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Upcoming Events!

October 3

Funtastic Day (Six Flags)

October 10

Funtastic Day (Worlds of Fun)

October 17

Funtastic Day (Silver Dollar City)

November 6-7

NFLC in Baltimore, MD

November 13-14

NFLC in Denver, CO

November 20-21

NFLC in Orlando, FL

Missouri Wins Big in Anaheim

First Place

Client Service: Ethan Colbert, Bowling Green High School

Word Processing I: Spencer Hoagland, Northeast Vernon County High School

Second Place

Management Information Systems: Chris Dunham, Sage Garretson, Andrew Trainor, Lees Summit North High School

Public Speaking I: McKensie Garber, Hale Public School R-1

Third Place

American Enterprise Project: Cassie Robinson, Jordan Taylor, Taylor Walters, Greenfield High School

Impromptu Speaking: Amanda Sasek, Moberly Area Vo-Tech

Word Processing I: Levi Eastin, North Mercer R-III School

Sixth Place

Computer Applications: Stacie Edgar, Parkview High School

Global Business: Henry Shull, Jacob Turner, Warrensburg Area Vocational

Partnership with Business Project: Alexis Bogenpohl, Megan Keesee, Jordan Thomas, Jackson High School

Seventh Place

Computer Problem Solving: Sean Haberberger, Washington High School

Eighth Place

Business Ethics: Taylor Dickneite, Caleb Kemna, Daneen Wilkerson, St. Elizabeth R-IV

Client Service: Valerie Speck, North Mercer R-III School

Personal Finance: Chanson Burns, Monroe City R-1 High School

Word Processing II: Alyssa Winkelman, Crystal City High School

Ninth Place

Digital Video Production: Kayla Crook, Alex Northup, Carl Junction High School

Tenth Place

Future Business Leader: Ben Salmon, Hermitage High School

Who's Who in FBLA

Caleb Harris, Jackson High School

Jacob Caughron, Grand River Technical School

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Simply the Best!

FBLA-PBL 2009-2010

Go Green Initiative

Looking for an exciting activity to start your chapter off to a great year? If so, the FBLA Go Green Initiative project is perfect for your chapter. The FBLA Go Green project was started last year as a way for members to learn about the growing field of "Green Business," and to challenge them to do their part in protecting our pristine Earth.

The project is set up in such a way that you can develop in great detail and design it in a way that is unique to your school and community. The national Go Green "Eco Chapter" project is in its second year. Your chapter may choose to use ideas from it and participate in it, but it is not a requirement. Remember, the Go Green Initiative is its own state service project this year. It will not be under the Environmental

Awareness category. The state officers have chosen the Go Green Initiative as their focus project for the 2009-2010 year, so the top five projects will be recognized at the State Leadership Conference in April!

The Go Green Initiative project is a great way to gain publicity for your chapter, recruit new members who might otherwise not join, serve your community, and expose your members to the growing concern for our environment and natural resources. Some of the activities

that chapters may choose from include: preparing posters, donating energy efficient light bulbs to senior citizens, organizing school and community clean-ups, planting trees, bringing in environmental or "green" speakers to local chapter meetings, or sponsoring a school-wide green assembly.

Ways YOUR Chapter can GO GREEN!

- Hang up signs around your school with Go Green tips
- Donate energy efficient light bulbs to a local nursing home
- Recycle old paper, homework assignments, or projects

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Send your news and pictures to your State Reporter!

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Meet the Officers

Ben Salmon



Missouri FBLA,

I have been truly blessed to be part of the premiere student-led business organization in the nation. Moreover, the most motivated and energetic state FBLA chapter! This year should be the best year yet in Missouri FBLA as we are "Simply the Best!" I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as I can and hearing all the wonderful things you do for our great organization.

Those of you who know me, know that I do keep busy. If it's not an FBLA event I'm attending, then I will be working with our FCA huddle as captain, my senior class as president, our FCCLA chapter as treasurer, or NHS as vice president. On the sports side, I run cross country and am hoping to repeat as an all-state runner this year. I love basketball and lead my team as the point guard, but my greatest passion (besides FBLA) is golf. Golf and more golf is my free-time choice every time—rain or shine, cold or hot. I am looking forward to playing golf on the collegiate level.

Family is very important to me. My little brother Jeff is an avid golfer with me, and we love shooting hoops together in our driveway. My 7th grade brother Jay is now a member of our newly formed middle level FBLA chapter; he'll be following in my footsteps one day! My older sisters Kari and Ryan are the beautiful people; they're my role models and my heroes. However, even more importantly, I am amazed by God Almighty. What He has done for me and you is just astounding. Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior, and He saves me every single day!

I would love to hear from all of you. You can contact me at bsalmon23@live.com or come find me on Facebook. Just remember, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 3:14)." See you at State in April!

Sincerely,

Ben Salmon

Missouri FBLA,

This has been an incredible experience for me! I am Matt Gualdoni, your Missouri State Vice President, thanking you for giving me the opportunity to represent a state organization that is over 15,000 members strong!

I didn't start my high school career in FBLA. Two of my friends convinced me to join and then backed out after I had already turned my form in. You could say my joining FBLA was an accident, but it has truly changed my life for the better. As I have had the privilege to grow and improve in FBLA, I have also gotten the chance to improve my own school's chapter by increasing its members to nearly double the size it was when I first joined! The rewards this organization has given me are endless.

Although it may not seem like it, my life is not entirely FBLA. I also am a starter on my school's Varsity Football Team, Vice President of my school's Key Club chapter, an active National Honor Society member, and starting to take interest in a few other clubs as well. When I am not working or overwhelmed with school work, you can find me with anywhere from a few close friends to a large group trying to find something to pass the time in my small home town of Saint Charles.

This Vice Presidency has been an unbelievable experience for me. I am loving everything put before me and working with such motivation, probably because it is not hard to get motivated to work for the best chapter in the country. I encourage you all to contact me, whether you shoot me an email or add me on facebook. Have fun this year, Missouri FBLA, and see you in Columbia!

Sincerely,

Matt Gualdoni



Matt Gualdoni

Looking for New Ideas?

This year, Oran High School conducted their annual Scavenger Hunt. The Scavenger hunt is used for recruitment. Everyone at our school enjoys participating in the event. During the Scavenger Hunt, we split the members or potential members up into separate groups. Each group gets a camera, a team number, and a list of objects or things to do/find to get a picture with. Every teammate is to be in the photo, along with the team's number, except the designated "camera man."

Try This One!

The groups are given a time limit to go out (on foot only-no cars), and find as many objects as they can and get pictures with them. The team that receives the most points receives a pizza party at school. After all the teams arrive back at the meeting place, sandwiches, chips, cookies, and soda are provided to all the people that participated in the Scavenger Hunt.



Students from Oran High School having fun during the Scavenger Hunt.

Missouri FBLA Polos

Need to order State Polos for YOUR school?

At long last, state polos are here! Order yours and have it shipped to you or delivered at SLC. One-half of the proceeds benefit the FBLA state scholarship funds. Support our state chapter and purchase a state polo now!

All polos are a royal blue and 50/50 cotton/poly soft jersey blend with the FBLA logo and word "Missouri" embroidered in red, white, and gold.

Order deadline is April 1 for SLC delivery

Available sizes

Adult Small - 3X

Cost

\$16 for S-XL
\$18 for 2X-3X

Order Information

Email orders to
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Checks should be made payable to Waynesville Career Center and mailed to:

Brittney James, FBLA State Treasurer, Waynesville Career Center, 400 GW Lane, Waynesville, MO 65583

Business Achievement Awards

The Business Achievement Awards (BAA) are an aggressive, self-directed, results-based business and leadership program designed to compliment academics while accelerating a student's leadership skills. The awards focus on the words surrounding the FBLA Crest: Service, Education, and Progress. There is a heavy emphasis on education with integrated classroom projects.

Future This award focuses on basic business skills, introduction to community service, and FBLA involvement at the local level. Pins will be sent to the local chapter adviser for presentation at a local awards ceremony or local FBLA event

Business This award focuses on local and district/regional and state involvement; intermediate business skills; and leadership in the community. Pins will be sent to the local chapter adviser for presentation at a local awards ceremony or local FBLA event.

Leaders This award focuses on local, district/regional, state, and national involvement; advanced business skills; and community leadership. Names of qualifying students and pins will be sent to the state chair/adviser to be presented at the state leadership conference, if desired.

America This award focuses on total association leadership, business skills, and involvement in community. Students qualifying for this award will receive pins at the National Leadership Conference.

Interested?

Find out more at www.fbla-pbl.org!

Officer Leadership Conference

The Officer Leadership Conference took place August 3rd through the 4th. The State Officer Team arrived on August 2nd and began planning the program of work for the upcoming year. The officers spent the day with Ryan Underwood and Amy Gallimore, who offered their help and advice. After a long day of hard work, it was time for the members to arrive.

On the morning of August 3rd, the members lined up to register for the conference. Immediately after registering, students were separated into two different rooms. One group spent the first couple of hours listening to and having fun with Ryan and the other group with Amy. During these workshops, students were given the

opportunity to meet new people from all over the state, partake in fun icebreakers, and most importantly, develop their leadership skills.

After the conference wound down for the day, many schools, such as Cassville, Wellsville-Middletown, and Crystal City, went out to eat or met up in the hotel lobby and planned their local chapter program of work for the upcoming year. There was also a dance held later that night for all members to attend.

The last day of the conference, workshops were held by each State Officer. Each workshop taught students more about the responsibilities of their individual offices. There were also other workshops held by former

State Reporter, Ethan Colbert, Cole Camp FBLA, and Paul Wright.

The conference, as always, was a success and many chapters went home with new, fresh ideas for their schools.



Wellsville-Middletown officers in the hotel lobby at the conference

Cassville FBLA Gets an Early Start

Cassville newly elected officers and members have been very busy over the summer and start of the school year. A school supply drive was held in August in order to collect the necessary supplies for needy children not only in Cassville, but for the surrounding towns as well. The extra donations from the drive were used to purchase backpacks for a program that sends home bags full of food over the weekends for children who can only afford to eat at school.

The FBLA member drive has started as well as the planning of the annual "Funtastic Day" which consists of a trip to Silver Dollar City for any member who wishes to attend. Additional activities being planned for the upcoming months include Spirit Couch ticket sales, Halloween Safety Day, American Enterprise Day, Spook Gram sales to raise money for Share your Christmas, and a trash pick-up day.

The 2009-2010 officer team consists of Emily Orrell, President; Cassie Reed, Vice President; Mandi Thomson, Secretary; Justin Mills, Treasurer; Gail Edie, Reporter; Abby Hanson, Historian; Marti Richmiller, Parliamentarian; and Matt Ritchie, Web Master. Cassville FBLA seniors Emily Orrell and Marti Richmiller also serve as District V Secretary and Parliamentarian, respectively. Cassville FBLA continues to prove the national theme of "Simply the Best" as it enters into the 2009-10 school year.



Hermitage Middle Level Begins

After years of contemplation, the Hermitage High School FBLA chapter and adviser jumped in with both feet and expanded their membership by creating a middle level chapter for seventh and eighth graders this year. Thirty-five students have signed up and have just completed their first fundraising effort with TJ's Pizza sales. Officers were recently installed by local and state president Ben Salmon, and business meetings are held after school. Nineteen members are excited to be attending Funtastic Days at

Worlds of Fun with their high school counterparts in October, and the chapter is looking forward to setting up community service projects and participating in the first-ever middle level State Leadership Conference in March at the Lake of the Ozarks.

**Interested in Starting
a Middle Level
Chapter?**

**Contact the State
Office or a State Officer!**

The new Hermitage middle level chapter officers include President, Hunter Semple; Vice President, Jay Salmon; Secretary, Missy Newman; Treasurer, Katie Parker; and Reporter, Jennifer Varnell. Their adviser (not shown) is business teacher Jill Salmon.