



Spring Exchange

Why Become a State Officer?

Spending a year as a state officer is nerve wracking, challenging and full of opportunities for personal growth. Every state officer has enjoyed the challenges put forth to them and the opportunities to meet and network with other students. In this issue of the Kansas Exchange, a few current state officers took a moment to share how he/she has grown this past year.

Sean Bruna- I am your State Editor. This past year has been very hectic learning my position and being a senior but it has been worth it. Becoming an FBLA officer has taught me how to be more organized. Before FBLA, I had never been very organized but having to have things an exact way has slowly taught me to have everything together and on time. The opportunity of being a state officer has changed my life forever and I am very blessed to have this experience.

Elizabeth Funk-I am your Kansas FBLA District II Vice President! I learned so much about myself this year and what I wanted to do in my future profession. My experiences in FBLA helped me realize that I want to include leadership and a business environment in my future career. FBLA taught me to love leading others and inspiring them to become better. I have absolutely loved traveling to leadership conferences and meeting FBLA members from across the state of Kansas. I've made some great memories with the State Executive Board, and made friendships I will never forget! I would not be who I am today without FBLA or the people in it, and I am forever grateful for this opportunity.

Lane Johnson-Martinez-Serving Kansas FBLA has been such a wonderful experience and is definitely the highlight of my high school career. I've met many people from all over the world and have made friendships that will last a lifetime. FBLA has also allowed me to travel all over the United States to places such as Denver, CO, San Antonio, TX, and Baltimore, MD. I encourage all FBLA members to be as active within the organization as they can because there are so many opportunities to not only expand your leadership potential, but also to prepare you for the next chapter of life after high school.

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STATE CONFERENCE

March 30 & 31 in Topeka, KS

NLC

June 29-July 2 in Salt Lake City, UT

NFLC

Omaha Nov 6-7

Dallas Nov 13-14

Daytona Beach Nov 20-21



Carson Richardson-I am your State Treasurer. This past year has been very hectic between being your State Treasurer and being a Junior, but it's been worth it. Becoming an FBLA officer has taught me so many things but the two major things I learned are how to manage my time effectively and how to be a more effective leader. Before joining FBLA, I was very bad at planning things, I had enough free time to not worry about keeping a schedule. I also wasn't much of a leader I preferred to just do what I was told and fall in line, FBLA helped me to realize that I can help lead the change I want to see. The opportunity of being a state officer has changed my life forever and I am truly honored to have been given this opportunity and experience.

Kaylie Reese- I am your State Executive Vice President. The past year has been a crazy, yet exciting, ride. I am so happy I ran for state office last year, I have not only learned a lot about my position, being on task, and networking, but I have learned a lot about myself as a person. This journey has been an absolute blast and it has changed my life for the better. I encourage you to run for state office in the future, as you might meet some of your best friends and have the time of your life, like I did. I am so very blessed to have had this experience, and I wouldn't trade it for the world!

Tyler Skirvin-Being a state officer has changed me by showing what it's like to be part of something bigger than just my school and being there when people need help. I have gained the experience of being a leader and being responsible with knowing what to do and being able to separate my work load from my personal life.

Hanover

FBLA Week Activities Create Joy at Hanover

During the second week of February, the FBLA organization celebrates National FBLA Week. The Hanover chapter planned several activities for this week to show appreciation to members. The week's events were centered on including not just chapter members, but non-members, junior high students, and teachers as well.

Monday was Member Appreciation Day. Members who wore their t-shirts were given a free doughnut. On Tuesday, to thank the staff for all they do, the chapter gave teachers and other high school staff a treat bag. Ice cream sundaes were sold on Wednesday and cookies were sold on Thursday to junior high and high school students. Proceeds from the cookie sales went to the March For Dimes.

Originally, a chapter meeting was planned for Friday. Guest speaker Lindsey Frerking was invited to share the benefits her career offers. However due to illness, the meeting was rescheduled for the following week. To better meet her schedule, arrangements were made for a Google Hangout call to Lindsey. Chapter members enjoyed listening to the information she had to share about her job.

FBLA week was viewed as extremely beneficial by the Hanover chapter. The planned activities were successful in incorporating all Hanover students and brought smiles to many faces.



Here to win it!

Linn High School

The Linn FBLA members participated in FBLA week from February 3-7.

Themes for the days were: Community Leader Day (included guest speakers Ryan Wieters and John Whetzal, who gave a FBLA week proclamation), Dress for Success Day (members dressed up in official FBLA dress and had a local chapter meeting), Welcome Wednesday (members greeted students with a granola bar at the main doors before school), FBLA Trivia Day (members participated in a trivia event during lunch), and FBLA Spirit Day (members dressed in FBLA blue and gold). FBLA week is a good way for members to become involved and show the student body how fun FBLA is.

The Linn FBLA had great success at the FBLA District IV Conference. It was an unusual district conference due to snow canceling the original conference date. Members traveled to Mankato for presentation and speaking events on January 16. All testing was done during the next week online at each school. Every member participated in multiple events and the chapter brought home 28 top 10 placings, with 12 of the 28 being first, second, or third. All members qualified for the Kansas State Conference and look forward to representing the Linn FBLA chapter this March. Adviser Jennifer Dague and Angela Dittmer accompanied the students. Results were as follows:

- 1st - Business Ethics, Faith Beikman/Carly Kolle/Lindsay Mueller
- 1st - Business Calculations, Carly Kolle
- 1st - Business Communications, Carly Kolle
- 1st - Health Care Administration, Carly Kolle
- 2nd - Intro. To Business Communications, Kyrarah Peters
- 2nd - Intro. To Business Presentation, Megan Beier/Sophia Bott/Holden Dittmer
- 2nd - Local Chapter Annual Business Report, Trent Beier/Haley Dittmer
- 2nd - Public Service Announcement, Haley Dittmer/Kaylee Oehmke/Daniel York
- 2nd - Database Design & Application, Trent Beier
- 2nd - Accounting II, Haley Dittmer
- 3rd - Intro. To Business Communications, Lindsay Mueller
- 3rd - Ms. Future Business Leader, Kaylee Oehmke
- 4th - Accounting II, Daniel York
- 4th - Ag Business, Trent Beier
- 4th - Intro. To Public Speaking, Maggie Hansen
- 4th - Personal Finance, Carly Kolle
- 5th - Computer Problem Solving, Isaiah Rogge
- 5th - Mr. Future Business Leader, Daniel York
- 5th - Sales Presentation, Claire Beikmann
- 5th - Entrepreneurship, Isaac Rogge/Isaiah Rogge
- 6th - Public Speaking, Kyrarah Peters
- 6th - Cyber Security, Isaac Rogge
- 7th - Business Calculations, Isaiah Rogge
- 7th - Intro. To Business Communications, Claire Beikmann
- 7th - Job Interview, Trent Beier
- 8th - Business Calculations, Haley Dittmer
- 9th - Cyber Security, Isaiah Rogge
- 9th - Personal Finance, Trent Beier
- 10th - Personal Finance, Isaac Rogge



Wellsville Chapter Spotlight By Jessie McClellan, Editor

All Wellsville FBLA members have been hard at work completing their Business Achievement Awards, helping their community, and preparing for the National Fall Leadership Conference. This year our chapter gained thirteen more members than last year, with a total of 124 members, with the freshman class having 69% participation. Wellsville FBLA has been extremely busy-so busy that we decided to tell you what we have been up to in an easy to read list.

Mommy/Son Olympic Games: Sixty Elementary school boys and their mothers were invited to compete in ten stations against their mothers on September 15.

Sold March of Dimes Baby Feet: Members sold baby feet at one home volleyball and one home football game to raise money for the March of Dimes. Wellsville has competed in a friendly competition with West Franklin, in hopes of raising money for premature babies for the past nine years.

PTO Babysitting: Monthly, two Wellsville FBLA members care for the children of the parents who are attending the Elementary PTO meetings.

Downtown Pumpkin Decorating: Wellsville FBLA members provide pumpkins to each of the eight preschool classes to decorate for downtown businesses. The pumpkins on display at the businesses were amazing.

Baking Brownies for Parent/Teacher Conferences: On October 16 & 17, Wellsville FBLA members baked brownies for the district teachers as a treat to have during the long evenings of conferences.

Trick or Treat for Canned Goods: On October 9, members collected non-perishable food items around town asking community members for can goods for a local food pantry and while doing so competing in a friendly competition for who could get the most cans, all together they acquired approximately 1,000 cans.

Bring Your Own Banana Party: All 124 paid FBLA members had the opportunity to attend an ice cream social in the commons on October 11.

Special Olympics Bocce Tournament: Sixteen members went to Olathe to help Special Olympians with the regional Special Olympics Bocce Tournament that prepares the athletes for the state tournament. This occurred on October 20.

American Enterprise Day: In celebration of American Enterprise Day many Wellsville FBLA members got together to put on workshops for the fifth graders where they could learn about the American Enterprise system. Over 65 members participated in the workshops, while almost



all other FBLA members participated in through other avenues. This happened on November 7, instead of November 15 due to the FBLA officer team attending NFLC in Denver, Colorado during that time..

Veterans Day Program: On November 11, the Wellsville local officers helped in the annual Veterans Day Program by

carrying the military branch flags during each branches medley, some sang in the choir and other played in the band. Senior Natalie Shuey played taps, while other members brought over residents from the nursing home, created and distributed programs to the attendees.

Assist with Scholars Bowl Tournament: FBLA members volunteered to help out with the home scholars bowl meet by keeping score, running timers, and guarding the doors on November 12.

Shopping for Holidays in Wellsville & Adopt-a-Resident: After school, a FBLA members went shopping to buy toys and other gifts for the upcoming Children's Christmas Mall that is held at Holidays in Wellsville on December 7. This is an event where kids of all ages can buy gifts for their friends and family for only \$1. They also are able to wrap and receive assistance in wrapping if needed, their gifts at no charge. Christmas gifts were also purchased for all of the Wellsville Retirement Center residents to be given during the holiday season.

Recycling Committee: To help keep our school clean, organized and to continue with our "Go Green" campaign, FBLA members have been collecting recycling from classrooms in both the high school and middle school, and bringing it to a local cellulose fiber recycler.

National Fall Leadership Conference: Wellsville FBLA brought all ten of their officers to Denver, Colorado for NFLC, where they learned about many of opportunities by participating in hands on workshops, and listening to captivating guest speakers.

Anderson County

Anderson County attended districts on February 11 held at Louisburg High School. We are proud to announce that we have 16 of our members who qualified for the State Competition.



Rock Hills

Throughout December, January, and February the Rock Hills FBLA Chapter has stayed quite busy. We started off the month of December by volunteering at Santa's Workshop, which is an event held by the Mankato Chamber of Commerce for children to purchase gifts for their family members. To continue our holiday cheer after participating in Santa's workshop, we donated some of our chapter's treasury to Heifer International and purchased several groups of animals to donate to families in third-world countries which they will use for food and as a revenue stream. Another community service project we took part in was Wreaths Across America. Wreaths Across America allows groups to sponsor wreaths that are laid on veteran's tombstones at national cemeteries across the nation. Our wreaths went to Ft. Riley Cemetery.

We initially were going to hold our District IV Contest on January 13, but the weather decided otherwise. We ended up holding the District IV Contest on January 16 at some of the churches in Mankato so we didn't cancel school again... unfortunately. Overall, our chapter did quite well in our speaking events and in the paper/pencil events.

During FBLA week, we had several activities throughout the week. These included the cookie challenge where we students and teachers had the opportunity to participate by seeing how many cookies they could eat in a minute. We also made goody bags filled with snacks for the basketball players to eat before their game. On Thursday, we visited Brush Art Corporation in Downs, Kansas to have a business tour. Members learned about Brush Art's daily operations and procedures.

Members are now in the process of getting items ready to send in to state for pre-judging with the hopes of getting into finals.



Santa Fe Trail

The SFTJH chapter of FBLA held their meeting during FBLA Week and enjoyed a heart shaped sucker to celebrate their love of this organization. They look forward to being at state competition in a couple of months.



Republic County

Republic County High School celebrated FBLA week February 3rd - 7th. Officers introduced each day with an FBLA fact. Tuesday was member appreciation day and each member received a note and treat on their locker. On Wednesday, the chapter held guessing games in the lunchroom. Winners were Alexis Hansen, Trevor Martin, Hunter Hartner, Ally Baxter, and Curtis Hansen. On Thursday and Friday, FBLA hosted trivia time during seminar time.

Each seminar class competed to see who knew the most about FBLA and business related facts. The top three winners for the high school were Kelsa Wendt, Ayden Krohn, and Jonathan Dyke. The 6th grade winners were Tyler Sommers, Owen Doyle, and Jacquelyn Parde. The Junior High winners were Dillon Burnett, Zelma Siemsen, Abigail Knoll, Camryn Reynolds, and Grace Baxter. Also on Thursday, officers participated in the Community Coffee meeting where the officers presented to those in attendance about FBLA activities and events. Lastly, a special thanks goes to local businesses Casey's and Dairy Queen for donating prizes during the 2020 Republic County FBLA Week.



Washington County

In December, 12 members wrapped and moved presents for the county Angel Tree project. Organizers were very thankful for the members as they saved the organizers hours of their volunteer time. In January, districts were postponed due to ice and snow. On January 16, 28 members traveled to Rock Hills to compete in the speaking and presentation events. Many of our students placed well. January 27 found all members taking tests for the district conference. WCHS celebrated FBLA week February 4th - 7th. Tuesday, members solved trivia questions. Wednesday was crazy outfit day. Thursday was chapter t-shirt day. Friday was Dress for Success day where members who dressed in business attire were treated with pizza at lunch. Members are busy studying for state and looking forward to helping for the first time with the Washington Easter Egg hunt with the Chamber of Commerce.

