

The Kansas Exchange

"The Road to Your Success"

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SLC Continues Road to Success

The Kansas Future Business Leaders of America stopped in Topeka, Kansas on March 31 and April 1 for the 2005 State Leadership Conference. One thousand five hundred forty Kansas FBLA members from seventy-three chapters from across the state of Kansas met for this two day conference held at the Kansas Expocentre.

The conference included many opportunities to test their leadership, business, and technical skills

against other high school students. Members participated in events, March of Dimes WalkAmerica, a dance, and an awards ceremony.

The top one and two places in many of the events were then eligible to participate in the National Leadership Conference held in Orlando, Florida. These members would represent Kansas FBLA in competitive events and bring home national recognition.

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Upcoming Events

- June 1
- SLS Registration Deadline
- June 8 - 10
- CTSO Officer Training in McPherson
- June 24 - 27
- National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida
- July 21 - 22
- Summer Leadership Seminar in Lawrence



Above: Kansas FBLA members from across the state participated in the March of Dimes WalkAmerica and helped raise money for prematurity. Right: State Secretary Abby Navinsky (left) lights Amanda Niemann's candle (right), the incoming State Secretary.

Letter from the Kansas FBLA State President

At the beginning of our Road to Success the State Executive Board established a vision that would take commitment, determination, and perseverance. The state executive board also established a set of guidelines that would help us accomplish these aspirations. Some of the guidelines include having a professional attitude, equal input, and a dedication to communication. This all combined to give Kansas FBLA a road map that led us down the path of achievement.

Our initial achievements came through areas of communication and public relations. Ten State Officers contacted at least three television, radio, and newspaper affiliates in Kansas with the most notable promotion coming during FBLA-PBL Week when over 20 media outlets were contacted. Governor Kathleen Sebelius also promoted Kansas FBLA through a proclamation signed on November 8th. New this year, were monthly updates; our District Vice Presidents showed their commitment to communication by informing advisers of important information, over 18 monthly reports were sent out keeping everyone informed. This is a great achievement in improving communication throughout the state. On January 18th, the State Executive Board once again proved to be committed to improved communication by completing the official State Directory. This was the first time in several years the directory had been completed and credit our State Secretary for her hard work. Also completed was the State Website and State newsletter, these useful tools helped chapters around the state and we thank our State Editor for his accomplishments.

The State Executive Board also made an effort to increase the middle level involvement. We see this achieved in District I, where 12 middle school students helped at the District Conference making it a real success. 50 Kansas FBLA members applied for the Quality Member Award and all of them were recognized at the SLC. It was an aspiration of this board to increase the recognition process and we accomplished that goal.

Our greatest accomplishment came in regards to membership and recruitment. When the State Executive Board decided to increase Kansas FBLA membership by 200 members, many people doubted its completion. With help from the Mountain Plains Vice President, National Parliamentarian, our State Executive Board, and many others, the state chapter of Kansas FBLA has its highest membership total ever. The State Executive Board accomplished every goal set out in the recruitment area. We chartered over five new chapters; raised membership totals passed 2,800 members, and raised awareness of the Professional Division. The State Executive Board should be congratulated for their hard work. The event sponsorship program has been completed and we thank those businesses that sponsored events this year. The participation in national award programs such as the Business achievement awards and membership madness and mania will be announced at NLC.

Kansas FBLA has accomplished so much this year. However, there are still challenges ahead for our state. It will be the responsibility of the 2005-2006 State Leadership Team to continue down the path of success. Communication



between our chapters, our partners, and our members, needs continued dedication. More members of the State Board must visit with schools across Kansas, to promote our organization and what we stand for. The Chapter Mentoring Program and the Event Sponsorship Program will need to be continued and fully instituted. And, the board must dedicate themselves to active membership and recruitment.

Kansas FBLA members, I am proud of what we have achieved and confident that we will continue to have success in the future. On behalf of the entire 2004-2005 Kansas FBLA State Executive Board, thank you for making this a fantastic year. It has been an honor traveling on this journey with you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brett Eakin".

Brett Eakin
Kansas FBLA State President

Letter from the Mountain Plains Region Vice President

As many of us say our goodbyes to this organization, it is time for new members to step into their place and truly unlock his or her potential. This means running for an office, chairing a committee, actively recruiting those around you, and learning all you can about the business world.

One of the best ways to take a step down this new leadership path is by journeying to the National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida. Thousands of FBLA members from across the nation will be there competing in their respective events and sharing their leadership knowledge with you. It will be a great time to hear phenomenal speakers, elect the new national officers, participate in meaningful March to Orlando projects, network with the business leaders of tomorrow, and escape to Florida and

to Disney World!

For the most intense leadership training, sign up for Institute for Leaders (IFL) which is held the two days before NLC. Two days are filled with non-stop leadership training. Last year, highlights included hearing Kwame Jackson from "The Apprentice" speak, and breaking boards with the power of a wrist but mostly with the power from inside. This is an incredible experience and a great journey to take on the Road to Your Success.

It has been a pleasure to know Kansas FBLA this year. You have grown your membership, both in quality and quantity, and have surpassed other landmarks that have been placed before you. I hope you continue to choose the path of excellence and continue to unlock your potential as a leader in FBLA. See you in Orlando!



Debbie Garber
National Mountain Plains Region
Vice President

Letter from the Kansas PBL State President

Kansas FBLA,

It was truly an amazing opportunity to work with you during the 2004-2005 year. Kansas Phi Beta Lambda is always looking forward to working with FBLA chapters across the state in any way possible.

I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage you to continue your involvement with the FBLA-PBL organization by joining a PBL chapter at your post-secondary institution. PBL chapters are currently located at both four- and two-year public and private colleges in Kansas. In addition, membership in Kansas PBL is increasing over the past several years as students are seeing the benefits of membership, which include professional and career development, networking skills, and scholarship and internship opportunities.

PBL chapters are currently located at the following Kansas colleges:

- Butler County Community College (in El Dorado)
- Central Christian College (in McPherson)
- Colby Community College (in Colby)
- Cowley County Community College (in Arkansas City)
- Emporia State University (in Emporia)
- Friends University (in Wichita)
- Kansas State University (in Manhattan)
- Labette Community College (in Parsons)

If you will be attending one of these colleges, I encourage you to join their PBL chapter!

PBL chapters have also been at numerous other community colleges, technical colleges, colleges, and universities across Kansas. Members of the 2004-2005 Kansas PBL State Board have been influential in speaking with business professors, department chairs, and administrators in reactivating and chartering chapters throughout Kansas. If you are interested in working to get a chapter on your campus, feel free to contact me at bruner_brett@stumail.emporia.edu, and I will put you in contact with the Kansas PBL State Board.

Have a great summer!

Brett Bruner
2004-2005 Kansas PBL President
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Canton-Galva FBLA - Canton-Galva High School

On May 26, the Canton-Galva FBLA chapter had our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the local children in Galva. It was a lot of fun and we had a record number of children attending.

We attended the Kansas State FBLA Conference in Topeka on March 31 and April 1. The following is how our members who placed did: Sabrina Hamilton got 10th in Business Letter Composition; Tyler Becker got 7th in Chapter Newsletter, 9th in C++ Programming, and 7th in Java Programming; Andy Otte got 7th in Electronic Calculator; KaCee Kremeier got 8th in Computer Concepts and 9th

in Technology Concepts; Chelsi Kramer got 7th in Impromptu Speaking; Bo Koehn got 8th in Annual Business Report; Charles Coyle got 8th in Java Programming; Kacee Kremeier, Shane Williams, and Charles Coyle placed 6th in Chapter Website, and Rachelle Crouse, Kate Larson, Marianna Redden, and Kaycie Shearer placed 5th in Parliamentary Procedures (Team). Unfortunately no one made it to Nationals this year, but we are very proud of those who placed.

Our awards night for our local FBLA is on April 28. There we will be giving out the FBLA awards to our FBLA

members and also we will be initiating our new officers for 2005 and 2006.

The final Canton-Galva FBLA event this year will be on May 9: our annual Blood Drive. We are going to have our blood mobile set up at our school where people can come to give their blood in return for a cookie or two. We hope to not have anyone faint this year, but we can't always foresee these situations...

Have a good summer! See you all next year!

Pleasant Ridge FBLA - Pleasant Ridge High School

Pleasant Ridge was once again very successful at the 2005 Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference. Sixty FBLA members traveled to the Topeka Expo Centre to represent the school's chapter. Nine members qualified to go to the national competition in Orlando. Ashley Meinert was elected the District II Vice President while at the conference as well. Overall the chapter

was awarded second place.

First place finishes included Jehn Creviston in Job Interview; Michaela Forge in Sales Presentation; Jacob Hendee in Business Procedures; Sami Kramer in Chapter Newsletter; Bethany McGhee in Ms. FBL; and Heidi Tate in FBLA Principles and Procedures. Other national qualifiers included the American Enterprise Project team made up of Creviston, Anna Erzen,

and Kyle Powers; Ashley Flowers in FBLA Principles and Procedures, and Mike Corbet for Web Site Development.

Current officers are busy preparing for next year with new elections, as well as planning a spring social. The officers will enjoy the summer break after the stress of district and state competition, yet they are anxious for what a new year will bring.



Left: Pleasant Ridge members worked in Ashley Meinert's campaign booth to help her win the District II Vice President position. Right: Pleasant Ridge members stop for a group picture.

Pomona FBLA - Pomona High School

Five Pomona FBLA members are making plans and earning money for the National Leadership Conference in Orlando! Kortney Miller qualified in Word Processing II; and Michele Evans, Autumn Reece, and Sarah Wigger qualified in Partnership with Business. Courtnee Butler will join the state officer team as District VI Vice

President. Track meet concessions and a Worlds of Fun workday are helping the girls earn money for this trip.

FBLA is sponsoring the Community Blood Center Blood Vessel, which will be at PHS this spring; and donors are receiving t-shirts. The Pomona chapter also distributed pencils, pens, and keychains to juniors

and seniors reminding them to have a safe Prom Night. These items were obtained from KDOT and all had the "There's no excuse for driving drunk" message printed on them.

A senior farewell is scheduled for May as well as officer elections for next year.

Summer Leadership Seminar Preview

Advisers,

As the end of the year winds down and the new chapter leaders are elected, it is once again time to make plans to attend the 2005 Summer Leadership Seminar in Lawrence, Kansas.

Your state officers are working diligently to prepare a seminar that will be both enjoyable and educational for your chapter leaders and you. Our facilitator and state officer workshops will focus on teambuilding and leadership skills. Enclosed, you will find a flyer to hang up in your classroom and informational brochure that may be copied and distributed to your members; inside it you will find valuable information such as the dates, workshops, and speaker information.

The registration forms and payment are due to me by June 1, 2005. Remember to attach a list of members that will be attending so that nametags may be made. Be sure to make all checks payable to Kansas FBLA. The state officer team is looking forward to seeing you at the seminar.

Brooke Pryor
State Parliamentarian



Advisers Years of Service

Thank you Adviser's for all your hard work and dedication to this organization. We hope to see your continued support for Kansas FBLA.

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10 Years

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15 Years

Judy Patterson, Lyndon

20 Years

Brenda McNary, Hayden

25 Years

Ella Oentrich, Hartford

Kansas Exchange Deadlines

Deadline	Mailing Date	Article Ideas
September 9, 2005	October 14, 2005	New Local Officer Initiations National Conference Results Summer Leadership Seminar
November 18, 2005	December 9, 2005	Member Recruitment Activities NFLC American Enterprise Day
February 24, 2006	March 17, 2006	District Results National FBLA Week Events
April 7, 2006	April 28, 2006	State Results National Conference Plans

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