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**STEP UP TO THE
CHALLENGE**
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Congrats, Sarah!



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Kansas FBLA Members and Advisers:

The 2014 – 2015 State Officer Team has been Stepping Up to the Challenge of serving Kansas FBLA to the best of our abilities. How has your school been Stepping Up to the Challenge?

This year's state officer team is working hard to implement many new programs in order to benefit local FBLA chapters and members. One program is local chapter visits. Not having a lot of success last year, this year's team has already visited over 10 schools, which is a phenomenal increase. Local chapter visits are designed to increase the communication between the local and state level.

Next, the 2014 – 2015 State Officer Team's membership goals include recruiting or reactivating at least five new or re-charter chapters reaching the 122 chapter mark. Also, the board will recruit 120 new members surpassing the 3,600 member mark. The State Executive Board also will strive surpass the 55 professional member mark.

Last, the state officers will be making state officer podcasts in order to provide Kansas FBLA members with more information on programs, workshops, and other FBLA information. These can be found on the Kansas FBLA website, www.kansasfbla.com. There will be more podcasts as the year progresses.

Kansas FBLA did an extraordinary job at the 2014 National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Nashville. Kansas FBLA members had an extraordinary increase in the number of top ten places. You can find all of the National results on the national website, www.fbla-pbl.org.

The annual Summer Leadership Seminar (SLS), which was held in July, was an overwhelming success. With over 31 chapters and 177 people present at this conference members were able to gain leadership skill to take back to their local chapters as well as have a little fun.

Keep up all of your hard work in making Kansas FBLA so successful. I hope to see you all in Minneapolis for the National Fall Leadership Conference (NFLC). If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at sarah.niederee@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Sarah J. Niederee
Kansas FBLA State President

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Kansas FBLA Members and Advisers:

Welcome to a new membership year with FBLA. Now is the time to start Stepping Up to the Challenge with competitive events, national programs, conferences and community service.

This summer FBLA had an outstanding representation at the National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Nashville, TN with over 10,000 members, advisers, and guests present. Congratulations to all of the top 10 placers from Kansas. I believe you had a record number of top 10 placers for Kansas this year. Keep up the good work! You can see all of the national placers on the FBLA website www.fbla-pbl.org.

This year I am promoting the Community Service Awards (CSA). This program is similar to the Business Achievement Awards where you have to track and log your own progress. However, with the CSA's have an advantage to them. If your chapter does a large community service project your own adviser can also log hours for you. This program is a great way to fulfill one of the three words on the FBLA crest; Service, Education, and Progress.

The national officer team worked hard summer to create an effective program of work. Some of the new ideas comprised in the program of work include national programs, advanced regional president's councils, and the creation of national Instagram pages. More information can be found under the E-Learning Center on the national website.

Your national officer team is working exceptionally hard to make each of this year's National Fall Leadership Conferences (NFLC) extraordinary. With three exciting locations including Minneapolis, MN, Washington D.C., and New Orleans, LA. Kansas will be supporting the NFLC in Minneapolis, MN and your Mountain Plains Region Vice President will also be attending this conference. I hope to see you all there getting inspired by keynote speakers, learning from workshop presenters, and networking with high school students around the nation. You can register for NFLC's, get more information on activities to do at each location, and watch the promo video on the national website. The date for the three NFLC's are below.

Washington, D.C. November 7-8, 2014

Minneapolis, MN November 14-15, 2014

New Orleans, LA November 21-22, 2014

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Mountain Plains Regional or anything with the national level, please feel free to contact me at fblampvp@fbla.org.

Sincerely,

Sarah J. Niederee, National Mountain Plains Region Vice President
Future Business Leaders of America – Pi Beta Lambda, Inc.

CANTON-GALVA

This past summer, Canton-Galva High School took 10 students to the FBLA National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

Those students included Kaylee Littrell and Ethan Loyd who competed in Introduction to Parliamentary Procedures; Mikayla Baldwin, Ethan Dailey, Lindsey Unruh and Lane Wiens competed in Parliamentary Procedures; Jacob Dailey in FBL; and Betsy Shobe and Kaden Littrell in Business Plan.

CG was very proud of all of our students who competed!

The local officer team attended Summer Leadership Seminar in Lawrence this summer. SLS is a summer conference which is run by state officers as a chapter training program. Six of the seven officers attended: Ethan Dailey, President; Sarah Frye, Vice President; Zoe Unruh, Secretary; Lane Wiens, Parliamentarian; Kaylee Littrell, Public Relations and Abigail Ballantyne, Editor. At the conference, students enjoyed Rhett Labach, a professional speaker and leadership instructor. They attended

workshops varying from office positions to ice-breakers which you help you start a conversation with new people.



In addition to these two conferences, the local officers met with their advisers, Brenda Vogts and Tonya McMannis, to begin planning the year for the chapter. They had two meetings before school started to brainstorm projects and activities they hoped to accomplish this year. CG is excited for the 2014-2015 FBLA year!!

WELLSVILLE

Wellsville FBLA has been a chapter in Kansas for many years, with students placing at the District and State Conferences continually. However, in March of 2014, four students from Wellsville's Future Business Leaders of America placed at the State Leadership Conference (SLC) in one or more events, providing them the opportunity to attend the National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Nashville from June 27 to July 3. Ashley Ebeck, Ashtyn Rottinghaus, Chase Bouse (American Enterprise Project team), Ashtyn Rottinghaus (Job Interview and Local Chapter Annual Business Report) and Hailey Watson (Business Procedures) competed in their respective events and did quite well. More accumulation of awards was obtained by Wellsville's Future Business Leaders of America at

Nationals 2014 than any year in the past. Wellsville FBLA competitors brought home a fourth place finish in the American Enterprise Project, fourth place in Job Interview and first place in Local Chapter Annual Business Report.

On July 21 and 22, Wellsville's FBLA officers, Ashtyn Rottinghaus (President/Public Relations), Trent Smith (Vice President), Kate Becker (Editor/Secretary), Jared Klamm (Treasurer), Tori Broers (Historian), plus Raegan Beckley and Anna Kline participated in the Summer Leadership Seminar (SLS) in Lawrence. While there, the officers attended a seminar where Rhett Laubach spoke about leadership, networking, and communication. After the seminar, the officers attended a pool party and a dance to socialize with the other chapters throughout the state. The following day, the officers participated in different workshops which were conducted by the state officers. These workshops included Programs that Pop, Icebreakers, President and VP Duties, Competitive Event Prep, Running for a State Office,

and Life After High School: PBL. Our chapter's current president and the state's current treasurer, Ashtyn Rottinghaus prepared and presented the Programs that Pop workshop.

Every student always dreads the day when they have to come back to school. Wellsville's FBLA officers try to make it as satisfying as possible by putting "Welcome Back" notes with candy in every high school student's locker and hosting a pool party. The chapter also gets the middle school level involved by hosting a "Welcome Back" dance the first Friday after school starts, as well as, a pool party/ice cream social to kick off the school year.

Wellsville's Future Business Leaders of America has always been involved in the community. Wellsville's FBLA chapter has volunteered members to work at the Special Olympics Bocce tournament every year for the past 15 years and will once again be helping on September 14. The chapter hosted a Mommy/Son Duck Soup tournament for elementary school boys and their mothers to play ball with them on September 8. These, among other things, such as the Cross Dress Makeover, Middle School Leadership Workshop and March of Dimes Activities is how Wellsville's Future Business Leaders continue to try and get the student body involved. Wellsville's Future Business Leaders of America will continue to "Step Up to the Challenge" once again throughout the year.



Ashley Ebeck, Chase Bouse and Ashtyn Rottinghaus won 4th at NLC in American Enterprise Project.



WASHINGTON COUNTY

“The Amazing Race” was the theme for this year’s Washington County Future Business Leaders of America recruitment party. Members who paid the \$10 dues that night were able to pick their teammates. Forty-seven students participated that night. The teams started at the track with a short race and that clue led them behind the bus barn to answer FBLA trivia questions. The third stop on the race trail was the East Elementary where each team member completed a part of an obstacle course. The last stop located near the weight room had a team member use their face to find a certain colored Gummy Bear in a chocolate pie. After completing the race, members ate hamburgers, corn, chips, watermelon and cookies while listening to the plans for the year. Members were encouraged to like the Waco FBLA Facebook page. The Facebook page has a video of adviser, Michelle Bruna, receiving a chocolate pie in the face from senior member Madison Stone. Vice President Taylor Powell was in charge of the race preparations and President Ryan Nelson was in charge of the food. Students commented that this was the best recruitment party!



Jerrod Hoover, Joe Stegman, Dylan Hodgson, Riley Moore, Zach Otott and Madison Stone

the highest score of the three Kansas teams.

Andrea L’Ecuyer brought home an award by placing tenth in the nation in Spreadsheet Applications. Andrea had taken an hour test in May which tested her abilities to work in the Excel spreadsheet program and then took an objective test at nationals. Andrea spent weeks completing practice problems and learning more spreadsheet skills than normally taught in the college computer class. All her hard work paid off, not only with her award but she also passed the certification test and is now a certified Microsoft Office 2010 Excel Specialist.



Dylan Hodgson

Although Jessica Bryant did not place in the top 10 in Word Processing, she also spent hours studying Microsoft Word and passed her certification test making her a certified Microsoft Office 2010 Word Specialist.

While in Nashville, the group toured Ryman Auditorium and caught a performance at the Grand Ole Opry. During the conference, the students had the opportunity to network with members from across the nation, listen to workshop presenters and explore the city. At the conference, members listened to Keynote Sabrina Thompson, who shared her multiple careers involving her passions of media, art and activism.

Washington County High School FBLA adviser and business teacher, Michelle Bruna, extends her gratitude to the local businesses and school board for their support of the fundraising efforts of the group.

Congratulations to the seven Washington County FBLA students who competed at the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, June 28-July 3. The students did an outstanding job performing their personal best in their respective competitions. Even though the Parliamentary Procedure team of Courtney Bekemeyer, Chey Helms, Amelia L’Ecuyer, Samantha Wright and Christopher Wright did not make it out of the preliminary round, they did have

ROCK HILLS

The Rock Hills High School FBLA chapter in Mankato, Kansas, is off to a great start for the 2014-2015 school year. Chapter officers all attended the Summer Leadership Seminar and during the seven hours in the school van created the Program of Work for the year. Officers started recruiting in early August by having an information and recruitment table at enrollment. At least two chapter officers were at the table the entire 16 hours of enrollment. Our goal was to speak to every high school student coming to enroll and we were successful in meeting that goal. We also put up locker posters on each high school students’ locker.

On Friday, August 8, we held a recruitment, leadership and team-building party at the Mankato City Park. Each chapter officer was a team leader for the “cardboard boat/apparatus building party”. With just cardboard, duct tape, a couple of pool noodles and some kid floaties, teams had about an hour to design and make

a boat. Teams then carried their boats across the street to the city pool and the great boat races began. Some boats didn’t survive the launching into the water, others were more or less “pushed” across the pool, but one team built a great boat and it was declared the winner as it made it across the pool in one piece with the captain still on the boat! All students then had a great time swimming for the remainder of the evening. This was a great leadership activity for the officers and a great team-building exercise for FBLA members and potential members.

Many activities are planned by the chapter for the coming months as recruitment continues. Currently, 33 percent of our high school student body belongs to FBLA.

The members are ready to “Step Up to the Challenge” in 2014-2015.



Tyler Shadduck, Baily Dunstan, Arrow Durant with their “Air Force One” creation.



(below) Austin Durant, Holden Mauerhan and Luke Broeckelman with the USS Nova.

KINGMAN

This has been an exciting summer for the members of the Kingman High School FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) chapter. On June 28 – July 3, six chapter members, Jeremy Andersen, Troy Daugherty, Garrett Goetz, Desirah Hughes, Connick Roe and Samantha Rohlman, attended the National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. This was a fantastic learning experience for the members of our local chapter. There were 9,000 FBLA members in attendance from all over the United States. Local members had the chance to attend workshops, compete in various events and gain ideas from other students from all over the country. Samantha Rohlman, who was re-elected FBLA Kansas State Historian at the FBLA State Conference last spring, performed the duties of her office alongside the other members of the state officer team. On July 21-22, the 2014-2015 Kingman High School's FBLA officer team and their adviser attended the annual Summer Leadership Seminar, which was held in Lawrence this year. The theme for the seminar was "Step Up to the Challenge." There were eleven officers in attendance. The students attending were Jeremy Andersen, Bailey Bangert, Sydney Bangert, Jaden Berschauer, Garrett Goetz, Payton Pickering, Connick Roe, Samantha Rohlman, Preston Smith, Logan Waldschmidt and Katie Wells.

The SLS is a seminar attended by all officers of Kansas FBLA chapters. During the seminar, the officers attended workshops designed to help build leadership skills. Some of the workshop topics were: Ice Breakers, March of Dimes,



Campaigning for Office, Dress for Success, Effective Meetings, Fundraising, Social Media and Community Service Ideas. The officers played teambuilding games and came away from the seminar with many new ideas to help strengthen the local chapter. These newly elected officers are excited and ready to make the local chapter successful.

After returning from SLS, the officer team got a chance to volunteer and help with a community event. Many of you may have seen them in their teal officer shirts at the Kingman County Fair. The officers took tickets and provided assistance at the tilt-a-whirl ride. It was both a fun and rewarding experience.

On August 25, the local FBLA chapter began the year with a Kick-off Party. All students interested in joining the chapter were invited to attend. There was a cookout and lots of fun games. Also, FBLA members began their annual Red Wheel sales. If you are interested in purchasing Red Wheel items and are not contacted by an FBLA member, please notify Mrs. Austin at Kingman High School. The local FBLA chapter is looking forward to a very exciting year. In November, members of the chapter will be attending the National Fall Leadership Conference in New Orleans. This should be a fun-filled trip and a quality learning experience for members of the chapter. The officer team, members of the chapter and Mrs. Austin would like to thank the community for all of their continued support. It is greatly appreciated!

Kingman H.S. FBLA Front Row: Raleigh Kaufman, Stuco Rep; Katie Wells, Chamber Rep; Bailey Bangert, Freshman Rep; Sydney Bangert, Freshman Rep; Jaden Berschauer, Treasurer.
Second Row: Logan Waldschmidt, Freshman Rep; Emma Albright, Treasurer; Janessa Rinke, Historian; Samantha Rohlman, Vice President; Garrett Goetz, Media Specialist; Preston Smith, Reporter; Mrs. Cindy Austin, FBLA Adviser.
Third Row: Payton Pickering, Parliamentarian; Jeremy Andersen, President; Caden Knoblauch, Stuco Rep; Sada Smith, Marketing Specialist; Connick Roe, Chamber Rep

WEST FRANKLIN

This summer, the West Franklin FBLA chapter participated in many activities. Five members qualified to compete at the National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The categories they competed in were; the American Enterprise Project, Desktop Publishing, Local Chapter Annual Business Report, Accounting II and Future Business Leader.

In January, the chapter created a fictitious city called Falcon-O-City where children in our community could work, get paid and spend their money learning entrepreneurial and personal finance skills. The American Enterprise Project team wrote a report and prepared a presentation. By placing at state, the team qualified to compete against fifty-eight other teams at the national conference. Alexis Yelland, Courtney Renfro and Carlie Snethen placed second as a team in the American Enterprise Project category. Megan Ecord and Kati Atchison competed

in the desktop publishing category, Carlie interviewed for Future Business Leader and Courtney also competed in Accounting II. While in Nashville, the group visited the Grand Ole Opry and the Parthenon. They all enjoyed their experience.

Officers attended an officer retreat in June where they planned activities for the upcoming year and participated in team building activities. In July, we took ten outstanding members to the Summer Leadership Seminar in Lawrence. We listened to motivational speaker, Rhett Laubach from Tri Leadership, who led us in team and social skill building activities. We also participated in fun workshops, with the state officers facilitating, which focused on business skills, multimedia techniques and other activities to help build our leadership skills. Our chapter is working hard and preparing for the busy year ahead of us. We are looking forward to another successful year.



Carlie Snethen, Kati Aitchison, Courtney Renfro, Megan Ecord and Alexis Yelland. Carlie, Courtney and Alexis were Reserve National Champions in American Enterprise Project by finishing 2nd in this event at NLC!



SLS group session with Rhett Laubach.

JEFFERSON COUNTY NORTH

The business world of Future Business Leaders of America! Already having six members attend this year's National Conference, this high school business organization is off to an amazing start! Attending the national conference from June 27-July 3rd included Laramie Leaky (Graduated), Ashton Herrig (JR), and Jobi Patterson (JR) in Business Project, Jeremy Larson (JR) as District II Vice President and taking the Cyber Security test, Carissa McAfee (JR) in Public Speaking and Sarah Marschie (SO) in Agri Business Test, along with the Wizard herself, Mrs. Ann Hutchinson and Mrs. Janet McAfee as sponsors. Together, they traveled seemingly 15 hours by van to the Country Music City where they explored for a week, meeting people from all



over the United States, helping a Kansas native gain a national office, competing in their events, attending workshops, and having fun! After the

week was over, they traveled back over the rainbow to Kansas, where they could happily share their many adventures. A whirlwind of excitement swept up three FBLA goers who landed in Lawrence to attend the Summer Leadership Seminar. There, the trio listened to public speakers, attended business workshops, many of which included mobile applications and how best to use them in today's business world, met munchkins from all around Kansas and had a dance party. Next for FBLA came enrollment day, a day where officers recruit new members for the organization. The officers succeeded in gaining 17 members through the eight hour day, bringing the club total to a gleaming 51 members. With members under their wings, the officers held their annual meeting on August 12 to plan for the year ahead. Each officer was assigned a committee to oversee. Our officer team this year consists of: Seniors; Devon Wilson

(President); Savannah Wiseman (VP); Austin Wolfe (Senior VP); Juniors; Jeremy Larson (Treasurer); Carissa McAfee (Editor); Savannah Parkey (Community Service Director); Amanda Wistuba (Photographer); Lane Fowler (Junior Vice President); Josie Noll and Ashton Herrig (Student Council Reps); Sophomores; Peyton Minor (Secretary); Elaina Tweed (Parliamentarian); Sarah Marshie (Historian); Grace Kramer (Fundraising Director); Julie Schrick (Sophomore VP); Freshman; Ridge Robertson (Freshman Vice President). Up ahead for FBLA's wonderful year comes raffle tickets. As members prepare for the swarm, they'd like to express appreciation to their parents for being so gracious as to allow them to be part of this amazing organization. They know their community will continue to support them in all their adventures and would like to thank them for being morally-ethically-spiritually-physically-positively-absolutely-undeniably and reliably supportive for FBLA.



SANTA FE TRAIL

SFT FBLA experienced "Excellence in Action" at the National Leadership Conference in Nashville this past July. Blair Urish, from the Santa Fe Trail FBLA chapter, received national recognition at the FBLA Awards of Excellence on July 2. Blair competed in Desktop Application Programming and brought home a second place award. SFT-FBLA was also recognized for being a Gold Seal Chapter, Top 10 Outstanding Chapter and for participating in the Super Sweeps and February Frenzy membership recruitment programs. Also representing SFT-FBLA in



Blair Urish

Nashville were Elizabeth Hill, KS FBLA State District Vice President (competing in Word Processing II), Zane Cersovsky and Colin McIver (competing in Network Design); plus, Anna Capra (competing in Client Service).

Kansas FBLA held their annual Summer Leadership Seminar (SLS) on July 21-22 at the Holiday Inn Holidome in Lawrence, Kansas. Local SFT-FBLA members and advisers that attended were: Elizabeth Hill, SFT-FBLA President & State District VII Vice President; Kyle Hug, SFT-FBLA Treasurer; Kayla Bryant, SFT-FBLA Historian; MacKinzie Foster, SFT-FBLA Sophomore Rep; Ms. Connie Lindell and Mrs. Sheila Mumford, SFT-FBLA local advisers. Rhett Laubach, president of "YourNextSpeaker" company, was the dynamic workshop facilitator. Rhett entertained, motivated and educated the 146 Kansas FBLA members over teambuilding,

leadership and time management skills on Monday of SLS. Kansas FBLA state officers lead mini-workshop sessions on Tuesday morning in a variety of areas such as: competitive event preparation, fundraising, planning productive meetings, campaigning for an office and useful apps.

SFT FBLA held their annual Welcome Back Dance August 22 in the high school commons area. Over 130 students attended this dance. Our first meeting was held on August 28. We had all of our new officer team introduce themselves. Our officer team includes: Elizabeth Hill (President),



Kayla Bryant, Elizabeth Hill, MacKinzie Foster and Kyle Hug

Morgan Makowski (Vice President), Savannah Hinck (Secretary), Kyle Hug (Treasurer), Seth Coltrane (Editor), Kayla Bryant (Historian), Carli Erickson (StuCo Rep), Jake Hastings and MacKinzie Foster (Sophomore Reps), Cameron Koger and Kelsey Hug (Freshmen Reps).

SFT FBLA has been very productive this past year and we have been larger in membership and learning many new ways to further the experience in Future Business Leaders of America. Many of our members plan on attending NFLC in Minneapolis this coming November.

ANDERSON COUNTY

Summertime is no longer synonymous with “time off”. The ACHS officers supervised a membership booth during the Anderson County Fair, mid-August. Combining the booth with September Sweeps activities has increased membership past last year’s numbers already. For September Sweeps, each officer was responsible for an activity. It worked!! We have more members than last year.

In July, three of our officers attended the Summer Leadership Conference (SLS) located in Lawrence, KS. This helped our officers in planning big goals and working together as a team.

Chapter president and state editor Seth Wolken has had a busy time, to say the least. He attended CTSO training in June, attended

NLC in Nashville, carried out duties for two workshops during SLS, worked the local membership booth, completed September Sweeps, and ran our first chapter meeting in August. The Bulldogs Program of Work for this fall included September Sweeps membership drive, Trick-or-Canning for our local food pantry, attending NFLC in Minneapolis with seven members and participating in Adopt An Angel gift giving for the Christmas season.

Officer Mackenzie Lutz is currently following through with a chapter T-shirt design and will report the progress with those purchases during our October meeting.

Enthusiasm is building for our chapter to “Step Up To The Challenge” for 2014-15!



Mackenzie Lutz gave her version of a campaign slogan; anything dealing with kittens would be a sure hit.



President and State Editor Seth Wolken, Public Relations officer Mackenzie Lutz and Editor Samantha McCullough during SLS.

KANSAS FBLA STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD



Hey, FBLA members and advisers! I’m Sarah Niederee the Kansas FBLA State President. I am currently a senior at Great Bend High School. I also serve at the Mountain Plains Region Vice President. In the future I plan on attending Kansas State University pursuing a degree in business administration with minors in political science and leadership studies with aspirations to attend law school.



Hey, FBLA, my name is Lanessa your Kansas FBLA Vice President. I enjoys being in student council, FFA, and of course FBLA. I like cross country, forensics, and 4-H.



My name is Sarah Frye and I live in Galva. From a very young age my parents told me that I can achieve anything if I believe in myself and try my hardest. I’ve taken that to heart and my largest goal is to be the head of a large company. In order to reach this goal I am very involved in school, especially FBLA and running a school business named B’s Bees. I hope to attend college up in the New England area and my top two are currently in Massachusetts and New York. Two things that bring me joy in life are babysitting and volunteering at the Humane Society because I love children and animals. My favorite quote is “ It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are.” E.E. Cummings.



I am Ashtyn Rottinghaus, your Kansas FBLA State Treasurer, and a junior at Wellsville High School. I am extremely passionate about this organization and love the opportunity to get to serve you, the members. My most embarrassing moment dealing with FBLA would be that this past year I practiced my American Enterprise Project so many times and wanted to get it perfect, that I would even practice it on the lifeguard stand at our city pool, which is where I work. Numerous times I would receive weird stares from kids and sometimes they would ask me if I was singing or talking to myself. I look forward to helping any and every chapter in Kansas and would like to see Kansas continue to “Step Up to the Challenge”.



My name is Seth Wolken and I am your State Editor. FBLA has been a big part of my high school career. I love this organization and how you can go to a lot of new places and meet new people from all across the country who share the same passion of this organization as I do. One of my most embarrassing moments was when I was attending SLS, running for a state officer position and my mom was there to support me. We both got on a crowded elevator and when the doors started to close, she started to moon walk across the elevator in front of everyone to try and be cool. Needless to say, everyone started laughing and it was the longest elevator ride of my life. Our next “Step Up to the Challenge” will be at NFLC --- looking forward to seeing all of you in Minneapolis.



KANSAS FBLA STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD



Hello, everyone! My name is Allison Basore and I am your state Parliamentarian. I am a junior at Centre High School. Since I enjoy problem solving and design, in college, I plan to major in management engineering. FBLA is a superb organization to prepare for a management career!



My name is Samantha Rohlman and I am your state Public Relations officer. I plan to attend WSU for their forensic science program.



My name is Jaimee Holcomb and I am your District I Vice President. At Cherryvale High School, I am currently the varsity football manager, varsity softball player, President of my FBLA chapter, senior class representative and Student Council representative. Since joining FBLA my freshman year, I have been committed to furthering my FBLA goals. As president of my local chapter in Cherryvale, I am dedicated to giving back to the organization that has given me so much. I am excited to see what this year has in store for me as I "Step Up to the Challenge". I also encourage everyone to "Step Up to the Challenge" at the local, state and national levels.



My name is Jeremy Larson and I am a Junior at Jefferson County North High School in Winchester, KS. I live on a small farm in Northeast Kansas where my family raises Angus cattle for beef and to show them. I am set to graduate in May of 2016 at my high school. I'm involved in many activities such as being president of the Lancaster Lighting 4-H club, Treasurer of the JCN FBLA chapter, and president of my Junior Class. I also compete in sports such as Cross Country and Track. When I get out of high school I plan on majoring in Accounting and Bookkeeping and minoring in Business.



My name is Kaylin Haines. I am a senior at Hayden catholic High School and also serve as the Kansas District III Vice President. I am hopefully set to graduate in 2015 and plan to attend the University of Nebraska Lincoln, majoring in actuarial science. I am a part of multiple clubs, organizations, and activities here at Hayden. I am the FBLA President of our chapter, SADD vice-president, pro-life vice-president, editor of Hayden's newspaper and yearbook, varsity cheer captain, and I am on the varsity softball team. I also very in to service to my community and my church.



KANSAS FBLA STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD



Hello, Kansas FBLA! I am Allison Railsback, a junior at Rock Hills High School, and I am the Kansas FBLA District IV vice president. It may be hard to believe, but I have been a member of FBLA for five years; two years as a middle-level member and three years as a high school FBLA member. Not only am I an active FBLA member, but I'm also very active in 4-H and FFA. I hope to accomplish a lot this year, such as increasing involvement in state and national programs, as well as, hosting a successful District IV Conference. Members: let's "Step Up To The Challenge!"



My name is JT Molina. I am a senior at Chaparral High School and also serve as the Kansas District V Vice President. I am hopefully set to graduate in 2015 and plan to attend the University of Kansas, majoring in political science then later on applying for law school. I am a part of multiple clubs, organizations, and activities here at Chaparral. I am the Senior Class President, FBLA President of our chapter, STUCO, NHS, a member of the basketball team, help with the volleyball team, and compete on the baseball and track teams. I also volunteer as a Special Olympics coach for the Southern Wind team.



My name is Molly James and I'm a junior at Eudora High School and the District VI Vice-President. I'd like to go to K-State and major in English or astrophysics. I enjoy writing for fun.



Hello! My name is Elizabeth Hill and I serve as the KS-FBLA District VII Vice President. I am a senior at Santa Fe Trail High School and have been an FBLA member for all four years. My sophomore year I served as the secretary, junior year, vice president, and this year I serve as the president of our local FBLA chapter. The other activities I am involved in are; volleyball, cheerleading, softball, Kansas Association of Youth (KAY), and National Honor Society (NHS). I plan to attend Kansas State University and major in Biology and Business. After this, I plan to transfer to the University of San Diego majoring in Marine Mammalogy.



My name is Braden Mishler and I am a senior at Western Plains High School in Ransom. I have been in FBLA since my freshman year. I was chapter Parliamentarian my sophomore year and chapter president both my junior and senior years. I am very active in all of my school clubs and also on my school basketball and golf teams.

Summer Leadership Seminar in Action



His nameplate says it all.....District V Vice President with his officer report.

President and Mountain Plains Vice President Sarah Neideree.



State officers Molly James, Sarah Frye and Kaylin Haines showed up with plenty of spunk and spirit.



Workshop attendees by day..... line dancers by night.



Group activity with Rhett Laubach.





Programs That Pop with Seth Wolken; headband required. (below) Allison Railsback, Seth Wolken and Ashtynn Rottinghaus with their Running for a State Office workshop.



KANSAS EXCHANGE 2014 - 2015

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September 5, 2014	October 10, 2014	Local Officer Installations National Conference Results Summer Leadership Seminar Super Sweeps
November 21, 2014	December 12, 2014	Membership Recruitment Ideas National Fall Leadership Conference American Enterprise Day Fundraiser Ideas
February 6, 2015	March 6, 2015	District Conference Results National FBLA Week
April 3, 2015	April 24, 2015	State Leadership Conference Results National Conference Plans

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NATIONAL FALL LEADERSHIP DATES

November 7-8, 2014	Washington, D.C.
November 14-15, 2014	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Please note	<i>Kansas delegation meeting Friday, November 14, 8:00 p.m. prior to opening session</i>
November 21-22, 2014	New Orleans, LA

2015 DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Friday, January 30	District I Conference, Jaimee Holcomb, VP	Cherryvale; Registration: 8 a.m.
Friday, January 16	District II Conference, Jeremy Larson, VP	Jefferson Co. North, Registration: 8:30
Monday, January 19	District III Conference, Kaylin Haines, VP	Hayden Catholic, Registration: 8 a.m.
Monday, February 2	District IV Conference, Allison Railsback, VP	Rock Hills; Registration: 8:30 a.m.
Saturday, February 7	District V Conference, JT Molina, VP	Chaparral, Registration: 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, February 11	District VI Conference, Molly James, VP	Eudora, Registration: 2 p.m.
Wednesday, February 4	District VII Conference, Elizabeth Hill, VP	ESU 8 a.m.
Saturday, January 31	District VIII Conference, Braden Mishler, VP	Western Plains, Registration: 10 a.m.

2015 STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

March 24-25, 2015 ExpoCentre, Topeka

National Leadership Conference - Nashville



Gaylord
Opryland
Hotel



Our day downtown....
Country Music Hall of
Fame, Grand Ole Opry
and Wildhorse Saloon.



Kansas Winners from NLC

Accounting 1

2. Patricia Lu, Blue Valley North

American Enterprise Project

2. Courtney Renfro, Carlie Snethen, Alexis Yelland, West Franklin
4. Chase Bouse, Ashley Ebeck, Ashtyn Rottinghaus, Wellsville

Banking and Financial Systems

2. Scott McGehee, Kiley Varney, Hesston
7. Coleman Forst, Kaleb Koerperich, David Luebcke, Marysville

Business Communication

4. Alex Chen, Valley Center

Business Ethics

8. Abigail Decker, Sofia Goodman, Katelyn Hageman

Business Plan

6. Kaden Littrell, Betsy Shobe, Canton-Galva

Business Presentation

10. Yuyang Chu, Mitch Reinig, Noah Ryan, Blue Valley North

Community Service Project

3. Grant Harris, Jami McVay, Sarah Niederee, Great Bend
7. Makenzie Deines, Bryanna Svoboda, Centre

Desktop Application Programming

2. Blair Urish, Santa Fe Trail

Electronic Career Portfolio

3. Nellie Kassebaum, Centre

Future Business Leader

6. Jacob Dailey, Canton-Galva

Impromptu Speaking

7. Chance Maginness, Rock Creek

Introduction to Business Communication

10. Anja Tonkovvic-Capin, Blue Valley North

Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure

1. Allison Basore, Centre

Job Interview

4. Ashtyn Rottinghaus, Wellsville
6. Dani Rakowitz, Rock Creek

Local Chapter Annual Business Report

1. Wellsville High School

Management Decision Making

4. Brendon Asch, Ashley Peterson, Carmen Resco, Clifton-Clyde
5. Josh Decker, Brady McDermed, Sabrina Wollenberg, Hesston

Public Service Announcement

2. Anthony Klecan, Drew Malin, Aaron Pachta, Wamego

Spreadsheet Applications

10. Andrea L'Ecuyer, Washington County

Virtual Business Challenge

4. Yifeng Ding, Yarden Tamir, Michael Zhou, Blue Valley North

NLC Awards Program



Chapter of the Month: August JEFFERSON COUNTY NORTH

Congratulations to Jefferson County North FBLA for being selected as our first Chapter of the Month! They have been going nonstop in the month of August, so we would like to recognize them for Stepping Up to the Challenge to help keep Kansas FBLA a great organization.

For their community service activities, Jefferson County North had a Committee Prep meeting and contacted Children's Mercy Hospital. They sent out raffle letters to businesses for their fundraising. JCN was very involved in the leadership category this month by having officer orientation, officer meetings, Partnership with Business committee prep, meetings, and a Business Day Committee Prep

Meeting. For their March of Dimes activities, they had a committee prep meeting, a committee meeting with school administration and got their event OK'ed with KSHSAA. Their FBLA Twitter and Facebook accounts were re-opened and they worked the enrollment booth and put up signs on lockers for media recognition and membership drive. They served the school at "Meet the Teacher Night" and had an officer picnic for their social activity.

Again, congratulations to Jefferson County North! Our honorary chapters are Hanover High School FBLA, Washington County High School FBLA and Wellsville High School FBLA. We love to see chapters working hard and Stepping Up to the Challenge. The next submission deadline is October 10, 2014.



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Seth Wolken

Greetings, Kansans! Since being elected state editor, I have had many opportunities to “Step Up to the Challenge”.....CTSO training, NLC, Super Sweeps and the list keeps building!

To start off our term as state officers, the newly elected state board met up at the CTSO training weekend in Junction City. We also had the opportunity to meet other Kansas state officers from BPA, Skills USA, HOSA, TSA, FFA, DECA and FCCLA.

Kansas FBLA certainly did Kansas proud at the National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Kansas had many individuals place in their respective events and had two NATIONAL CHAMPIONS with our state parliamentarian Allison Basore from Centre winning **Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure** and Wellsville winning the **Local Chapter Annual Business Report**. A complete list is on page 21 of this newsletter and on KansasFBLA.com.

At our annual Summer Leadership Conference, everyone who attended Stepped Up to the Challenge, boosted their leadership skills by listening to Rhett Laubach speak, then listening to the state officer team presentations for all attendees.

The state board members and I cannot wait to see all of you again when Kansas FBLA travels to the National Fall Leadership Conference in Minneapolis.

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