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*Words of Wisdom from leadership trainer and author, Rhett Laubach.*

In order to successfully lead a group, whether it be a small class setting or a chapter of high school FBLA students, one must learn to SMILE.

**S– Socialize:** meet new people, have variety within the groups you take part in.

**M– Model:** maintain a positive presence, think, How should I look and act?

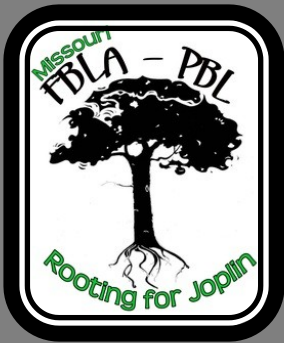
**I– Interested & Interesting:** be worth listening to, ask questions to get people talking.

**L– Laugh:** Be happy!! Enjoy yourself and others will too.

**E– Energy:** Stay focused and comfortable, respond to your audience.

# Rooting for Joplin

Team up with Missouri FBLA-PBL for a feet on the ground effort to replenish the trees lost in the devastation of the Joplin Tornado. On May 5, 2012 teams of volunteers will be planting donated trees at locations across Joplin, Missouri. You can help in this effort by donating a tree, money, volunteering for prep work, or volunteering to help plant trees! Please consider working with us to put thousands of trees back into a city that lost so much.



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## Important Volunteer Dates:

- **April 28-** Hole Digging in Joplin
- **May 4-** Tree /Mulch Delivery to tree recipients
- **May 5-** Group Planting Day

To register your chapter to volunteer, please visit the Rooting for Joplin website: [www.rootingforjoplin.org](http://www.rootingforjoplin.org)

## **Two Ways to Donate!**

**1. Donate a Tree** - If you wish to purchase a tree and deliver to Joplin or a regional distribution point, go to [rootingforjoplin.org](http://rootingforjoplin.org) for more information.

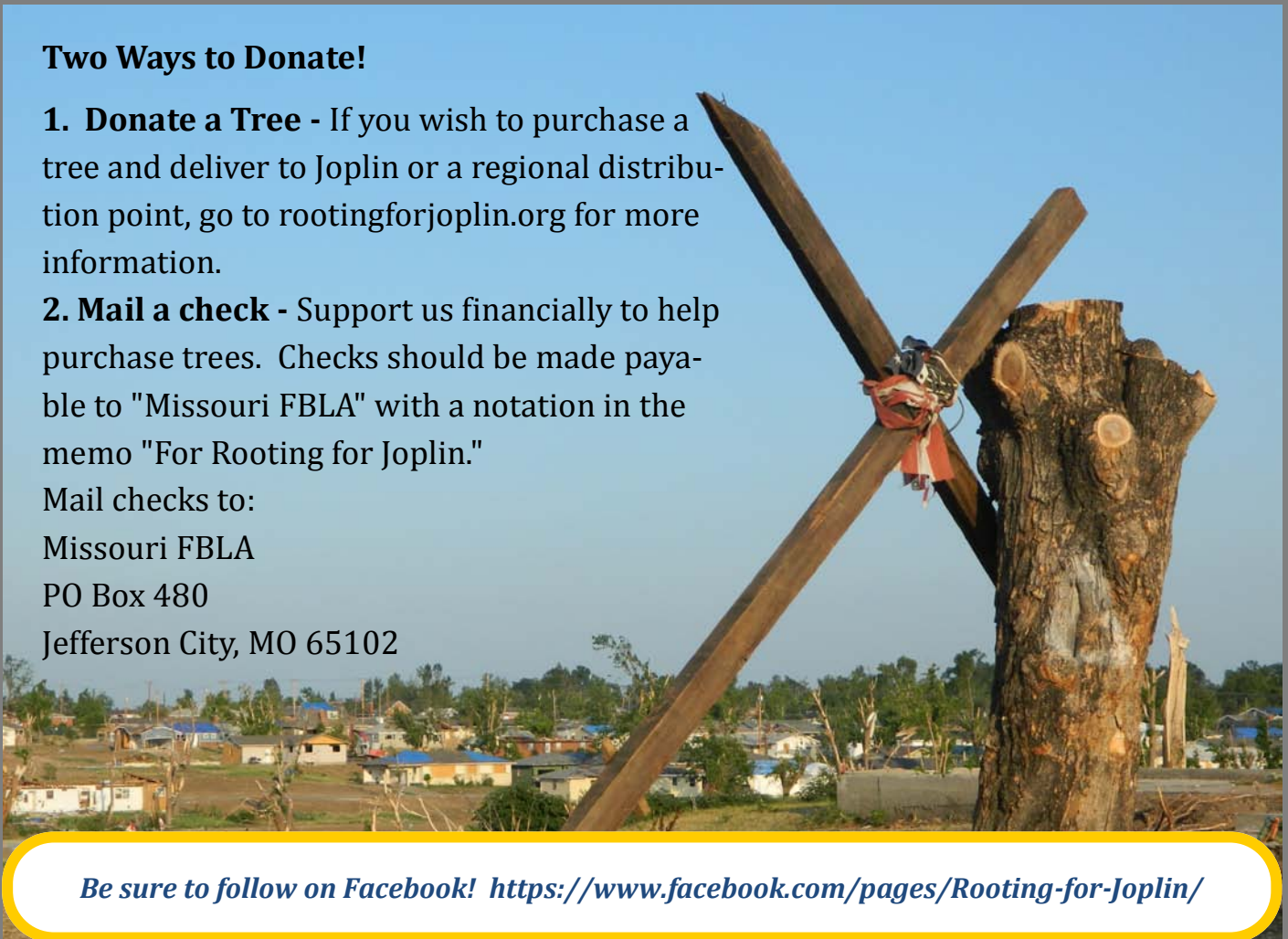
**2. Mail a check** - Support us financially to help purchase trees. Checks should be made payable to "Missouri FBLA" with a notation in the memo "For Rooting for Joplin."

Mail checks to:

Missouri FBLA

PO Box 480

Jefferson City, MO 65102



*Be sure to follow on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Rooting-for-Joplin/>*

# Nationals 2011

Orlando, Florida



## First Place Winners:

- Impromptu Speaking, **Shane Smith**- Hillcrest Senior High School
- Electronic Career Portfolio, **Michael Riney**- Jackson High School
- Word Processing II, **Spencer Hoagland**- Northeast Vernon County High School

## Second Place Winners:

- Computer Applications, **Stefon Herron**- Kickapoo High School
- Desktop Application Programming, **Bradley Krafft**- South Technical High School
- Marketing, **Tyler Yost**- Mehlville High School
- Word Processing, **Tiffani Hallam**- El Dorado Christian

## Third Place Winners:

- Emerging Business Issues, **Karl Bennicoff Yundt, Devin Hollister-Graham, David Rabbitt** - Central High School

## Forth Place Winners:

- Computer Applications, **Toni Hallam**- El Dorado Christian
- Computer Problem Solving, **Nathan McGuire**- Butler R-V
- Health Care Administration, **Kelly Kullman**- Cole Camp High School

## Fifth Place Winners:

- Business Financial Plan, **Meghan Schrock**- Osceola High School
- Business Presentation, **Julia Lewis, Emma Meek**- Franklin Technology Center

- Technology Concepts, **Garrett Cook**- Ozark High School

## Sixth Place Winners:

- Digital Video Production, **Brando Shields, A.J. Thomas**- Knob Noster High School
- Economics, **Josh Hinchie**- Fulton High School
- Help Desk, **Chris Plate**- Kickapoo High School

## Eighth Place Winners:

- Business Presentation, **Peyton Mounce, Allie Yates**- Arcadia Valley R-2
- Future Business Leader, **Brit Isbell**-Monett High School
- Parliamentary procedure, **Harvir Grewal, Casey Wetzel, Alyssa Abraham, Kara Hambleton, Alan Landers**-Clinton Technical School, Gainesville High School
- Public Speaking, **Sarah Jones**- Blair Oaks High School

## Ninth Place Winners:

- Business Calculations, **Jay Scudder**-Adair County R-II
- Business Ethics, **Megan Ellis, Jessica Martin**-Tri-County RVII
- Introduction to Business Communication, **Rachel Smith**-Jackson High School
- Public Speaking II, **Jacob Underwood**-Crystal City High school

## Tenth Place Winners:

- Client Service, **Shawnya Wethington**—Mount Vernon High School
- Virtual Business Challenge, **Dalton Lohsandt**-Wellington-Napoleon High



## CONGRATS

Congratulations to Rachel Reischman from Chaffee High School for winning the FBIA Distinguished Business Leader Scholarship. This award is worth \$1000.

# OFFICER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

August 1-2, Lodge of the Four Seasons



OLC was a great success! Officers had the opportunity to meet with State Officers, attend leadership workshops and learn about new state projects, like Dollars for Disasters or the Organ Donor Initiative. Displayed here is a picture recap of the conference events.

# Check Out These Chapters!

## JOPLIN HIGH SCHOOL RE-COOPS FROM TORNADO



Because of the May 22nd tornado, the students of Joplin High School have been split into two separate buildings; one campus being at an old middle school and the other in a vacant department store at North Park Mall. I had the opportunity to talk with the FBLA chapter president and District 17 President, Derek Carter. Here's what he had to say about life in the new buildings and how their FBLA chapter is adjusting:

### ***How are students adjusting to the changes?***

I think that people are adjusting well. It is a new experience for everyone but an exciting one. I think the students here are starting to feel at home. Everyone is proud of the school we have been given. Everyone misses our old home at JHS but the administration has made this the best environment possible.

### ***What is the attitude at the high school?***

The atmosphere at the high school is incredibly upbeat. I don't think I have ever seen this many students so excited to go to school. It feels

like everyone is proud to be there. It is an amazing experience.

### ***What is it like going to school at the mall everyday?***

School at the mall is definitely different, though the architects and designers did an amazing job at making it feel like a school rather than a department store. When you are inside you forget that this is the mall.

### ***Joplin High has provided all of the students with laptops to supplement books and paper handouts. What is that like?***

I think everyone likes the "paper free" school a lot. The possibilities that have been opened up by everyone having a laptop are endless. Being able to electronically submit all class work is really beneficial.

### ***What changes has your chapter made to accommodate students in two buildings?***

With the high school split between two buildings we are now having two separate meetings. The meeting at the 11 & 12 grade campus (mall) meets on the first Friday of every month and the 9th and 10th grade campus meets the following week. This way the officers are able to be present at both meetings. Most major events will still be together.

### ***What tactics are you using to maintain membership?***

Membership has been a major concern this year. Last year we had over 160 members and we've been worried about a major drop this

year. We have been trying to push membership very strongly through several presentations to classes. We were really surprised at the number of students that are interested in joining FBLA now that weren't previously members. I think that a lot of the clubs are seeing a similar situation. The students at Joplin High are looking to be much more involved in school activities than they previously were. The increase in school pride is absolutely astounding. Everyone seems to want to be a part of what is going on. I think that this is going to keep our membership up this year.

### ***As president of your chapter and district, how has your role as a leader changed?***

I think that my role as a leader has changed dramatically. I basically went from business as usual to worrying about whether we are going to have a chapter or not. The tornado left our chapter with nothing. Every FBLA item we had accumulated in the last 15 years is now buried under 20 feet of rubble at the high school. We are starting from scratch this year. Thankfully I have had the support of FBLA leaders and advisors from all over the state and nation and that is making my job much easier.

I would like to add that the support and love that we have been receiving is overwhelming. We are so thankful for care and generosity of so many people. We are especially thankful to the FBLA state office for their support of our chapter.

Derek Carter

# Check Out These Chapters!

## FULTON FBLA STARTS A GREAT YEAR

For the 2011-2012 school year, the Fulton FBLA Chapter has hit the ground running. We kicked off the year by going to the Officer Leadership conference at the Lake of the Ozarks. Officers in attendance were Chelsea Smith, Ashley West, Alex McLachlan Kelcy Nunley, Ryan Baysinger, Josh Hinchie, and Dominique Patel. We gave a Presentation at the conference about being a member of FBLA and the opportunities available to members. During the time we weren't presenting we attended one of the icebreakers and got to know our fellow FBLA members.

Our first meeting was on August 25. There we highlighted our plans for the year and shared our experiences at the Officer Leadership Conference and our three national winners. With our chapter we talked about our upcoming trips, such as the Cardinals Career Day and Worlds of Fun Day. We also talked about our fundraisers. Our current one is selling meat snacks, and later we will have our catalog fundraiser. At our next meeting we will discuss our March of Dimes fundraiser which is currently planned to be held at the Corn Maze. Fulton FBLA has started off the year with a bang, and now we can't wait to see what the rest of it will bring.



Josh Hinchie poses with his National 6th place trophy in Economics and the Geico Gecko at the NLC in Orlando, Florida.

## RUSKIN FBLA STUDENTS WIN VIDEO CONTEST, EARN TRIP TO DC



Five student members of Ruskin High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), along with Terri Redden, FBLA advisor, are going to Washington, D.C. September 23-24 for the Congressional Black Caucus' Annual Legislative Conference. Ruskin's FLBA submitted the winning video in a contest

sponsored by Missouri 5th District Congressman Emanuel Cleaver II and the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City and will be participating in the 2011 Youth Leadership Summit (YLS).

The contest, open to high schools throughout Missouri's 5th district, asked students to create a video demonstrating how hope, engagement and well-being impact financial success. Ruskin's video, featuring FBLA students James Adewumi, Marcel Greger, Camille Rucker, Jaran West and Aaron Wiggins, was the winning entry.

During the summit September 23, the Ruskin FBLA students will go to several workshops and lectures on a variety of topics, including financial education, entrepreneurship

and college planning. The YLS was created to enhance student knowledge of leadership and banking while focusing on the importance of financial institutions and investing for the future. The following day, the students will tour several sites throughout Washington and meet with the congressman.

If you have an outstanding chapter story or accomplishment, please send it in with a picture to the State Reporter, Libby Shannon.

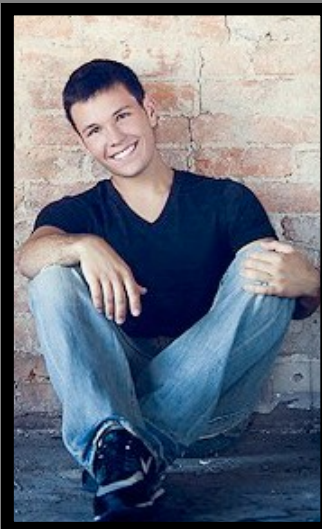
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# OFFICER SPOTLIGHT

STATE PRESIDENT

## New Officers Ready to Take the Lead

This year they have lots of big things planned! It is up to the rest of Missouri FBLA to take action and work with the state officers to make 2011-2012 and fantastic year. Future Business Leaders of America can be your "Gateway to Greatness" if you utilize all the opportunities this organization has to offer!



Missouri FBLA,

I want you to know that this year will be whatever you choose it to be. I am here to help you put it all into action! My goal is for this year to be completely insane! I want for Missouri FBLA to give more, help more, laugh more, and grow more than any other year in its history!

But for those of you that are curious, I wanted to tell you a little bit about myself (only the most important things though). So the way I see it, there is three vital things you must know first: my favorite movie, food and am I single? Here we go: The best movies ever made are My Cousin Vinny and The Great Outdoors (an old John Candy movie). I would eat pizza until I blew up and I am as single as a one dollar bill (that was my attempt at a joke).

FBLA is one of the most important things in my life, but a balance is always good. I have a family and a little sister who is now a freshman (I'm definitely a protective older brother). They are very important to me and will always be my role models and support. Above all, I have to give it up to God. He has blessed me in so many ways, given me so many opportunities, and made me who I am today; he is my source of strength when the going gets tough.

All in all I'm a pretty laid back person. I live at a lake so I love to chill by the water, catch some fish or go boating. I enjoy the simple fact that I'm alive and that there is an infinite amount of possibilities waiting to be explored. I've already been able to meet many of you, and that has provided me with the confidence that we will go so far together this year.

I ask you not as a president, but as a fellow high schooler (cause we're all in the same boat here) to give FBLA all you have to offer. Help me and your amazing officer team make MO FBLA as strong as Arnold. If it gets tough, I recommend saying a prayer and looking up, say to yourself "it's all good" and always feel free to give me a call, email, or Facebook message.

With gratitude and respect,

Jake Busker



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# OFFICER SPOTLIGHT

## STATE VICE PRESIDENT



Hey! I'm McKensie Garber, a Senior at Hale R-1 School. I've been very active in FBLA since Junior High. My Freshman year I competed in Public Speaking 1 and went on to win Second Place at the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, CA. My Sophomore year I competed in Job Interview and Impromptu Speaking. I placed in the top five in both events at the State Leadership Conference and went on to compete in Impromptu speaking at the National Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN. Last year, I won first place at the State Leadership Conference in Public Speaking 2 and went on to compete at the National Leadership Conference in Orlando, FL.

I was also very honored last year to be elected as the District 19 President as well as the Missouri FBLA State Vice-President! I have had such a blast with the State Officer Team! I'm also very excited about all of the new projects and programs we are working on to raise the caliber of Missouri FBLA! We have put together a new

Program "Dollars 4 Disasters" to help FBLA members in times of need, and our latest project "Rooting for Joplin" to help restore the trees lost in the Joplin Tornado.

I'm so passionate about FBLA because I feel that it is not only the best youth-oriented business organization in the country, but a group filled with diverse individuals who share a thirst for success. I can truly accredit much of my success to this wonderful organization and I will continue with the State Officer Team to lead the Missouri FBLA Association to the Gateway of Greatness!



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Officers are here to help! Please contact any of them to come and speak to your chapter, induct new officers, or kick-off an event.