



## NEWS RELEASE

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# NEBRASKA CAREER EDUCATION STUDENTS RECOGNIZED

More than a hundred Nebraska Career Education students were recently recognized for national awards they received earlier this year.

Lt. Gov. Mike Foley and Nebraska Education Commissioner Matt Blomstedt recognized the Nebraska Career Education students who received first, second, third place or finalist awards during national leadership and skills competition held by their respective Career Student Organizations.

The students were recognized during a ceremony at the Nebraska State Capitol Rotunda. The following students are members of DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, Educators Rising, FFA, HOSA, PBL and SkillsUSA. These organizations are part of the Center for Student Leadership at the Nebraska Department of Education.

### DECA Award Winners:

- Jordan Johnson, Leah Kalkwarf and Corbin Miller of Millard South High School
- Jenna Schroeder of Plattsmouth High School
- Sam McQuistan of Scottsbluff High School
- Rebecca Brenner of Gering High School
- Katie Gaul and Riya Keyes of Millard North High School
- Cyrus Khandalavala and Max Slosberg of Westside High School

DECA is an international organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management.

### FBLA Award Winners:

- Kamryn Timm, Trevor Koger and Catie Theiler of Arlington High School
- Eric Le and Jacob Shiers of Southwest High School
- Mia Kegley of Kearney High School
- Heather Bentley of Amhurst High School
- Cody McCain and Riley Knust of Tri County High School
- Josh Jones, Nate Brown and Zach Brown of Bellevue East High School
- Paige Nelson, Madeline Hall and Cristian Perdomo of Bellevue West High School
- Kristin Bell, Allison Penner and Alex Schneider of Aurora High School
- Kaitlyn Quiring and Colton Siebert of Heartland Community High School
- Brenna Backemeyer of Elmwood-Murdock High School

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) provides innovative leadership and career development programs for students interested in business administration, management, finance and information technology careers.

### FCCLA Award Winners:

- Katelyn Stewart of Crofton High School

- Taryn Goodban of Waverly High School
- Sheldon Johnsen of Medicine Valley High School
- Addy Vinton, Liddy Vinton, Mallory Baum, Allison Kramer and Emily Kramer of Mullen High School
- Allison Bauer, Lauren Moes, Taylor Moes, Anna Hoffman, Sydney Hubbard and Aubrey Worthing of Elm Creek High School
- Tristen Sell of Pierce High School
- Katie Patton and Rachel Hartgerink of Milford High School
- Mia Kegley of Kearney High School
- Chyenne Burrell and Jamie Koenig of Chambers High School
- Kaylee Brandenburg and Eva Ortiz of Cozad High School
- Emma Krysl of O’Neill High School

FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) is a national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and addresses important personal, family, work and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences.

**Educators Rising Award Winners:**

- Cassie Kenedy, Lauren Kirshenbaum, Steph Mattas and Hannah Robison of Omaha Burke High School

Educators Rising is an international student organization dedicated to supporting young people interested in education-related careers.

**FFA Award Winners:**

- Logan Peters of Pender High School
- Bryce Wilshusen of High Plains Community Schools
- Jocelyn Sukup of Creighton High School
- Brandon Funk of Elgin High School
- Ryan Schroeder of Wisner-Pilger High School
- Benjamin Rice of Norris High School
- Renae Sieck of Crete High School
- Marketing Team of Imperial High School
- Agronomy Team of Eustis-Farnam High School
- Model of Innovation Team of Plainview High School
- Model of Innovation Team of Franklin High School
- Model of Innovation Team of Humphrey High School

FFA is an organization of agricultural education students preparing for careers in agriculture, food and natural resources.

**HOSA Award Winners:**

- Aryana Kamelian, Annie Nguyen and Monica Angeletti of Lincoln Southwest High School
- Shane Asher of Creighton High School

HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) is an instructional program that prepares students for health care careers.

**Phi Beta Lambda Award Winners:**

- Ashley Quiring and Shannon Ronhovde of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Preston Sunneberg, Taylor Zillig, Kesha Beethe, Kenny Bias, Marshall Klontz and Hope Harsh of Peru State College
- Grant Moore and Whitney Goeman of McCook Community College
- Stacy Manson, Lisa Poppe, Taylor Ziegler and Arista Nowicki of Doane College
- Jocelyn Johnson of Midland University

Phi Beta Lambda is the collegiate division of the FBLA-PBL association, which prepares members for careers in business or business-related occupations.

**SkillsUSA Award Winners:**

- Dan Riha, Joshua Hall, Eric Karels, Brian Vodvarka, Jared Wilson, Susanna Meng-Frecker, Joshua Roberts, Lauren Abell and Roland Massow II of Metropolitan Community College-Omaha
- Nadezdha Hughes, Taylor Kramer, Katei Hunt, Sydney McGahan, Abbie Kring, Hallie Malsbury and Breanna Patterson of North Platte High School
- Alexa Bruick and Evan Mettenbrink of Seward High School
- Tommy Tran and Adolfo Diaz of Hastings High School
- Austin Henry of Gretna High School
- Christian Weeks of Papillion-La Vista South High School
- John Shaw and Levi Thomlison of Southeast Community College -Lincoln

SkillsUSA is a national organization serving high school and college students who are enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled and service occupations, including health occupations and tech prep.