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 - October 20
- **Champion Chapter Service Season**
 - November 6 – January 7
- **National Fall Leadership Conference**
 - November 7- 8

Find the full calendar on the KS FBLA Website

Important Reminders

Member Registration

The first round of deadlines for membership dues at the state and national levels is **October 20th**. Members must be registered through <https://connect.fbla.org/>, and membership dues of **\$14 per member** must be paid.

National Fall Leadership Conference

The National Fall Leadership Conference is an annual event that provides middle and high school students with business knowledge and opportunities for networking. It will be hosted in Phoenix, Arizona, from Nov. 7-8, 2025. Register by **October 7th** on <https://www.fbla.org/nflc/>.



Kansas FBLA is kicking off an exciting year of leadership, growth, and achievement. Inside, explore highlights from the National Leadership Conference, learn about local chapter activities, and hear from KS FBLA Alumni!

National Leadership Conference

National Placers

Kansas FBLA is proud to recognize the following students at the 2025 National Leadership Conference. These students competed amongst 14,000 of the best business students from across the country. **We are proud to celebrate the following Kansas members:**

- **Brooklyn Kelley** (*Atchison High School*) received recognition for her Capstone Project of the Business Achievement Awards.
- **Jaycee Belcher** (*Burlington High School*) Client Service, 7th
- **Nicholas Sporleder** (*Andover High School*) Financial Math, 6th
- **Aiden Thibodeau** (*Herington High School*) Healthcare Administration, 5th
- **Morgan Allen** (*Centralia High School*) Job Interview, 2nd
- **Mason Lytle** (*Wellsville High School*) Job Interview, 8th
- **Alexander Gale** (*Hesston High School*) Network Design, 2nd
- **Makenna Akin-Schober, Isabel Haverkamp, Parker Koch** (*Centralia High School*) Partnership with Business, 4th
- **Parker Koch** (*Centralia High School*) Public Policy & Advocacy, 9th
- **Peyton Davies** (*Andover High School*) Public Speaking, 8th
- **Riley Forge** (*Council Grove High School*) Sales Presentation, 5th
- **Madison Cranston & Josie Gronau** (*Girard High School*) Social Media Strategies, 6th
- **Carson Crowley** (*Seaman Middle School*) Career Exploration, 5th
- **Vailie Frost** (*Seaman Middle School*) Learning Strategies, 9th



This year's National Leadership Conference was hosted in Anaheim, California. At NLC, students compete against the best of the best from across the country. Kansas FBLA had an incredibly exciting 2025 NLC, with some highlights including the Kansas Meeting, the FBLA Night at the Los Angeles Angels game, and the awards ceremony where 17 Kansas members were recognized on the national stage. We were also proud to have former Kansas FBLA president Mason Lytle represent the state as the National Mountain Plains Region Vice President, and the former Kasnas FBLA Parliamentarian Sarah Rose represent the state on the National Parliamentarian Council this past year.



Chapter Shoutouts



Osawatomie High School – NLC



Atchinson High School – Activity Fair

Andover High School

Andover High School has had an accomplished start to the new membership year. At the National Leadership Conference last summer, Andover **celebrated two students who made it to the national stage**. They are proud to recognize Peyton Davies, who placed 9th in Public Speaking, and Nic Sporleder, who placed 6th in Financial Math. After attending the Summer Leadership Seminar and hosting concessions to benefit their school, Andover is excited to continue its successes by **competing in Champion Chapter for the first time** this year!



Girard High School – Activity Fair



Washington County High School – Shirt Design

Topeka West High School

The recently **reactivated chapter**, Topeka West High School, is making powerful strides to accomplish great things in this new membership year. After five years without members, Topeka West proudly had two student leaders step up last year as re-founding members. They are optimistic about the future of their chapter as they had **37 members sign up at their beginning-of-the-year Club Carnival**, and they have hosted meetings with an average size of 12-15 members



Andover High School – NLC

Washington County High School

Washington County High School is kicking off the new year with a jam-packed schedule full of fun, teamwork, and new faces. So far, they have hosted an **Officer Retreat** with goal-setting and teambuilding activities, and they held a **Recruitment Party** to encourage new membership. They are also looking forward to organizing an **Ice Cream Social** to celebrate paid members. Washington County has had an amazing start to the year, and they are excited to have new and returning members as part of their journey.

Alumni Spotlight



Grace Piche

Grace Piche is a freshman at Northwest Missouri State University pursuing Mass Media. Her favorite memory of FBLA is 2024 NLC in Orlando, Florida. Grace believes that Kansas FBLA has been pivotal for her success because she has mastered leadership, communication, and teamwork skills through competitions and chapter involvement. Through Kansas FBLA, Grace has developed confidence, real-world experience, and a clear direction for her future in business. Her advice for current members is **“Don’t be afraid to try everything when it comes to FBLA because you never know where this amazing organization can take you!”**

Jonah Sandford is graduating Pittsburg State University with a BBA in business economics and will be attending Kansas State for his MA in economics this coming spring. Kansas FBLA helped Jonah learn about business operations and explore all facets of the business environment through the wide variety of competitive events. Jonah has continued his journey in FBLA at the collegiate level as the Kansas FBLA Collegiate president. His advice for new members is **“Get out of your comfort zone at conferences and events. Networking with other FBLA members and learning about their experiences is one of the most valuable things available.”**



Jonah Sandford



Sarah Rose

Sarah Rose is attending Washington University, St. Louis to study cognitive neuroscience, with a specialization in language and cultural cognition. Sarah attributed her success in both high school and the college application process to the leadership positions, skills, and accolades she gained through this organization. Sarah is grateful for the valuable skills and lifelong friends she has made throughout her FBLA journey. Her advice for new members is **“Be comfortable with being uncomfortable. Comfort limits success. Step out of what you know is safe, and you will find so many opportunities for growth and leadership!”**

Monthly Recognition

CHAPTER OF THE MONTH

Girard – August

Washington County – September

Wellsville Middle Level – September

Atchinson – October

Republic County – November

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Jacqueline Siemsen was spotlighted as an Outstanding Member in October. As a junior from Republic County, she is very involved in school and the secretary of her local FBLA chapter. She enjoys meeting new people through FBLA and helping others.

ADVISER OF THE MONTH

Beth Wilson was spotlighted as an Outstanding Adviser from Girard High School. Beth continues to go above and beyond for her chapter. She has organized FBLA community events at Angels Cafe, and she most recently hosted an FBLA Rewards Movie Night to encourage FBLA engagement.

