

THE QUARTERLY
STATE NEWSLETTER

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FACTS!

- Over 15,000 members state-wide. Making Missouri second largest state chapter.
- This is the year-Missouri FBLA's 50 Birthday!
- There are 20 Districts in the State of Missouri.
- There are over 400 active chapters in Missouri!

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One for the Record Books-

Missouri FBLA Members Win Big at National Competition

Missouri FBLA has long since set the standard when it comes to successful state chapters and we take great pride in that accomplishment. Members work hard each year to ensure that we continue to stay as a dominant force on the award stage. This year in Atlanta, Georgia at National Convention that dominance was on display as Missouri FBLA brought home seven state wide honors. Missouri FBLA was not quite finished yet, as members earned five first place finishes, two second place finishes, one third place finish, four fourth place finishes, three fifth place finishes, three sixth place finishes, five seventh place finishes, seven eighth place finishes, and two ninth place finishes. The Missouri State FBLA Officer team would like to extend our congratulations to the following members and chapters:

First Place:
Accounting II:
Cody Ford, *Schuyler*
Desktop Publishing:
Adrienne Brack, Emily Garnett,
Clinton Tech
Impromptu Speaking:
Kevin Satzinger, *Kickapoo*
Leadership:
Rex Ryan, *Wellington-Napoleon*
Word Processing I:
Taylor Ast, *NE Vernon County*
Second Place:
Business Ethics:
Omar Quershi, Lauren Saunders,
Monett
Business Procedures:
Michael Roberts, *Highland*
Third Place:
Job Interview:
Sidra Zaidi, *Franklin Tech*
Fourth Place:
Accounting I:
John Prewitt, *Thayer*
Business Calculations:
Henry Shull, *Warrensburg Area*

Vocational
Local Chapter Annual Business Report:
Jackson High School
Spreadsheet Applications:
Matt Gualdoni, *St. Charles High*
Fifth Place:
E-Business:
Ben Layton, Dominique Maxwell,
Saavan Thakrar,
Nichols Career Center
Introduction to Business Communications:
Joy He, *Parkway Central*
Technology Concepts:
Ethan Schultz, *Branson*
Sixth Place:
Business Communications:
Alexander Dzurick, *South Callaway*
Digital Video:
Max Hammock, Tony Johnson,
Vick Sura, *Nichols Career Center*
Networking Concepts:
Evan Mobley, *Raymore-Peculiar*

For a complete list of winners, please log on to
dese.mo.gov/divcareered/fbla

New North Central Region National Vice-President is Proud to call Missouri Home

Greetings, Missouri FBLA! Welcome to a new year of FBLA that will certainly bring us many opportunities. Your 2008-2009 National Officer Team is excited to serve you, and we have developed our Program of Work that will guide us through the year. Here are some key points to success in FBLA this year.

At each National Fall Leadership Conference, your FBLA National Officer Team will host a special social event to recognize the local chapter officers and the state chapter officers with the largest membership increase for students registered by the October 20 early bird registration deadline. Make it your

goal to be that chapter!

This year, the National Officers are interested in opening channels of communication. One part of that will be the Executive Edge, the official newsletter of the National Officers. Look for the newsletters to be published in October, January, and April.

Dedicated to improving the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality, the March of Dimes is the official FBLA community service partner. The National Officer Team is working on a nationwide fund-raiser for the March of Dimes. Look for more information in the future.

With so many ways to get in-

involved in FBLA—Business Achievement Awards, service projects, competitive events, or even running for office—there is no reason not to participate! Missouri FBLA has long been a strong state chapter in regards to membership, participation, success in competitive events, and much more. I am confident that we will continue that tradition of excellence in the upcoming year.

If you ever have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at fblancvp@fbla.org. I would love to help in any way that I can! I look forward to working with Missouri FBLA this year as we *Get the Edge* together!



The Official Armed With Compassion Logo.

“Members across the nation work to fulfill the mantra of Future Business Leaders...Service, Education, and Progress through the BAA program...”



Armed with Compassion...Members on a Mission

No matter what corner of this great state we come from, we all probably know someone who has been affected by the fighting currently raging in the nations of Afghanistan and Iraq. This year the Missouri State FBLA Officer team choose “Armed With Compassion” as our Program of Work. We hope that your chapter will take part in this worthwhile cause of supporting troops overseas with care packages, the families left behind with notes of encouragement, visit-

ing military hospitals across this state, or just simply saying thank you to the brave men and women of the armed forces in our own communities. The State Officer Team will also be recognizing chapters at the State Leadership Conference as well as the Top Five Districts. It is important to turn in the submission form to State President Kadee Brousseau so that your district can receive participation points and will be one step closer to having the highest level of par-

ticipation. The submission form will be available on the Missouri FBLA website. Don't hesitate to show your support of the men and women of the armed forces with this incredible opportunity.

Also, Armed With Compassion activities will be great ways to get your chapter recognized in the Missouri Business Leader's next issue. Please submit any Armed With Compassion activities by....

Leadership Essentials...

In the FBLA organization there is most likely not any other established program like the Business Achievement Awards. Members across the nation work to fulfill the mantra of Future Business Leaders: Service, Education, Progress.

Each different task level is filled with challenges, but they aren't difficult. Most of those challenges are projects that most

The Business Achievement Awards

members complete in a year's membership in Missouri FBLA.

The different task levels, Future, Business, Leader, and America Awards, are all now accessible through the new interactive National FBLA website. Each member that completes one of these levels receives a lapel pin that reflects their achievements.

The Business Achievement

Awards process can be started by asking your local chapter adviser to create a profile for you through the Adviser Area. Once that is completed you will receive a password and login information. Your state officer team encourages you to partake in a wonderful tradition of leadership among Missouri FBLA.

Recapping the Institute for Leaders 2008

FBLA Members from across all five regions of the nation travelled to Atlanta, Georgia to take in the sights and sounds of the Future Business Leaders of America Organization's Institute for Leaders on June 24-26. Those few days were jam packed with motivational sessions and inspiring

workshops made by some incredible speakers. IFL this year was hosted by Tri-Leadership Team who did an impressive job of hosting the leaders of today and inspiring them to be leaders of tomorrow.

Next year's Institute for Leaders will be in Anaheim, Califor-

nia and if you want to get motivated to lead your local chapter to a successful year, if you want to take your leadership to the next level, if you want to get re-fueled with new ideas, or if you just want to meet incredible people from across the United States, this Institute is definitely for you.

State Officer Spotlight

Missouri FBLA, I hope you are all having an energetic and productive school year. I am Kadee Brosseau from Crane High School and I am thrilled to be serving as your Missouri FBLA State President for 2008-2009.

Throughout high school, I have been active in Missouri FBLA and I have been the most rewarding experience. Our state is home to some of the most ambitious, outgoing, and dynamic FBLA members and I am privileged to be working with all of you again this year.

Outside of FBLA, I serve as my local National Honor Society President, am active in my church youth

group, and am Captain of Varsity Cheerleading. In my free time, you will most likely find me hanging out in a coffee shop with friends or spending time with my family. I also enjoy public speaking, politics, snowboarding, playing cards, Thai food, and Rocky movies. Above all, I am head over heels in love with the one, true God. He has blessed me in so many ways and I place my hope and trust in Him.

I would love to hear from all of you either by e-mail at kadeeb@crane.k12.mo.us or look me up on facebook. Whether you have questions or comments about FBLA or just want to say "hey,"

please feel free to contact me at any time.

Members of Missouri FBLA, I encourage you to strive to make this year incredible. As Oprah said, it is up you to decide what you will make of each and every day. I have confidence that, with perseverance, energy, and integrity, you will succeed in reaching your goals.

Sincerely,

Kadee Brosseau

"Energy is the essence of life. Every day you decide how you're going to use it by knowing what you want and what it takes to reach that goal, and by maintaining focus." - Oprah Winfrey



American Enterprise Day

Jean Buckley, the CEO of FBLA-PBL, once said, "This is our American enterprise...our time to understand, celebrate, and appreciate American enterprise and entrepreneurship and for FBLA-PBL members to take ownership in the rights and responsibilities to protect and promote this freedom. American Enterprise Day is a excellent tradition of FBLA Chapters nation-

wide..." Whether it is through job shadowing a local business person, touring a MODOT facility, visiting a local business; members across the state will take time out of their day on November 15 to honor local entrepreneurs and business people in their towns and communities. It is not too late to start planning your chapter's American Enterprise Day project. The Missouri State

Officer team encourages you and your local chapter adviser to participate in the American Enterprise Day celebration and don't forget to honor your local business men and women with a Professional Division membership. They will get a subscription to their very own newsletter and updates of activities and conferences that they can attend! It's the gift that keeps on giving!

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—Jean Buckley, CEO of FBLA-PBL

State Officer Spotlight

Hello Missouri FBLA!

My name is Ali Yuen and I am so thrilled to be your State Vice President! Serving on the Officer Team has been an incredible experience so far and I have high hopes for the rest of the year.

In addition to FBLA, I am heavily involved in Cross Country, Student

Senate, and Political Interest Group. I also volunteer for Youth United Way and I work as a tutor.

For fun, I love hanging out with my friends, running for ridiculous lengths of time, and listening to music. A few of my favorite artists include Counting Crows, Bright Eyes, The Shins, and my good friend

Amy Hoffman.

I look forward to my fourth and final year of FBLA and hope to see all of you at the State Conference!

Sincerely,
Ali Yuen





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**“Missouri FBLA:
Get the Edge!”**

The Future Business Leaders of America’s (FBLA) mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs.

Missouri FBLA wants to help you succeed, whether it is in the classroom or out, Missouri FBLA can help to give an edge in the business world. Join today and see what all the fun is all about!

Contact your local business education teacher for more details about FBLA or log on to... www.mofbla.org



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Send your local or district chapter news with photos to your State Reporter!

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