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Upcoming Events!

- June 27-28—Institute for Leaders—Orlando, FL
- June 28-July 1—National Leadership Conference—Orlando, FL
- August 1-2—Officer Leadership Conference—Lake of the Ozarks

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State Leadership Conference

The 2011 State Leadership Conference supplied opportunities for members to demonstrate how they are *Breaking Barriers!* The conference was held in Columbia from April 17-19.

The conference started off on Sunday with competitions and state officer campaigns. This year there were five candidates for president, and three for vice president, secretary, treasurer, and reporter.

Monday began with the state officer campaign speeches and workshops. Members could choose workshops of many varieties, from topics such as entrepreneurship or community service ideas.

The opening session of SLC featured keynote speaker Bill Cordes. He is the author of the YOGOWYPI Factor, and has co-authored many other books. Chapter

awards were also given out at the opening session for American Enterprise Project, Local Chapter Annual Business Report, Community Service Project, and Partnership with Business. Members who achieved the Leader and America levels of the Business Achievement Awards were recognized on stage, and the Charles A. Newman and Joanne Newcomer scholarship winners were announced.

The next morning everyone's hard work in competitions paid off as the winners were announced at the closing awards session. The newly elected state officers were inducted and the current state officers gave their farewell to Missouri FBLA.

This year's State Leadership Conference allowed members to show their dedication to leadership and continue *Breaking Barriers!*

2011-2012 State Leadership Team

The newly elected state officer team is gearing up to make next year a "Gateway to Greatness!" Jake Busker, president; McKensie Garber, vice president; Douglas Hutcherson, secretary; Sam Mahone, treasurer; Libby Shannon, reporter; and Alyssa Abraham, parliamentarian are excited to be serving Missouri FBLA in 2011-12.



"The thing I'm most excited about that comes with being elected is all of the opportunities to develop my leadership skills. I'm also excited about all of the networking opportunities."

-Newly elected secretary, Douglas Hutcherson

SLC First Place Winners

Accounting I Hannibal CTC, Dalton Powell	Community Service Project Chaffee, Rachel Reischman, Randi Wiley, Hannah Bed- well	Help Desk Jackson, Stetson Tuschhoff	Networking Concepts South Tech, Eric Bright
Accounting II Parkway North, Erica Chan	Cyber Security Monett, Brandon Klick	Hospitality Management Central-Springfield, Anthony Ndikum	Parliamentary Procedure (JR Chaney Award) Buffalo, Brandilynn Whillock, Michael Crawford, Kaylee Strickland, McKenzie Adam, Tyler Schmidt
American Enterprise Carthage, Lindsay Terry	Database Design and Applica- tion Arcadia Valley, Kris Pearson	Impromptu Speaking Hillcrest, Shane Smith	Partnership with Business Oran, Hale Woodfin, Bethany Essner
Banking and Financial Sys- tems Monett, Kale Turner, Isaac Weber	Desktop Application Pro- gramming South Tech, Bradley Krafft	Introduction to Business McAuley Catholic, Jon Pekerek	Personal Finance Central-Springfield, Josh Atchley
Business Calculations Brashear High School, Jay Scudder	Desktop Publishing Republic, Kate Holland, Ash- ley Lawless	Introduction to Business Communication Kirksville, Michael Doman	Public Speaking I Kickapoo, Corey Marquardt
Business Communication Plato, Devon Razer	Digital Design and Promotion Willard, Laurence Brown, Zach Ebersold	Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure Gallatin, Bailey Morrison	Public Speaking II Hale, McKensie Garber
Business Ethics Tri-County, Megan Ellis, Jes- sica Martin	Digital Video Production Knob Noster, Brandon Shields, A.J. Thomas	Introduction to Technology Concepts Kirksville, Timothy Middle- mas	Sports Management Kirksville, Thomas Hazen
Business Financial Plan Kickapoo, Tyler Lopez, Jake Polonus	E-Business Clinton, Jake Barr, Roxey Dugan	Job Interview Ritneour, Justin Rottnek	Spreadsheet Applications Warrensburg, Kevin Stryker
Business Law Central-Springfield, Laura Adkins	Economics Fulton, Josh Hinchie	Local Chapter Annual Busi- ness Report Hermitage, Erica Ideker, Ashley Crawford, Kaylee Christian, Stephanie Thomas	Technology Concepts Ozark, Garrett Cook
Business Math Joplin, Taylor Hughes	Electronic Career Portfolio Osceola, Meghan Schrock	Management Decision Mak- ing Nixa, Alfredo Gonzalez, Daniel Holmgren	Virtual Business Challenge Wellington-Napoleon, Dalton Lohsandt
Business Plan Project Fulton, Jake Pierce, Dan McClure	Emerging Business Issues Hart-Mexico, Michael Perll, Daniel Hoer	Management Information Systems Nixa, Joseph Bossi, Alfredo Gonzalez	Web Site Development Thayer, Courtney Horton, Brandon Martin, Faith Barton
Business Presentation Joplin, Julia Lewis, Emma Meek	Entrepreneurship Parkway West, Aditya Sub- barao, Bobby Song, Nick Ingle	Marketing Mehlville, Tyler Yost	Who's Who South Callaway, Chris Dzu- rick
Business Procedures Central-Springfield, Anthony Ndikum	FBLA Principles and Proce- dures Republic, Erin Manasco	Mr. FBLA Monett, Brit Isbell	Word Processing I Cole Camp, Emily Pritzel
Client Service Willard, Tyler Onstott	Global Business Cassville, Blake Baugher, Tara Drossett, Lora Weath- ers	Ms. FBLA Southern Boone, Jessica Darby	Word Processing II Poplar Bluff, Austin McWilliams
Computer Applications Kickapoo, Stefan Herron	Health Care Administration Kirksville, Timothy Middle- mas	Network Design South Tech, Eric Bright, Lau- ren Kroenung, Kevin Smith	
Computer Gaming & Simula- tion Programming Thayer, Brandon Mills			
Computer Problem Solving Ozark, Garrett Cook			

Check Out These Chapters!

Chaffee FBLA



A Chaffee FBLA member job shadows at a bakery.

“It is important to give a new perspective of learning every once in a while.”

-Rachel Reischman, co-chairperson of the Job Shadow Committee

Ninety-nine (99) members of Chaffee FBLA recently participated in the annual FBLA Job Shadowing Day Project. On Thursday, February 3, the students had a unique opportunity to “shadow” area business leaders to learn outside the classroom about a career of personal interest. This Job Shadowing program aims to motivate students and help define their career goals by allowing them to spend a day with a workplace mentor as he or she goes through a normal day on the job.

Chairpersons Rachel Reischman and Kira Hall headed the Job Shadow Committee.

Chaffee FBLA formed partnerships with 48 area businesses during Job Shadowing Day which gave members the opportunity to discover potential career paths. Members shadowed the following professions: accountant, airplane pilot, artist, baker, business manager, carpenter, childcare giver, city maintenance worker, cook, convenient store manager, department store manager, dog groomer, gun specialist, hairstylist, hotel manager, in-home caregiver, insurance agent, librarian, manufacturer, military personnel, nurse, nursing home director, paramedic, pharmacist, photographer,

physical therapist, plumber, police officer, radio disc jockey, real-estate owner, secretary, speech pathologist, taxidermist, teacher, and veterinarian.

Chaffee FBLA adviser, Jeanette Wächter, stated “Job Shadowing is a motivating educational activity that gives students an up-close look at the world of work and a chance to see how the skills learned in high school relate to the workplace. It is a link between academics and careers.” Rachel Reischman, co-chairperson further stated, “It is important to give a new perspective of learning every once in a while.”

Clinton FBLA

The month of March was another busy one for Clinton FBLA. Along with preparing for State Leadership Conference in Columbia, Missouri, Clinton FBLA also held the Minute to Win It game night on March 24. The game night was held in the high school commons area.

Minute to Win It games consisted of Face the Cookie, Extreme

Hanky Panky, Dizzy Mummy, Caddy Stack, and others.

“It was funny watching people try to roll an Oreo down their face without using their hands. It was great to see fellow members coming out of their comfort zone and being put in awkward situations,” said Senior Cole Duensing.



Look Ma, No Hands! Senior Cody Ivie tries his luck at “Face the Cookie.” Members had to get an Oreo cookie from their forehead to their mouth without using their hands.

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-Cole Duensing, Clinton FBLA Senior

STATE OFFICER FAREWELL

Parker: Missouri FBLA you have truly changed my life. It has been my greatest privilege to serve you as State President. I want to thank Missouri FBLA for truly making me the person I am today. I have learned so much about myself and about the amazing people in Missouri FBLA who have passion and a drive to succeed. Surrounding yourself with successful people greatly increases your own chances with success and this organization is the perfect example. I know that every member of Missouri FBLA will have the ability to create opportunities for themselves in the future. I wish you all the very best in your future endeavors. Thank you, it has been an honor. I will always be proud to say I was once a member of Missouri FBLA.



Brit: FBLA members have been making a difference in the world since the first Chapter was chartered in 1942. Nearly 70 years later Missouri FBLA has proven to me that its members are still making a profound impact on the world around them. It has been a privilege to have been a part of this organization, let alone a state officer. I hope all of you will continue to be involved and make a difference, whether you still have a few years of high school left or are headed to college. Keep doing whatever it takes to Break Barriers, and change the world around you.

Lena: Missouri members and advisers! I have more than enjoyed the honor of serving as your State Secretary this past year! Seeing everyone in FBLA so dedicated to excelling in their competitions, volunteer work, and relations with other members is truly inspiring to me. I encourage each of you to take the knowledge you've learned through FBLA and continue to use it and share it with other people you encounter throughout your life! I am so thankful that you all gave me the opportunity to represent the great state of Missouri through FBLA, and I am glad I got the chance to meet so many talented people! Again, thank you and have a great summer!

Ryan: Hello Missouri FBLA! Serving as your State Treasurer this year has been such a rewarding experience. I have been able to meet so many new people from around the state in the last 12 months and I would not trade this job for anything. I wish you all the best of luck in all of your future endeavors, especially for those of you who will be graduating soon. I hope all of you remember what you have learned in FBLA and expand on those lessons to become the best you can be. Thank you Missouri FBLA, you will be truly missed.

Victoria: Missouri FBLA, I am forever grateful to you for choosing me to serve at your 2010-11 State Reporter! This has by far been the most amazing year of my life. I have really enjoyed getting to know many of you. Seeing how excited all of you get at about being a part of Missouri FBLA makes me so proud to be a member of the best state chapter in the nation! This experience has shown me that I can accomplish anything I set my mind to. Do not let the fear of failure keep you from following your dreams. Thank you again for an amazing year of Breaking Barriers, and have another amazing year of FBLA!

Clary: Missouri FBLA, what an exciting year it has been! I'm truly blessed to have had the opportunity to serve you as your state Parliamentarian. It has been wonderful being able to get to know everyone and being able to see how awesome our state chapter is. Seniors: I wish you all the best of luck next year in college, and I hope you have enjoyed your experiences with FBLA. Underclassmen: Let's make this year another great one by showing everyone just how amazing we are! I challenge you to continue the great work you already do, and to push yourself to accomplish even more in your schools and communities. I would like to thank the state officers and all of the members and advisers for an amazing year!

From "Breaking Barriers" to a "Gateway to Greatness"

MO NCRVP Candidate—Alex Blodgett

Hello, my name is Alex Blodgett, and I am the Missouri candidate for North Central Region Vice-President. FBLA has been an important part of my life from a young age, and it has always been my goal to run for a national office. However, FBLA isn't the only important thing in my life. I'm a junior at Macon R-1, and I'm very involved in activities at my school. Basketball is my favorite sport. I also enjoy playing softball, running track, and participating in NHS, Book Discussion Group, Student Council, and serving as our class President.

As I said earlier, I was introduced to this organization at a young age, and have loved it ever since. I am serving as our local chapter president, District III President, as well as serving on the North Central Region Executive Board this past year. All these positions have provided me with the leadership experience I need to represent this organization on the national level. My goals as a national officer would include creating an advocacy board for career student organizations, seeking out more corporate sponsors, and increasing our already strong membership. If elected to this position, I will strive to represent not only National FBLA, but Missouri FBLA with poise, professionalism, and excitement.

I am honored to have been selected as your candidate for North Central Region Vice-President, and would appreciate your vote. See you in Orlando!

Newly Elected President, Jake Busker



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It's been said that one person can change the world, and we all know that two is better than one; but can you imagine what 15,000 members of Missouri FBLA can do together! The possibilities that this next year holds are truly endless.

or Facebook me to make your ideas heard; it's a small task that will make a huge impact. Along with your ideas, I plan to strengthen FBLA by starting new chapters, and developing future leaders everywhere.

I'm extremely excited to serve as your president along with the amazing new officer team. And as president, it will always be my first priority to hear from you! That means I'm relying on you, FBLA, to call, email,

This next year, I truly believe we can achieve the unthinkable. And lastly, my personal motto, which you'll hear a lot this year: "It's all"... "Good". Try saying it sometime, it does us all some good.

Contact your new Missouri State FBLA Officers...

Do you have ideas for Missouri FBLA in 2011-2012? Contact your state president or any of the other newly elected officers!

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