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FBLA: Breaking
Barriers!

Upcoming Events!

- October 31—Chiefs Game
- November 5-6—NFLC Des Moines, IA
- November 12-13—NFLC New Orleans, LA
- November 21—Chiefs Game
- November 21—Rams Game

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State Chapter Annual Business

Report

Meet Missouri's own North Central Region National Vice President



North Central Region
Vice President
Chris Dzurick

Greetings from the National Officer Team. I am Chris Dzurick, FBLA North Central Region Vice President. I would like to welcome you to the largest student business organization in the country!

The National Officer team has been hard at work finishing the program of work and beginning Operation: Breaking Barriers, a membership recruitment program.

We would like to encourage you to complete the Business Achievement Awards. These will strengthen you, providing leadership and community skills.

NFLCs are a great experience. From learning about community service to visiting businesses booths there is fun for everyone.

As campaigns open for offices in your

school and at the district, state, and national level, you should take advantage of the opportunity and run. The positions are a wonderful experience that will give you tons of professional networking.

Best of luck to you in the upcoming year. I look forward to hearing great things from the second largest state chapter in the state!

Officer Leadership Conference

The Officer Leadership Conference took place for the first time at the Lodge of the Four Seasons at Lake of the Ozarks August 2 and 3. The State Officers arrived a day early on August 1, to make plans for the upcoming year. The officers spent the day with Amy Gallimore and Jonie Terne, who offered their help and advice. After a very long and productive day, it was time for the rest of the members to arrive.



FBLA members learning and having fun at OLC

On the morning of August 2, members and advisers arrived and lined up to register for the conference. After a short greeting by the State President, Parker LiBraaten, members were divided by district into separate rooms. One group went with Amy, and the other with Jonie, to learn valuable leadership skills and meet new people from all over the state.

On the last day of the conference, work-

shops were held by each State Officer. These workshops taught members more about the individual responsibilities of their office. Other workshops were held by Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home, Otterville local chapter officers, and people with careers in healthcare.

The conference was a success and many chapters went home with new ideas and excitement for the new school year!

Institute for Leaders 2010

FBLA members from across the nation traveled to Nashville, Tennessee July 13-14 for the Institute for Leaders (IFL). Held in conjunction with the National Leadership Conference, this high-energy, intensive, two-day

seminar was a focused leadership experience for state and local chapter officers, as well as members and advisers. This training conference prepares student leaders and members to assume their elected responsibilities

and develop valuable life skills. This year's IFL was hosted by Tri-Leadership Team, who did an amazing job training the leaders of today and inspiring them to be leaders of tomorrow.



Downtown Nashville

Check Out These Chapters!

Jackson FBLA

FBLA is like a mullet, "Business in the front, party in the back!" This year the Jackson chapter of FBLA chose this theme for recruitment of new members into the chapter. In addition to the slogan/theme "Like a Mullet", the Jackson Chapter of FBLA chose other recruitment ideas including business class presentations where each of the officers take one or two

hours out of their school schedule to come and speak to business class students about the entertaining activities Jackson FBLA has in store for them. This year, the FBLA officer team worked together to make the presentation more interesting by including pictures from the previous year's activities, a list of the scholarship opportunities the chapter and FBLA have to

offer, and a "hot potato" game created by the president, Kathy Scienski, where students had to answer questions about the chapter if the ball landed in their hands when the music stopped. Chapter reporter, Emily Rodman said, "With the recruitment success this year, Jackson is excited for the future achievements and progress to be made."



Ray Hecht, Publicity Director, sporting a mullet for membership recruitment

Hannibal FBLA

To kick off the 2010-2011 FBLA year, members of Hannibal Career & Technical Center's FBLA met at Huckleberry Park in Hannibal, Missouri for a picnic. The students enjoyed fried chicken from KFC, and also partook in games and other activities. Officers received positive feedback from those who

attended the event. Wes Blankenship, chapter reporter said, "The picnic was a great way for the new members to meet their officers and for everyone to get to know each other." One of the new members, a sophomore, said, "The picnic was the event that got my attention about FBLA. One of my

friends, who is a member, invited me to go with her, and now I am a member too."

Chapter reporter, Wes Blankenship said, "Overall, the picnic was a success and the new members were able to get an idea about what FBLA is all about."



Hannibal FBLA Members

Maysville FBLA

Maysville R-1 FBLA hosted their annual Back to School Bash this year with a "Pit Party". On August 27, 2010 after the football game, FBLA members as well as students who wanted more information gathered in the pit for fun, games, music, food, and prizes. Information about what FBLA stands for and why

one should be involved in FBLA were discussed. After all the football game visitors left, water balloons were brought out and many students were soaked by the time the night was over!

The following Tuesday, a more formal meeting was held to sign students up, collect dues,

hand out schedules for the year, and turn in shirt sizes. Door prizes from the Pit Party were given out during this meeting.

Alyssa Adams, Chapter President said, "This is a great way to recruit new members and have a lot of fun!"

Crane FBLA



Crane's Stream Cleaning Team

This years Annual Crane Broiler Festival, that took place August 25th through the 28th was a great success. Along with the success came a large amount of trash accumulated throughout the Crane City Park and the Crane Creek. To exercise

our community service the Crane FBLA chapter organized a "Stream Cleaning Team" to clean the debris the day after the festival had ended. The chapter's "Stream Cleaning Team" included eight officers: Jennifer Williams, Erica Israel, Charlie Smith, Paige Edwards, Sara Palotto, Kiley Brown, Cody Lumpkin, Sydney Evans;

and five members: Maggie McMenamy, Alex Estes, Abby Youngblood, Danya Marchuchi, and Olivia Edwards. The group cleaned for approximately two miles of the creek. Chapter reporter, Charlie Smith said, "This project may not seem like much to many people but the environment will benefit from it greatly."

Elsberry FBLA

**Will Megl,
President,
Storm Davis,
Reporter/Historian,
Ryan Bencomo,
member, &
Natalie Copeland,
Vice President help
out with a local
job fair.**

What better way to serve a community during these hard economic times than with a Job Fair. On Thursday, September 16, 2010, Will Megl, Storm Davis, Ryan Bencomo, & Natalie Copeland, Elsberry FBLA members and officers, volunteered their time to help serve a local Job Fair for the residents of Elsberry.

This program which invited employers from three counties was sponsored by the EMERGE Foundation and the Elsberry Ministerial Alliance. The FBLA volun-

teers helped to set up, run errands, serve lunch, tear down and put away tables and chairs. They also had the opportunity to listen in on seminars on effective resume writing and

job search tips.

Chapter adviser, Judy Gomel said, "This was a great event for our town and the efforts of our gracious FBLA volunteers were greatly appreciated."



Cassville FBLA

During the month of July Cassville's FBLA Chapter, partnered with local churches to collect school supplies for needy children in the area. On August seventh the FBLA officers collected the sup-

plies at a designated drop off zone.

All donated supplies were given to OACAC and to Cassville Schools.

The backpacks that were donated were given to the

Cassville Primary Backpack Program.

The officer team from Cassville's FBLA would like to thank everyone who contributed to the school supply drive.



FBLA officers Wil LeCompte, Blake Baugher, and Emily Pry preparing the donated supplies to be taken to OACAC.

STATE OFFICER SPOTLIGHT



I am so privileged to be involved in Missouri FBLA again this year. Year after year all of you help support my opinion that Missouri FBLA is the best chapter in the nation. I am really hoping I can meet so many more of you members because I can always learn so much from you. I trust that we can make this another great year of FBLA.

Contrary to popular belief, I do have a life outside of FBLA. Student Council and National Honor Society are two of the clubs I am

active in. I am also fortunate enough to be on the Varsity basketball team again for the fourth year. I love to sing and listen to as much music as possible. I also enjoy acting and singing in the school's musicals. I have been able to compete at the state level in music and in math competitions. But I love to goof around, tell jokes, and juggle.

I look to my family for support, and am very close to my two sisters which I am stuck in between. My parents have always encouraged

me to do my best and give 100 percent. My faith is extremely important to me and I always look to the Lord for help and thank Him for the blessings He has so generously given me.

People sometimes look down upon us because of our age; they think our generation is hopeless. But we know better so let's forget about being leaders of the future and be leaders today. Work hard, think hard, pray hard.

See you at State,
Parker LiaBraaten

Missouri FBLA,

It's hard to believe the summer is over and the school year is already here. However, FBLA has been hard at work all summer, with NLC and OLC. I have already met quite a few of you, and look forward to meeting more members as the year progresses. I truly appreciate all of you who make FBLA what it is and who have given me this opportunity.

Aside from being a part of a 15,000 strong student organization in Missouri, I am involved in other school activities

as well. Aside from FBLA, a majority of my time is devoted to speech and debate activities. With what little time is left, I tutor freshmen through my participation in LINK Crew and have recently joined Key Club.

During the summer, you can find me lifeguarding at the city pool or working on the farms of either of my grandparents. Also during the summer I attended nationals for speech and debate and, of course, NLC. The rest of the time I enjoy spending with family.

Being your State Vice President is the opportunity of a lifetime for me. I look forward to serving all of you in the upcoming year. Even if I had not become the vice president, the other opportunities FBLA has afforded me have been truly priceless. In this upcoming year, I challenge all of you to break barriers by finding the opportunities FBLA has to offer each of you. If I don't meet you at one of the Funtastic Days, see you in Columbia!!!

Sincerely,
Brit Isbell



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Change a Child

John F. Kennedy said, "Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future." That is why the Missouri State Officer team chose "Change a Child" as this year's state project. The main goal of this project is to aid children who have been abused or neglected, or who are in need of financial assistance. Your chapter can participate by volunteering at a local children's home, like Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home near Columbia, collecting school supplies or clothes for children in your community, or donating money to an organization that benefits children in need. Change a Child is designed so that individual chapters can tailor their project to fit the needs of their community.

Chapters who participate in this program will be recognized at the State Leadership Conference next April in Columbia. Advisers will report their projects online at www.missourifbla.org under the project and award button. Don't hesitate to help the children in your community. Get with your chapter today and plan to participate in this year's state project, "Change a Child."

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Send in your local or district news with a picture to your State Reporter!

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