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### Upcoming Events!

- January 14-February 28—District Leadership Conferences
- February 6-12—FBLA-PBL Week
- February 15—Postmark deadline for FBLA State and National Dues
- February 20-26—National Entrepreneurship Week

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## National Fall Leadership Conference

The 2010 National Fall Leadership Conferences were not-to-be-missed opportunities for members to gear up for *Breaking Barriers!* Throughout November, conferences were held in Des Moines, Iowa; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Washington D.C.

The conference started off with a high energy opening session. Keynote speaker Alton Jamison opened all three conferences. His work is featured in two books, *Rekindling the Human Spirit* and *That's My Story and I'm Sticking To It*.

There were two days filled with workshops of all kinds. Members could choose workshops of many varieties. From "The Magic of Meeting New People" to "Take the Risk!" to "Turn My Swag On," members were sure to get a wide array of information.

For the remainder of the day, before the closing session, students could visit ex-

hibits, go sightseeing in the city, or visit with other FBLA members from across the nation.

The closing session of NFLC featured keynote speakers, Brenda Clark Hamilton in Des Moines, Shannon Pickard in New Orleans, and Richard Rowe in Washington D.C. Awards were also given out at the closing session. In New Orleans, Missouri FBLA was awarded for having the largest state delegation at the conference. The closing session was followed by the FBLA social event.

This year's National Fall Leadership Conference allowed members to show their dedication to leadership and start *Breaking Barriers!*

Des Moines,  
Iowa; one of the  
locations of the  
NFLC



## Funtastic Days

FBLA members from across the state journeyed to Six Flags, St. Louis on Saturday, October 2, 2010. The following week, on October 9, Missouri FBLA students also made their way to Worlds of Fun in Kansas City. The fun didn't stop there. The next week, on October 16, members set forth to Sil-

ver Dollar City in Branson. At Missouri FBLA's Funtastic Days, members enjoyed a day of rides and roller coasters with their fellow FBLA members from all over the state. It was Halloween at Worlds of Fun. Members experienced spooky decorations, scary Halloween characters, and haunted

houses. At Silver Dollar City, members got to experience the National Harvest Festival, which included early American craftsmen, music, and more. Whether FBLA members attended Six Flags, Worlds of Fun, or Silver Dollar City, it was a fun and exciting time for everyone!

## Check Out These Chapters!

### Northwest Technical School FBLA



Traci Shipps, Kindol Gregg, Maria Mercer, and Mary Beth Seipel at Camp Quality

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**-Mary Beth Seipel**

Each summer, the Camp Quality organization holds a week full of various activities for children who have been diagnosed with cancer. Among these activities are fishing contests, crafts, horseback riding, swimming, canoeing, talent shows, American Idol, and everyone’s favorite, Prom. Throughout this week, the last thing on each and every one of their minds is the illness they unfortunately suffer from.

During the week of Camp Quality, Northwest Technical School’s FBLA chapter had the opportunity to volunteer at what most of them found to be an inspi-

ration experience.

“While most of us had never had the honor of attending Camp Quality, it is now something that we cannot wait to help out with again next year,” said Mary Beth Seipel, Chapter Reporter. “When our FBLA group arrived, many of us were filled with anxiousness and enthusiasm in knowing that we could potentially change a child’s life forever.” Their first job for the evening was serving the children their dessert. “It was amazing to see just how bright the children’s faces lit up when they were handed that large bowl of ice cream covered in

every topping imaginable,” commented Mary Beth.

After having time to interact with the children attending Camp Quality, campers departed from the cafeteria to finish out their fun festivities for the evening. Northwest Tech’s FBLA chapter then proceeded to clean up the cafeteria.

Their FBLA chapter plans to make the trip to Camp Quality an annual event. All the members who helped said that their FBLA chapter hopes to extend helping hands to serve individuals around them in the near future.

### Midway FBLA



Midway students wearing their costumes for the March of Dimes

The halls of Midway High School were a bit spookier than normal on Friday, October 29, 2010. Students wore their Halloween costumes to school as a fundraiser for the March of Dimes, an organization dedicated to improving the health of babies by preventing birth

defects, premature birth and infant mortality. FBLA members promoted their fundraiser all week by hanging up signs and making announcements to remind students that if they donated \$2 to the March of Dimes, they could wear their Halloween costume to school. Twenty-six students participated and \$52 was raised for the March of Dimes. Prizes were

awarded to the scariest, funniest, most bizarre, most creative, and all-around best costumes. Chapter Secretary, Danielle Ackermann commented, “This was a pretty easy fundraiser, and we plan to keep raising money for the March of Dimes throughout the year. They are a great organization and we are glad to be able to make a contribution.”

## Oran FBLA

The Oran FBLA chapter hosted its annual Career Fair on October 28. Members invited local businesspersons to speak to the students about their careers. This year's fair included the following ten different career choices: family practitioner, photographer, videographer, fire fighter, Captain in the National Guard, architect, cosmetologist, orthodontist, and physical therapist.

The theme chosen for this year was "Pathway to your Future." The keynote speaker was John Gandt, Army National Guard Captain. He spoke to the students about the importance of education and how even though you may not use everything you learn in school, you are here to train yourself how to learn and cooperate as a citizen of the United States of America. Students and Faculty were

very impressed with his speech. Students attended the keynote opening, four sessions and a closing session. For the closing session, FBLA officers conducted an office Olympics. All who attended agreed that the Career Fair was a success. The Oran FBLA chapter will continue to have it throughout the years.



Oran's local officers preparing for the Career Fair

## Clinton FBLA

On October 16, the Clinton FBLA chapter held its second annual pancake breakfast. The pancake breakfast was successful in raising over \$3,000 for the chapter and was held at the community's local Rotary building.

The pancake breakfast is Clinton's lone fundraiser for the entire year. It takes a significant amount of money and planning to run

everything the chapter is involved in throughout the school year. Tickets were sold by all members before the breakfast for \$5 per ticket. Tickets could also be bought at the door for the same price. All profits from the breakfast went towards the chapter.

Members got to be in charge of the breakfast; doing everything from cooking the pancakes and

sausage, waiting tables, as well as serving the food. Over 400 people attended this year's breakfast, which was an increase from last year's turnout.

"We look forward to serving even more pancakes next year," stated sophomore officer Douglas Hutcherson.



Members, Katie and Felix, enjoy flipping pancakes for customers

## District 8 FBLA

District 8 FBLA welcomed MO FBLA State Treasurer, Ryan Gordon and North Central Region Vice President, Chris Dzurick to the FBLA District 8 Fall Leadership Conference on October 20<sup>th</sup> at Incredible Pizza. More than 650 members and advisers

attended the conference, which included workshops presented by Ryan and Chris on "What FBLA Can Do For You", a March of Dimes presentation, and "Creative Careers in Business and Marketing" presented by The Arts Institute.



Officers with NCRVP  
Chris Dzurick and  
State Treasurer Ryan Gordon

## Cassville FBLA



Pictured are some of the High School Students dancing at the Sock-Hop with the Kindergarteners.

Friday October 29 high school students from Cassville FBLA traveled to the Cassville Primary School and spoke to the kids about Halloween safety. The high school students dressed up in

Halloween costumes and went to all of the individual classes from the kindergarten to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. In the classrooms the FBLA members told jokes, gave out candy, and gave out the dos and don'ts of Halloween. After sharing the safety information to the primary students, the FBLA members were invited to stay for the kinder-

gartens' 50 day sock-hop. The High school students danced with the kids, and helped them with a number find. Chapter Reporter, Emily Pry said, "The kindergarten students were very excited and very appreciative that the high school students stayed to hang out with them."

## District 15 FBLA



The Jackson Ballerinas

decorated the track when Scott City FBLA hosted

An explosion of taffeta, random boys in short shorts, and black and red galore Camp Quality relay on October 3, 2010. Held annually as a District 15 joint venture, the relay event is designated as a fundraiser for Camp Quality, an organization that provides a summer camp experience for children with cancer. Chaffee High School won the "Participation Award" by bringing six teams. Jackson FBLA had three

teams to walk. Kelly High School brought two teams, and Oran had one team to participate.

The team from Jackson, "The Jackson Ballerinas" won the baton contest! Jackson FBLA also won hula hoop contest!

Scott City FBLA wants to thank all participants and advisers for attending this event.

## District Competition is approaching...

**District 1**-NWMSU: February 24, 2011

**District 2**-Lincoln University: February 11, 2011

**District 3**-Macon Co. R-1, Macon, MO February 7, 2011

**District 4**-TBD

**District 5**-TBD

**District 6**-Sturgeon High School: February 18, 2011

**District 7**-Hannibal LaGrange College: February 15, 2011

**District 8**-Chesterfield Mall: February 15, 2011

**District 9**-So Co Tech HS: February 9, 2011

**District 10**-Univ of Central MO: February 11, 2011

**District 11**-St. Elizabeth HS: February 21, 2011

**District 12**-Ste. Genevieve HS: January 29, 2011

**District 13**-First Baptist Church, Bolivar, MO: February 15, 2011

**District 14**-MSU-West Plains: February 18, 2011

**District 15**-SEMO-Cape Girardeau: February 15, 2011

**District 16**-Malden Comm. Center: February 18, 2011

**District 17**-TBD

**District 18**-TBD

**District 19**-Trenton NCMC: February 22, 2011

**District 20**-TRCC, Poplar Bluff: February 4, 2011

# STATE OFFICER SPOTLIGHT



**Missouri State Secretary,  
Lena Samford**

Future Business Leaders! I'm so happy about all of the new people I have met at the National Conference, OLC, and at Six Flags FBLA Funtastic Day! I hope you all enjoyed the great opportunities FBLA has provided you with, and continue to enjoy them throughout the year. I am learning so many new things as I go about my year as your FBLA State Secretary, and I am amazed and thankful for all it has to offer me. I truly believe that FBLA is our avenue to achieve bigger and better

things for ourselves, and that we need to take full advantage of it.

There are so many things that have taken their own part in my life. I am a high school cheerleader the sixth year in a row. I also play volleyball and softball. In addition to my main priority of FBLA, I am involved in other clubs such as FCCLA, Mu Alpha Theta, Art Club, and Honor Society. I love to go out with my friends to the movies, out to eat, and make the regular "loop" in my town. I think it's important to have as much fun

as possible while you can.

I have an amazing big sister who I look up to for everything in my life. She is my rock. I like to think of myself as someone who is oriented toward friendship and being dependable. I am here if anyone needs me, not only as your state secretary, but also as a real person here to be a rock for you, whatever your needs may be. Keep on breaking barriers!

I hope to see you all soon!

Lena Samford

Missouri FBLA, I have had an amazing time so far this year getting to know you and look forward to SLC. I cannot believe that we have grown to over 15,000 members. That is an incredible feat, and I am so happy to be a part of it.

I am deeply involved in FBLA, but my high school career did not start out that way. I joined my sophomore year after my friends had convinced me that it was clearly the best club in my school. I went to SLC, and placed in two events. When I saw the officers up on stage, I knew that was what I wanted to do. Junior year I was busy running for my

local chapter, District 3, and State Treasurer. Although it was difficult, it was one of the most amazing years of my life.

However, I am involved with more than just FBLA. I have served as a class officer in Student Council for four years. I started a new club at my high school this year called Interact, and I am currently serving as the founding President. I am also involved in Model U.N., Newspaper, and Key Club.

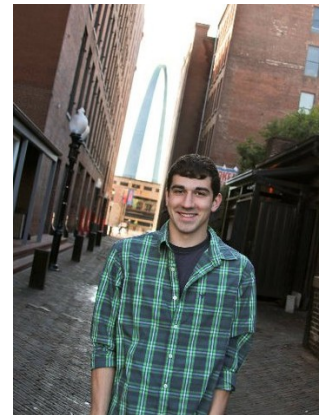
I have played golf for my school since my freshman year. If I am not installing officers, or at a meeting getting to know you, you can find me driving around

with friends or at the movie theater in my small hometown of Kirksville.

Being the State Treasurer has been a challenge and a honor. I am doing my best to help Missouri FBLA break barriers this year. Please contact me by email or Facebook, I hope to meet as many of you as possible, and I am always happy to come to visit your chapters. Thank you for all that you have given me. Believe it or not, Missouri FBLA has changed my life, and I hope it can do the same for you.

I am looking forward to seeing you at State!

Ryan Gordon



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# Change a Child Update

Need some ideas about how to get involved with this year's state project "Change a Child"? Check out what these chapters have done!

## Ft. Zumwalt South Holds Toy Drive

As part of the state project "Change a Child", the members of the Fort Zumwalt South FBLA chapter decided that they would collect used toys during November. These toys will then be recycled by being donated to the OASIS Food Pantry for distribution to the families with children.

One member commented, "We know that the toys,

games, books, movies and stuffed animals will be given to children as a great surprise on Christmas morning."

The members of the OASIS Food Pantry will double check to make sure that all of the toys are in working condition and have the batteries that they need to work.

## Potential Project!

For those of you looking for a fun and easy service project, this is the one for you.

Get together with a group of friends and a few boxes of Holiday cards. Spend some time decorating the cards and writing holiday greetings. Then send the cards to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or pick an organization of your choice.

St Jude Children's Research Hospital  
Attn Vilma Carnahan  
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Send in your local or district news with a picture to your State Reporter!

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