverly High School

Third place: Whitney Koehn, Carlie Kuhlman, Sheridan Spohr of Elmwood-Murdock High School

Digital Video Production

First place: Clark Bunger, Marshall Jelden, Megan Jelden of Wilcox-Hildreth High School

Second place: Kendra Alberts, Trayven Boellstorff, Alissa Gerdes of Johnson-Brock High School

Third place: Karsteen Heeren, Erin McCready, Jade Spady of Adams Central High School

E-business

First place: Carter Albers, Scott Hedglen, Josh Jones of Bellevue East High School

Second place: Brodie Besler and Joe Taylor of Cambridge High School

Third place: Marcus Fox and Cole Lutz of Dundy County Stratton High School

Economics

First place: Colton Siebert of Heartland High School

Second place: Melissa Newkirk of Omaha Burke High School

Third place: Tommie Brechbill of Stanton High School

Electronic Career Portfolio

First place: Samantha Teten of Johnson-Brock High School

Second place: Trevor Koger of Arlington High School

Third place: Josh Jones of Bellevue East High School

Emerging Business Issues

First place: Krissy Bell, Allison Penner, Alex Schneider of Aurora High School

Second place: Aaron Halvorsen, Mariah McWilliams, Mitchell McWilliams of Syracuse High School

Third place: Natalie Elwood, Mirissa Scholting, Naomi Snyder of Elmwood-Murdock High School

Entrepreneurship

First place: Brenna Backemeyer and Trevor Lockman of Elmwood-Murdock High School

Second place: Austin Harms, Bradie Schmidt, Christopher Smith of Arlington High School

Third place: Jessica Swantek and Jeffery Vanderhart of Twin River High School

FBLA Principles and Procedures

First place: Riley Knust of Tri County High School

Second place: Jackie Alexander of Bellevue West High School

Third place: Reagan Petersen of Syracuse High School

Future Business Leader

First place: Brenna Backemeyer of Elmwood-Murdock High School

Second place: Emily Pawoll of Tekamah-Herman High School

Third place: Samantha Teten of Johnson-Brock High School

Global Business

First place: Tim Graves, Michaela Mapes, Samuel Stevenson of Omaha Westside High School

Second place: Myan Bhoopalam, Alan Lee, Henry Molnar of Lincoln East High School

Third place: Camryn Dick, Haley Huebert, Owen Wurst of Heartland High School

Health Care Administration

First place: Joceyln Daubendiek of Elkhorn High School

Second place: Jaden Moore of Norfolk High School

Third place: Janet Ahlers of West Boyd High School

Help Desk

First place: Connor Cross of Laurel-Concord Coleridge High School

Second place: Damia Hill of Grand Island High School

Third place: Kylie Doupnik of Harvard High School

Hospitality Management

First place: Qismat Niazi and Autash Parvanehgohar of Lincoln Southwest High School

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

Third place: Arsal Aktar, Tim Joe, Cody Wullenwaber of Bennington High School

Impromptu Speaking

First place: Jack Arens of Ainsworth High School

Second place: Elija Kennedy of Auburn High School

Third place: Eric Le of Lincoln Southwest High School

Insurance and Risk Management

First place: Michael Musgrove of Chase County High School

Second place: Sam Klammer of Adams Central High School

Third place: Karsten Schuetze of West Point-Beemer High School

Introduction to Business

First place: Braydon Conell of York High School

Second place: Brett Petersen of Blair High School

Third place: Shruti Mishra of Lincoln East High School

Introduction to Business Communication

First place: Ryan Range of Twin River High School

Second place: Mikayla Brady of Malcolm High School

Third place: Jae Hyun Lim of Lincoln Southwest High School

Introduction to Information Technology

First place: Hundter Biede of Adams Central High School

Second place: Hunter Guru of Lincoln East High School

Third place: Felix Cui of Lincoln East High School

Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure

First place: Abbey Borgman of Silver Lake High School

Second place: Brett Petersen of Blair High School

Third place: Connor Sears of Kearney High School

Job Interview

First place: AnnaLee Christensen of Syracuse High School

Second place: Trevor Lockman of Elmwood-Murdock High School

Third place: Nathen Varner of Bishop Neumann High School

Keyboarding Knowledge

First place: Hunter Hawk of Chadron High School

Second place: Nikki Hiner of Columbus Scotus Catholic High School

Third place: Cole Tessendorf of Columbus Lakeview High School

Local Chapter Annual Business Report

First place: Elmwood-Murdock High School

Second place: Blair High School

Third place: Fillmore Central High School

Management Decision Making

First place: Tim Graves, Michaela Mapes, Samuel Stevenson of Omaha Westside High School

Second place: Blake Bracht, Bradie Schmidt, Natalie Schmidt of Arlington High School

Third place: Adrienne Cavill and Tianna Engen of Kearney High School

Management Information Systems

First place: Nate Brown, Zach Brown, Josh Jones of Bellevue East High School

Second place: Mitch Mead, Sofia Montelongo, Donovan Smith of Grand Island High School

Third place: Thomas Kinman, Adam Lehechka, Chandler Rainforth of Grand Island High School

Marketing

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

Second place: Tim Graves, Michaela Mapes, Samuel Stevenson of Omaha Westside High School

Third place: Jackson Grasz, Clay Hemphill, Evan Henderson of Concordia High School

Mobile Application Development

First place: Edmon Adams of Omaha Westside High School

Second place: Jarrett Dittmer, Jaedin Switzer, Garrett Uecker of Sandy Creek High School

Third place: Owen Bridges and Sydney Wilson of Minden High School

Microsoft Office Specialist – Word

First place: Darci Hoffmaster of Cozad High School

Second place: Nathan Lemmer of Cozad High School

Third place: Samantha Crick of Cozad High School

Network Design

First place: Nate Brown, Zach Brown, Josh Jones of Bellevue East High School

Second place: Ryan Earl, Ricardo Jaurez, Mitch Mead of Grand Island High School

Third place: Devin Duren, Thomas Kinman, Austin Shroder of Grand Island High School

Networking Concepts

First place: Brandon Warren of Lincoln Southeast High School

Second place: Devin Duren of Grand Island High School

Third place: Jaedin Switzer of Sandy Creek High School

Parliamentary Procedure National Team

First place: Abi Sheen of Kearney High School

Second place: Cody McCain of Tri County High School

Third place: Heather Bentley of Amherst High School

Fourth place: Mia Kegley of Kearney High School

Parliamentary Procedure Team

First place: Mia Kegley, Sarah McTygue, Abi Sheen, Colten White of Kearney High School

Second place: Blake Brown, Aubrey High, Gabriela Montanez, Laura Mozqueda of Gibbon High School

Third place: Jessica Goodwin, Riley Knust, Cody McCain, William Stokebrand of Tri County High School

Partnership with Business Project

First place: Bellevue East High School

Second place: Elmwood-Murdock High School

Third place: Bellevue West High School

Personal Finance

First place: Scott Riley of Johnson-Brock High School

Second place: Haley Huebert of Heartland High School

Third place: Eric Le of Lincoln Southwest High School

Proofreading

First place: Serena Mueller of Waverly High School

Second place: Clinton Lowe of Norris High School

Third place: Braydon Conell of York High School

Public Service Announcement

First place: Jameson Bennett, John Stubbendick, Samantha Young of Syracuse High School

Second place: Taylor McHugh of Omaha Marian High School

Third place: Danielle Gilliland, Megan Muller, Alejandra Orona of Wakefield High School

Public Speaking I

First place: Ojus Jain of Lincoln East High School

Second place: Cole Tessendorf of Columbus Lakeview High School

Third place: Ellen Dexter of Raymond Central High School

Public Speaking II

First place: Rachel Shadley of Columbus Lakeview High School

Second place: Alyssa Ehlers of Adams Central High School

Third place: Ashtyn Cooper of Elmwood-Murdock High School

Sales Presentation

First place: Alyssa Faber of Aurora High School

Second place: Josh Lampe of Omaha Roncalli Catholic High School

Third place: Connor Cross of Laurel-Concord Coleridge High School

Securities and Investments

First place: Scott Riley of Johnson-Brock High School

Second place: Eric Le of Lincoln Southwest High School

Third place: Blake Bracht of Arlington High School

Spelling

First place: Brittany Stewart of Johnson-Brock High School

Second place: Jae Hyun Lim of Lincoln Southwest High School

Third place: Greta Welch of Chadron High School

Sports and Entertainment Management

First place: Trevor Koger, Catie Theiler, Kami Timm of Arlington High School

Second place: Matt Jensen, Brandon Keffer, Blake Bracht of Arlington High School

Third place: Sally Brechbill, Tommie Brechbill, Ashley Colwell of Stanton High School

Spreadsheet Applications

First place: Blair Hofstetter of Meridian High School

Second place: Tiffany Schweer of Sandy Creek High School

Third place: Jordan Burns of Wausa High School

Website Design

First place: Lisa Oswald of Aurora High School

Second place: Jennifer Garcia, Claire Redinger, Jake Senff of Shelton High School

Third place: Hundter Biede and Jade Spady of Adams Central High School

Who's Who

Trevor Koger of Arlington High School

Word Processing

First place: Emma Bjork of Syracuse High School

Second place: Ashli Soukup of Meridian High School

Third place: Kaitlyn Quiring of Heartland High School

Other Nebraska FBLA state award recognitions include:

Outstanding Chapter Reporter

Claire Redinger of Shelton High School

Delta Pi Epsilon Leadership Awards

12th Grade – Trevor Koger of Arlington High School

11th Grade – MaKenna Schuck of Harvard High School

10th Grade – John Willey of Elmwood-Murdock High School

9th Grade – Rachel Kraemer of Arlington High School

8th Grade – Emma Stahlecker of West Boyd Public School

7th Grade – Joseph Hiatt of West Boyd Public School

Scholarship Recipients

- \$100 Phi Beta Lambda Scholarship: Joshua Jones of Bellevue East High School and Trevor Koger of Arlington High School
- FBLA \$500 Scholarships: Cody McCain of Tri County High School and Melissa Newkirk of Omaha Burke High School

March of Dimes Mission Triangle Excellence Award

Cozad High School
Sargent High School

March of Dimes Fundraising Award

1st – North Bend Central High School
2nd – Aurora High School
3rd – Twin River High School

National Business Achievement Awards, Leader Level

- Blake Bracht and Brad Ernesti of Arlington High School
- Claire Schulte and Melanie Slama of Auburn High School
- Lauren Wiegand of Bellevue West High School
- Brenna Backemeyer and Marti Ita of Elmwood-Murdock High School
- Becca Laub of Northwest High School in Grand Island
- Tianna Engen and Abi Sheen of Kearney High School
- Taylor McHugh of Omaha Marian High School
- Makaley Marshalek and Brooke Orcutt of Raymond Central High School
- Samantha Young of Syracuse High School
- William Stokebrand of Tri County High School
- Brandon Broussard of Weeping Water High School
- Travis Grafe-Cline and Jacob Meeske of Weeping Water High School

Adviser Service Recognition Awards

30 years: Kathy Dobesh of Litchfield High School
20 years: Patti Salyard of Columbus Scotus High School, Nick Jarzynka of Elkhorn High School, Ron Long of Sumner-Eddyville-Miller High School
15 years: Julie Jensen of Aurora High School, Jennifer Coe of Crete High School, Lisa Bohling of Diller-Odell High School, Sylvia Smith of Johnson-Brock High School, Shari Schlichtemeier of Ogallala High School, Barb Shanahan of Wahoo High School
10 years: Kelli Teahon of Cozad High School, Patti Layher of Platteview High School, Karma Yantzie of Shickley High School
5 years: Amber Dutcher of Ashland-Greenwood High School, Doug Nibbe of Cambridge High School, Craig Barjenbruch of Centennial High School, Patty Sukup of Ewing High School, Dave Shrader of Gretna High School, Lindsay Tillinghast of Lincoln Southeast High School, Trish Braithwait of Madison High School, Greg Oxley of Omaha Burke High School, Cindy Klepper of Overton High School, Jan Osborn of Sargent High School, Rachel Isherwood of Shelby-Rising City High School, Jamie Taylor of Thedford High School, Tara Bohaboj of Waverly High School and Becca Moore of Wood River High School.

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