



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **NEBRASKA FBLA RECOGNIZES STATE AWARD WINNERS**

The Nebraska Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) state competitive events were held at the 55<sup>th</sup> annual State Leadership Conference in Omaha on April 6-7.

More than 2,200 students and advisers from 140 Nebraska schools attended the conference with more than 71 chapter, team and individual events. Students placing first, second or third in the competitive events qualified to compete at the national conference in Anaheim, California, June 29-July 2.

### **The 2017-2018 Nebraska FBLA State Officers are:**

D.J. Hardwick of Dundy County Stratton High School, president

Abigail Thomas of Auburn High School, vice president

Alek Timm of Arlington High School, secretary

Ashley Stewart of Lincoln Southwest High School, treasurer

Allison Sheen of Kearney High School, parliamentarian

### **Outstanding Local Chapter Adviser**

Tennille Allison of Kearney High School

**Nebraska FBLA National Businessperson of the Year**

Mrs. Jennifer Davidson, President of Nebraska Council of Economic Education, Lincoln NE

**Nebraska FBLA Business of the Year**

Beardmore Chevrolet and Subaru of Bellevue, NE

**LifeSmarts National Qualifying Team**

Jacob Sorensen and Thomas Simonson of Blair FBLA

**Virtual Business Management Challenge National Qualifying Team**

Preston Stuhr and Garrett Richters of Centennial FBLA

**Members and chapters receiving first, second and third place awards are:****3-D Animation**

1. West Point-Beemer Boell and Jahnke
2. Elise Frook, Fillmore Central

**Accounting I**

1. Hundter Biede, Adams Central
2. Josiah Clements, Elmwood-Murdock
3. Jordan Rhyner, Omaha Westside

**Accounting II**

1. Lisa Oswald, Aurora
2. Lauren Leapley, Gretna
3. Mitchell McWilliams, Syracuse

**Advertising**

1. Reginald Wright, Bellevue West
2. Ashley Clegg, Lincoln East
3. Kyla Jackson, Bellevue West

**Agribusiness**

1. Luke Bigelow, Lincoln East
2. Jarrod Blaser, Columbus Lakeview
3. Braden Hadwiger, Pleasanton

**American Enterprise Project**

1. Twin River
2. Bellevue East
3. Fairbury

**Banking and Financial Systems**

1. Lincoln East Team Guru\_Mishra\_Zhu
2. Lincoln Southeast Team Fujan\_Rownd\_Warren
3. Elmwood-Murdock Team Clements\_Willey

**Business Calculations**

1. Keenan Allen, Lincoln East
2. Brett Petersen, Blair
3. Lauren Leapley, Gretna

**Business Communication**

1. Annie Jia, Lincoln East
2. Drew Minard, Southwest
3. Emily Flint, Broken Bow

**Business Ethics**

1. Ashland-Greenwood
2. Aurora
3. Lincoln East

**Business Financial Plan**

1. Johnson-Brock
2. Shickley
3. Meridian

**Business Law**

1. Analiese Wiedenbeck, Waverly
2. Marcus Kennedy, Norris
3. Braydon Conell, York

**Business Plan**

1. Johnson-Brock
2. Syracuse
3. Lincoln Southeast

**Client Service**

1. Karissa Jacobsen, Bellevue East
2. Blaike Sunneberg, Aurora
3. Grace Althouse, Elmwood-Murdock

**Coding and Programming**

1. Grand Island Career Pathways Institute

**Community Service Project**

1. Dundy County Stratton
2. Elmwood-Murdock
3. Bellevue West

**Computer Applications**

1. Emma Bjork, Syracuse
2. Derek Drake, Broken Bow
3. Meredith Clark, Syracuse

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

1. Lincoln Southeast Bernt – Stark
2. Grand Island Career Pathways Morris – Gonzales-Olmedo – Luis
3. Bellevue East Rutledge – Patrick

### **Computer Problem Solving**

1. Chris Galusha, Seward
2. Jesse Lin, Lincoln East
3. Josh Sherman, Seward

### **Cyber Security**

1. Jesse Lin, Lincoln East
2. Sam Curry, Elkhorn High
3. Nick Rutledge, Bellevue East

### **Database Design and Applications**

1. Ben Nannen, Syracuse
2. Matteo Antunez, Syracuse
3. Ethan Ries, Ord

### **Digital Video Production**

1. Johnson-Brock
2. Gretna
3. Lyons-Decatur Northeast

### **E-business**

1. Stanton
2. Dundy County Stratton
3. Johnson-Brock

### **Economics**

1. Brent Lucke, Grand Island Northwest
2. Ojus Jain, Lincoln East
3. Shruti Mishra, Lincoln East

### **Electronic Career Portfolio**

1. Alyssa Noble, Chadron
2. Emily Flint, Broken Bow
3. Alyssa Rippe, Syracuse

### **Emerging Business Issues**

1. Aurora
2. Auburn
3. Bellevue West

### **Entrepreneurship**

1. Kearney ENP 1 Kegley\_Sheen
2. Blair ENP 1 Garder\_Swenson\_Lashier
3. Kenesaw ENP 1 Beal\_Weiler

**FBLA Principles and Procedures**

1. Emily Kraemer, Arlington
2. Garrett Schliep, Waverly
3. Analiese Wiedenbeck, Waverly

**Future Business Leader**

1. Veronica Miller, Crete
2. Keenan Allen, Lincoln East
3. Luke Bogus, Columbus High

**Global Business**

1. Lincoln East Team Zhu\_Mishra\_Lin
2. Grand Island Northwest Team Bhatt\_Fredricks
3. Lincoln East Team Guru\_Sharma\_Bigelow

**Graphic Design**

1. Johnson-Brock
2. Chadron
3. Bellevue West

**Health Care Administration**

1. Nate Wheeler, Norris
2. Lexa Rauert, York
3. Corbin Johnson, Chadron

**Help Desk**

1. Mitchell Fisher, GI Career Pathways Institute
2. Jack Hansen-Reed, Bellevue East
3. Blake Beran, GI Career Pathways Institute

**Hospitality Management**

1. Lincoln Southwest Team Wegener\_Niven\_Stewart
2. Chadron Team Welch\_Waugh\_Gardner
3. Kearney Team Sheen\_Kegley

**Impromptu Speaking**

1. Rebecca Hiatt, West Boyd
2. Chris Duron, Bellevue East
3. Scott Wright, Boone Central

**Insurance and Risk Management**

1. Thomas Simonson, Blair
2. Akshay Sharma, Lincoln East
3. Matthew Fredricks, Grand Island Northwest

**Introduction to Business**

1. Jackson Stebbing, Heartland
2. Odessa Ohrt, Heartland
3. Ellie Foral, Bellevue East

**Introduction to Business Communication**

1. Bonita Naughtin, Sutherland
2. Scott Wright, Boone Central
3. Halle Pribyl, Meridian

**Introduction to Business Presentation**

1. Aurora
2. Wausa
3. Bellevue East

#### **Introduction to Business Procedures**

1. Mackenzie Hagemester, Arlington
2. Hayden Ernst, Elmwood-Murdock
3. Filo Habib, Waverly

#### **Introduction to Financial Math**

1. Alix Cui, Lincoln East
2. Jack Yelden, Seward
3. Macy Baldwin, Centura

#### **Introduction to Information Technology**

1. Harish Yerra, Kearney
2. Ethan Reinsch, Fillmore Central
3. Ryan Lairmore, Sterling

#### **Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure**

1. Sebastian Boelhower, Adams Central
2. Amanda Gyhra, Raymond Central
3. Jaidyn Spoon, Arlington

#### **Job Interview**

1. Audrey Lausterer, Bellevue West
2. Hannah Nelson, Wausa
3. Terese Navarra, Bellevue West

#### **Journalism**

1. Jesse Lin, Lincoln East
2. Kyle Kruse, Cedar Bluffs
3. Serena Mueller, Waverly

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

1. Columbus Lakeview
2. Blair
3. Dundy County Stratton

#### **Management Decision Making**

1. Lincoln East Team Bigelow\_Jia\_Mishra
2. Lincoln Southeast Team Warren\_Fujan
3. Omaha Westside Team Lund\_White

#### **Management Information Systems**

1. GI Career Pathways Institute Team Regalado Aguilera\_Fisher\_Gonzalez-Olmedo
2. Seward Team Kuss\_Galusha\_Sherman
3. Bellevue East Team Johnson\_Rutledge Hansen-Reed

#### **Marketing**

1. Heartland Team Braun\_Hall
2. Lincoln East Team Jia\_Clegg\_Zhu
3. Bellevue West Team Alvarado\_Burns\_Levine

#### **Microsoft Office Specialist – Excel**

1. Matteo Antunez, Syracuse
2. Cooper Sheets, Ord
3. Kim Frey, Elkhorn Valley

#### **Microsoft Office Specialist – Word**

1. Ian White, Raymond Central
2. Cooper Sheets, Ord
3. Cole Hughes, West Point-Beemer

#### **Middle Level – Business Communication**

1. Gabby Kissell, Sargent
2. Cooper Sheets, Ord
3. Halle Pribyl, Meridian

#### **Middle Level – Career Exploration**

1. Josephine Ivy, Norris
2. Skylar Shanahan, Cedar Bluffs
3. Joshua Kersch, West Boyd

#### **Middle Level – Keyboarding Applications II**

1. Millie Mitchell, Arlington
2. Elayna Holcomb, Centura
3. Charlie Hendry, Arlington

#### **Mobile Application Development**

1. Fillmore Central
2. Omaha Westside
3. West Point-Beemer

#### **Network Design**

1. Bellevue East Team Hansen-Reed\_Patrick\_Rutledge
2. Seward Team Kuss\_Sherman\_Galusha
3. Lincoln East Team Guru\_Lin

#### **Networking Concepts**

1. Josh Sherman, Seward
2. Enrique Regalado Aguilera, GI Career Pathways Institute
3. Nick Rutledge, Bellevue East

#### **Organizational Leadership**

1. Stephanie Lund, Omaha Westside
2. Deanna Montanez-Mendoza, Grand Island Northwest
3. Sam Pratt, Omaha Burke

#### **Parliamentary Procedure**

1. Allison Sheen, Kearney
2. Hundter Biede, Adams Central
3. Mia Kegley, Kearney
4. Riley Knust, Tri County

#### **Parliamentary Procedure Teams**

1. Kearney
2. Fillmore Central
3. Wilber-Clatonia

#### **Partnership with Business Project**

1. Arlington

2. Bellevue West
3. Elmwood-Murdock

#### **Personal Finance**

1. Dylan Thayer, Blair
2. Brittany Quiring, Heartland
3. Drew Minard, Southwest

#### **Public Service Announcement**

1. Bellevue West
2. Dorchester
3. Platteview

#### **Public Speaking I**

1. Grace McDonald, Centura
2. Makenna Johannsen, Bellevue East
3. Jessie Freeland, Dundy County Stratton

#### **Public Speaking II**

1. Luc Bloomquist, Wausa
2. Joe Werner, Bellevue East
3. Kenessa Copeland, Sutherland

#### **Publication Design**

1. Wausa
2. Centura
3. Columbus Lakeview

#### **Sales Presentation**

1. Lisa Oswald, Aurora
2. Cole Tessendorf, Columbus Lakeview
3. Whitney Koehn, Elmwood-Murdock

#### **Securities and Investments**

1. Akshay Sharma, Lincoln East
2. Jacob Reinwald, Lincoln High
3. Justin Peterson, Fairbury

#### **Social Media Campaign**

1. Aurora
2. Bellevue East
3. Wausa

#### **Sports and Entertainment Management**

1. Bellevue East Team Hansen-Reed\_Matt-Walther
2. Arlington Team Kraemer\_Timm
3. Amherst Team Adelung\_Klingelhoefner\_Pearson

#### **Spreadsheet Applications**

1. Meredith Clark, Syracuse
2. Reagan Petersen, Syracuse
3. Courtney Nelson, Twin River

#### **Website Design**

1. Adams Central
2. Syracuse
3. Raymond Central



## **Word Processing**

1. Gaige Hegge, Wausa
2. Karlie Cerveny, Wilber-Clatonia
3. Leslie Braun, Heartland

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

### **Outstanding Chapter Reporter**

Grace McDonald of Centura High School

### **Scholarship Recipients**

- \$100 Phi Beta Lambda Scholarship: Skylar Halsted from Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools
- FBLA/Gallup \$500 Scholarships: Luc Bloomquist of Wausa and Bryan Manzer of Osmond

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

Lincoln Southwest High School

### **March of Dimes Fundraising Award**

1<sup>st</sup> – Lincoln Southwest High School

2<sup>nd</sup> – Bellevue West High School

3<sup>rd</sup> – Aurora High School

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

- Nate Kiolbasa and Sierra Richey of Adams Central High School
- Amanda Chappelle of Arlington High School
- Brett Petersen and Jacob Sorensen of Blair High School
- Blair Stuthman, Halla Paschold, and Sydney Loseke of Columbus Lakeview High School
- Claire Holling and Jessilyn Coe of Crete High School
- Jacee Weber of Dorchester High School
- Becky Earnest, Emily Jones, and Payton Zarkowski of Dundy County Stratton High School
- Stephanie Babella of Fillmore Central High School
- Devin Uitts of Gretna High School

- Mia Kegley of Kearney High School
- Alyssa Bennett and Cole Meyer of Lincoln Northeast High School
- Courtney Potter and Madison Stover of Raymond Central High School
- Calista Shanle, Gabi Wieck, Madison Ternus, and Ryan Range of Twin River High School
- Elizabeth Kubicek and Michael Pulliam of Wilber Clatonia High School

### **Adviser Service Recognition Awards**

40 years: Jim Marsh of Raymond Central High School

35 years: Sheila Walters of Conestoga High School

25 years: Dennis Krejci of Tri County High School

20 years: Janice Arent of Maywood High School and Tim Rossow of Newman Grove High School.

15 years: Lori Anderson-Stowe of Lincoln East High School, Brenda Budler of Chadron High School, and Teresa Starks of Platteview High School.

10 years: Oliver Bantam of Omaha Mercy High School, Maria Gillen of Mitchell High School, Lisa Harrington of Norris High School, Katie Mace of Lyons Decatur Northeast High School, and Deb Stroh of Gibbon High School

5 years: Lynn Blex of Cambridge High School, Scott Lamberty of York High School, Craig Panning of Omaha Marian High School, Laura Parks of Elkhorn Valley High School, Scott Trimble of Harvard High School.

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