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Soaring to New Heights!

State Leadership Conference a Success

The 2003 State Leadership Conference was held in Emporia March 27 & 28, 2003. 1,452 members and 69 local chapters were in attendance and the conference officially started Thursday morning with the Opening Session. Members participated in events throughout the day, attended a March of Dimes MiniWalk, and went to the caucus and dance that evening.

Friday morning began early with voting delegates selecting the new state officers and voting on bylaw amendments. Finals were conducted that morning and members then prepared for the Awards Ceremony. At the Awards Ceremony, the 2003-2004 State Officer team was officially installed and the winners of both state and national events were called on stage. A select group qualified to attend the National Leadership Conference in Dallas this June. To conclude the conference a flashback was played and members headed home.

2003-2004 State Executive Board

President

Lindy Brownback, Lyndon

Executive Vice President

Megan Smith, Santa Fe Trail

District I Vice President

Andrew Young, Lebo

District II Vice President

Georgia Campbell, Eudora

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Brett Eakin, Rossville

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Chad O'Bryhim, Santa Fe Trail

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Jennifer Wellnitz, Hartford



The newly elected State Executive Board was installed at the Awards Ceremony.



Kansas' top FBLA members competed in the National Who's Who Contest. Heather Sedivy from Linn placed first in this prestigious event.



Congratulations

to the 2003

Kansas FBLA Adviser of the Year

Mary Ann Niemann

Oskaloosa High School

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Letter from the Kansas PBL President

March 30, 2003

Dear Kansas FBLA members and Advisers

I want to congratulate you on the completion of your successful State Leadership Conference in Emporia, Kansas as you have soared to new heights. I was honored to be there as your special guest representing Phi Beta Lambda. As I walked around the halls of the Emporia State University's Student Union and William Allen White Auditorium, I noticed the members and advisers networking with each other, having fun and learning leadership skills too. As members of this premier business organization you need to network with your classmates about all the educational experiences and leadership skills you have gained from the FBLA activities you have been involved in.

I am pleased to hear about the new bylaw regarding the Kansas FBLA Quality Member Award, and I look forward to working with your state president Ms. Brownback on this special award. I would encourage all members to complete the requirements for the Kansas FBLA Quality Member Award. These requirements are designed for members that are seeking to soar to new heights in Kansas FBLA.

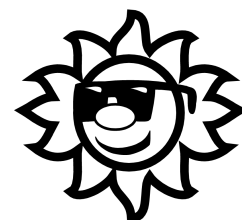
This past year Kansas Phi Beta Lambda and Kansas Future Business Leaders of America have been working side by side to fine tune your leadership skills. Phi Beta Lambda state officers presented workshops and have helped with logistics at your district and state conferences. Our PBL members have been the Keynote speakers at your chapter meetings. One of your district officers attended a Kansas PBL state board meeting.

As the newly elected State President of Kansas Phi Beta Lambda I want to continue the success that Kansas FBLA and Kansas PBL has achieved. I want to work with your state board and adviser to grow our special bond even stronger.

To the FBLA graduating seniors. I want you to continue your FBLA-PBL journey by joining Phi Beta Lambda. Kansas has 10 local PBL chapters across our state. You can find out more about each of the local PBL chapters by logging on to www.kansaspbl.org. This is the state web site for Kansas Phi Beta Lambda. If you plan go to a school that currently does not have a Phi Beta Lambda chapter please, contact me, or any of the other Phi Beta Lambda state officers so we can work with you to charter a new chapter. I will be looking forward to seeing the graduating seniors in Phi Beta Lambda next year.

Have a great summer and keep on looking up as you soar to new heights in Kansas FBLA

Mike Stein
Kansas Phi Beta Lambda
State President



Plan to attend the Kansas FBLA Summer Leadership Seminar in Topeka July 17-18, 2003!

2003 Kansas FBLA National Qualifiers

Accounting I

1st—Maria O'Halloran—Hesston
2nd—Zach Woods—Belle Plaine

Accounting II

1st—Matt Bloom—Jackson Hgts.
2nd—Michael Flexman—Blue Valley North

American Enterprise Project

1st—Pleasant Ridge
2nd—Northern Heights

Banking & Financial Systems

1st—Danny Schmitz—Jackson Hgts
2nd—Turner Batty—Blue Valley North

Business Calculations

1st—Laura Gehring—Northern Heights
2nd—Michael Yates—Pomona

Business Communication

1st—Tory Adams—Northern Hgts
2nd—Jason Huynh—Thomas More Prep-Marion

Business Law

1st—Danny Schmitz—Jackson Hgts.
2nd—Kristy Scheuer—Labette Co.

Business Math

1st—Mark Worden—Washburn Rural
2nd—Emily Robbins—SFT

Business Plan

1st—Thomas More Prep—Marion
2nd—Wamego

Business Procedures

1st—Janelle Shoup, Burlington
2nd—Brett Mawhiney—Blue Valley North

Chapter Website Development

1st—Linn
2nd—Rossville

Community Service Project

1st—Pleasant Ridge
2nd—Northern Heights

Computer Applications

1st—Emily Johnson—Wellsville
2nd—John Larson—Canton-Galva

Computer Concepts

1st—Jeff Garfinkle—Blue Valley North
2nd—Mark DeArmond—Eudora

Desktop Publishing

1st—Pomona
2nd—Iola

Economics

1st—John Larson—Canton-Galva
2nd—Deb Murphy—Council Grove

Emerging Business Issues

1st—Blue Valley North

Entrepreneurship

1st—Blue Valley North

FBLA Principles & Procedures

1st—Bethany McGhee—Pleasant Ridge
2nd—Ashley Meinert—Pleasant Ridge

Impromptu Speaking

1st—Andrew Kaplan—Blue Valley North

International Business

1st—Doug Winnard—Blue Valley North
2nd—Kasif Syed—Blue Valley North

Intro. to Business

1st—Andy Schmitz—Jackson Heights
2nd—RaeAnn Anderson—Jackson Heights

Intro. to Business Communication

1st—Jennifer Biggs—St. Thomas Aquinas
2nd—Anna Whittington—Blue Valley North

Intro. to Parliamentary Procedures

1st—Rachel Cunningham—Oskaloosa
2nd—Chelsey Forge—Oskaloosa

Job Interview

Dylan Evan—Lebo

Local Annual Business Report

1st—Pleasant Ridge
2nd—Pomona

Marketing

1st—Cliff Smolinsky—Blue Valley North
2nd—Jason Huynh—Thomas More Prep-Marion

Mr. FBL (Future Bs. Leader)

1st—Kabel Robbins—Oskaloosa

Ms. FBL (Future Bs. Leader)

1st—Danielle Sedivy—Linn

Multi-Media Presentation

1st—Hanover
2nd—Linn

National Who's Who

Heather Sedivy—Linn

Network Design

1st—Olpe

Networking Concepts

1st—Curtis Hawthorne—Nickerson
2nd—Mark DeArmond—Eudora

Parliamentary Procedures

1st—Oskaloosa

Partnership w/Business Project

1st—Pleasant Ridge
2nd—Thomas More Prep-Marion

Programming—C++

1st—Dan Hogan—Blue Valley North
2nd—Spencer Chu—Blue Valley North

Programming—JAVA

1st—Dan Hogan—Blue Valley North
2nd—Aaron McCullough—Oskaloosa

Programming—Visual Basic

1st—Dan Hogan—Blue Valley North
2nd—Jarret Shields—Central Heights

Public Speaking I

1st—Cory Snowberg—Pleasant Ridge

Public Speaking II

1st—Chris Stark—Chaparral

Technology Concepts

1st—Mark DeArmond—Eudora
2nd—Jeff Garfinkle—Blue Valley North

Word Processing I

1st—Becky Looney—Pleasant Ridge
2nd—Megan Eichenberger—Pomona

Word Processing II

1st—Jessi Schierkolk—Wamego
2nd—Heather Arn—Pomona

Gold Seal Chapters (in alphabetic order)

1. B & B #12780
2. Canton-Galva #4758
3. Clifton-Clyde #9334
4. Jefferson Co. North #6776
5. Labette Co. #567
6. Lebo #1857
7. Linn #12316
8. Northern Heights #2060
9. Oskaloosa #5633
10. Pleasant Ridge #8208
11. Pomona #8607
12. Rossville #8669
13. Santa Fe Trail #9091

Local Chapter News Articles...

Oskaloosa

By: Terra Farmer

The Oskaloosa chapter has been doing a great job of "Soaring to New Heights" this year. The chapter placed third at the State Leadership Conference in Emporia, and local member Terra Farmer was elected as State Treasurer to serve on the 2003-2004 State Board. Members have been celebrating their accomplishments so far and spending quality time preparing for Nationals in Dallas, Texas, where they plan on soaring even higher in individual and team events. It has been a great year; members have experienced a wide range of success and are ready for more!

Thirty-four members represented Santa Fe Trail High School at the State Conference in Emporia this year. Fifteen of them placed in the top 10 on their events. Megan Smith, Santa Fe Trail Ex-Officio and Kansas FBLA State Treasurer, was elected 2003-2004 State Executive Vice-President, and Santa Fe Trail's local Editor Chad O'Bryhim was elected 2003-2004 State Editor.

The newly elected state officers from SFT and Emily Robbins, who placed 2nd in Business Math, are looking forward to attending the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Dallas.

Santa Fe Trail

By: Chad O'Bryhim

National FBLA Week has always been a busy time for Santa Fe Trail FBLA, and this year's plans were no different. The District VII contest in Olpe gave us a great start for the week with SFT placing first overall in points. At our meeting Tuesday, Angela Blaufess, District VII VP, was present to hand out certificates and State FBLA President Ginger Niemann spoke to the members. Throughout the week, SFT-FBLA raised money for the March of Dimes organization by having the classes compete by donating money. At the end of the week, a few officers and members from our school visited the nursing home in Overbrook, Brookside Manor, to give valentines to its residents.



The Kansas FBLA Webpage now includes:

- Kansas FBLA Policies
- State Board Meeting Minutes
- Kansas FBLA Calendar of Events
- Each edition of the Kansas Exchange. To access the newsletter, simply go to the Kansas Exchange section on the webpage and click on the link. This will allow chapters to print extra copies or have their members read the newsletter on the web.
- And More!



Many Santa Fe Trail Members placed at the District VII Conference and they placed first overall as a chapter.

Access the webpage today at
[www.ksfbla.org!](http://www.ksfbla.org)

Advisers Years of Service ***State Editors' Brainteasers***

The following advisers were recognized at the State Leadership Conference for the donation of their time to FBLA. Thanks to these individuals for their hard work and dedication to make Kansas FBLA a successful organization.

5 Years

Gina Clark—Chaparral
Linda Dills—Chaparral
Jeanne Sneed—Greensburg

10 Years

Debra Carr—Marmaton Valley
Dawn Rottinghaus—Wellsville

15 Years

Deb Metsker—Pleasant Ridge

25 Years

Ernestine Gordon—Rossville
Connie Lindell—Santa Fe Trail

Adviser of the Year

Mary Ann Niemann—Oskaloosa

Congratulations to the Pomona FBLA Chapter for winning the State Editors' Brainteasers Contest! Thanks as well to all of those who participated!



Pomona received a basket of candy from State Editor Kabel Robbins for winning the Brainteasers Contest.

Kansas FBLA— Keep Soaring to New Heights



**in Dallas at the 2003 National Leadership Conference
June 23-28, 2003**