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Kansas FBLA Members and Advisers:

The 2015-2016 State Officer Team is thrilled to CONNECT with you and to spread the greatness of Kansas FBLA. Is your chapter ready to CONNECT with peers, FBLA members across the state and individuals across the nation?

This year's state officer team is working hard to continue with programs established by previous officer teams, and we have been striving to implement several new programs as well to benefit local FBLA chapters and members. As a whole, one goal for the officer team is to better utilize social media avenues and promote Kansas FBLA to members across the state.

Next, the State Officer Team is also continuing to make state officer podcasts in order to provide Kansas FBLA members with more details on programs, workshops, and other FBLA information. These can be found on the Kansas FBLA website, [www.kansasfbla.com](http://www.kansasfbla.com). There will be more podcasts as the year progresses.

In addition, the state officers will be striving to excite students at the middle level by hosting workshops at each of their own schools and partaking in chapter visits at both levels. There will be a workshop at the State Leadership Conference (SLC) that will solely focus on middle level students, as well. Officers are also encouraging other schools to involve their middle school students with activities within their chapters to get them ready and excited about being members in high school.

Kansas FBLA did an outstanding job at the 2015 National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Chicago, IL. Kansas FBLA members competed in various events, campaigned for a national officer candidate, and met members across the nation. You can find all of the National results on the national website, [www.fbla-pbl.org](http://www.fbla-pbl.org).

The annual Summer Leadership Seminar (SLS), which was held at the end of July in McPherson, Kansas was a success. With 27 chapters and over 150 people present at this conference, members were able to gain leadership skills to take back to their local chapters as well as have a little fun. Attendees took the initiative to CONNECT with other Kansas students by attending state officer ran workshops and by listening to keynote speaker, Bryant Collier from Tri Leadership. During the evening activities, members enjoyed watching state officers get "pied" in the face, participated in basketball and volleyball games, watched a movie in the park and were even able to show off their karaoke skills.

Kansas FBLA members, continue your hard work in making Kansas FBLA successful. With your ability to CONNECT throughout so many avenues, your boundaries are limitless. I hope to see many of you in Omaha for the National Fall Leadership Conference (NFLC) on November 6-7. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [ksfblapresident@gmail.com](mailto:ksfblapresident@gmail.com). I wish every member and every chapter a truly wonderful and successful 2015-2016 school year.

Sincerely,

Ashtyn Rottinghaus  
Kansas FBLA State President

Kansas FBLA Members and Adviser:

I would like to welcome you to a new membership year with FBLA. This is your chance to Connect through FBLA, to prove your business competency through the competitive event program, to gain valuable organizational insight at conferences, and give back to the community!

The National Leadership Conference in Chicago, IL was an extremely well attended conference and was a tremendous success. I'd like to extend my utter congratulations to those members who placed in the top 10 at NLC! Your dedication is beyond apparent and is greatly appreciated. Keep working hard!

As always, the national officer team is promoting several national programs. Success in the Business Achievement Awards (BAA) has become a tradition of the Mighty Mountain Plains Region, and I would hope to continue said tradition. This responsibility falls on the shoulders of the membership, which is why I am asking you to remain committed to this wonderful program. In addition, the Community Service Awards (CSA) remains a priority of the national officer team.

The national officer team is absolutely excited to facilitate the three National Fall Leadership Conferences this year. At these conferences, you will have the opportunity to listen to inspiring keynote speaker, attend practical workshops, and build your network of connections. The locations of this year's conferences are Omaha, NE, Charleston, SC, and Baltimore, MD. The Mountain Plains Regional Vice President will be attending the NFLC located in Omaha, and looks forward to networking with many Kansas FBLA members. The national website is your portal to register for these conferences and where you'll have access to the promo video for the National Fall Leadership Conferences.

The dates for the three NFLC's are as follows:

Omaha, NE	November 6-7, 2015
Charleston, SC	November 13-14, 2015
Baltimore, MD	November 20-21, 2015

I am looking to help in any capacity possible, so please reach out! Feel free to contact me at [fblampvp@fbla.org](mailto:fblampvp@fbla.org).

Sincerely,

Keaton Erickson, National Mountain Plains Region Vice President  
Future Business Leaders of America — Phi Beta Lambda, Inc.

# The Santa Fe Trail to Success

The Santa Fe Trail FBLA, under the new leadership of Kyle Hug, started out this year with a chapter officer meeting in late May. We discussed all the upcoming plans for this year and set five chapter goals to achieve.

The SFT FBLA chapter had four people attend the National Conference in Chicago, Illinois. They were: Anna Capra, Kayla Bryant, MacKinzie Foster, and Kyle Hug. There were many honors received by the Santa Fe Trail Chapter including: Super Sweeps (membership challenge in September), Non-Stop November (Membership recruitment and retention), Action Awareness (New member recruitment), Chapter Challenge, Seven Up (increasing membership by seven or more from the previous year), FBLA Outstanding Chapter (top 10 % ), and the Gold Seal Chapter.

SFT-FBLA sent six local officers to the Kansas FBLA Summer Leadership Seminar (SLS) on July 20-21 in McPherson, Kansas. Local officers that attended were: President & District VII Vice President, Kyle Hug; Vice President, Cameron Koger, Sophomore Reps—Kelsey Hug & Carson Stumpf; and Freshmen Reps—Otis Costlow & Ellie Coltrane.

Once again our chapter held the traditional Welcome Back Dance on the night of Friday, August 28. The chapter had its greatest Welcome Back Dance in the past 3 years. We raised over \$300 with community member, Dusty Workman, spinning the music.

The first monthly meeting was held on Thursday, August 27. There were over 70 students in attendance. We did a couple ice breakers including 2 truths and a lie.

We will end the month of September by assisting in the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Sunset Stroll in Overbrook, KS. Money will be split between the Stormont-Vail Cancer Center's Care Support Line and the St. Francis Hospital Charity Care Fund.





# Centre High School

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, members of the Centre FBLA officer team presented to Centre High School's Board of Education, recapping out eventful summer. Three of our members had attended NLC to participate in a parliamentary procedure team in cooperation with Rock Hills High School. These members included Katrina Basore, Kristin Vinduska, Allison Basore, and Mrs. Ashley Coirier as the accompanying adviser. Also, students from Centre attended Institute for Leaders for the first time. They found this portion of the conference to be especially beneficial and are looking forward to attending again next year. Two of students attended the local officer track, and one attended the leader track. Otherwise, they found themselves busy between workshops, booths, competing, and sightseeing. Time was still found, however, to meet for study review sessions and mock meeting practice in the lobby of their hotel. Overall, the members had a great educational and enjoyable urban experience- whether it was attending opening session or standing in line at nearest Chipotle!

Three Centre students were also able to attend Summer Leadership Seminar in McPherson. They had a lot of fun with the activities and enjoyed the Kansas FBLA community fellowship. In conclusion, Centre FBLA has had an active summer that has prepared them for the upcoming FBLA year.



# West Franklin High School

This summer has been a busy time for the West Franklin FBLA. The officers have met and went over what will be done this year. West Franklin then went to Williamsburg in May to help with the Alumni banquet. At the event, the members served dessert and helped clean up afterwards.

West Franklin sent four students to Chicago for National Leadership Conference on June 30th. Nick Streeter and Megan Ecord competed in Public Service Announcement where they created a video and speech over teens going green. Alexa McCurdy was in a Public Speaking event. During this event she gave a speech over how FBLA helps students create and set occupational goals for themselves. Charley Fine competed in Insurance and Risk Management.

West Franklin sent eight members to Summer Leadership Conference in McPherson. Here the Officer Team learned crucial teamwork skills. At the conference, the team also started to work on the goals for the year.



# What's Happening in Wellsville FBLA?

By Grace Newhouse

Wellsville has been a Future Business Leaders of America chapter in Kansas for many years, with members placing at the FBLA District, State and National levels continually. This past summer was no different. Senior graduates Hailey Watson and Tori Broers, along with senior Ashtyn Rottinghaus traveled to Chicago this summer to compete at the National FBLA Leadership Conference. The team of Broers, Rottinghaus and Watson placed second in the nation with their Partnership with Business Project, while Rottinghaus repeated a first place finish with the Local Chapter Annual Business Report. Ashtyn also ran for the position of National FBLA Treasurer and was elected as the first national officer from Wellsville.

On July 20-21, the Wellsville officer team, Ashtyn Rottinghaus (President/Public Relations), Anna Kline (Vice President/Co-Editor), Gage Leckner (Secretary), Joey Phillips (Treasurer), Grace Newhouse (Historian/Co-Editor), and Megan Manes and Amanda Haagensen (Senior Representatives) participated in the Summer Leadership Conference (SLS) in McPherson. While the officers were there, they attended the opening seminar where Bryant Collier spoke about ways you could make the chapter better, being a leader, and communication. At the conclusion of the opening seminar, attendees were given the option of playing sand volleyball, three-on-three basketball or sitting back and watching a movie. The next morning, the officers participated in three workshops of their choice that were presented by the Kansas FBLA State Officer Team. A productive conference was obtained by the Wellsville officers, as they were even able to complete their 2015/2016 Calendar of Events.

To welcome the WHS students back after a long summer, the Wellsville officers placed a piece of candy and a welcome back note in every locker, encouraging everyone to join FBLA. The note also included information on the pool party/ice cream social the officers hosted to welcome all new and returning members. And not to leave out the middle school eighth grade FBLA members, "Welcome Back" notes and candy were also placed in their lockers, along with a pool party/ice cream social of their own. To top it off, the high school FBLA officers hosted a "Welcome Back" dance for all of the middle school students.

Wellsville's chapter has always been a great help with community service. Our chapter has had members volunteer for the past 16 years to assist with the Special Olympics Bocce tournament, and we will be doing that once again. Going on 20 years, FBLA is continuing with the middle school/high school recycling program. Not only does this provide additional funds for the FBLA chapter, but it helps the environment and reduces waste. To raise money for the March of Dimes, FBLA is holding a "Pie a Teacher" competition during Homecoming week. The three teachers with the most money in their buckets will receive a pie in the face by three different students who have made a donation.

Other activities the Wellsville FBLA is gearing up for include annual Wellsville Days Fun Zone, assisting with the delivery and distribution of the food pantry items, competing in a March of Dimes "war" with West Franklin's FBLA chapter, and working various concession stands. The FBLA chapter is also working to design and create a courtyard outside of the concession stand area for everyone to enjoy. They are combining efforts with the senior class and four of the vocational pathway programs at Wellsville High School.

As for school service activities, the FBLA officers will be hosting the Middle School Leadership Workshop for the fourth year in a row. All of these activities are generated to help the community and the student body "Connect" to others by getting involved.



# What's Happening in Wellsville FBLA?

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# Jefferson County North High School

Jefferson County North FBLA is off to a raging good start at the beginning of the school year, 2015. Holding our first officer meeting August 12th, the officers sat down with hotdogs and s'mores to discuss this year's events, and be sure everything was ready by school time. The first chapter meeting was held September 9th, with 71 members in attendance. At this meeting, officers discussed the tailgate, concession stands, and the annual March of Dimes Color Run, being held November 7th, for which forms are now available.

FBLA had a busy summer as well, beginning with Nationals. Devon Wilson, Carissa McAfee, Sarah Marschie, Samantha Raw and Kendri Noll all boarded a train bright-and-early Monday, June 29th, that was bound for Chicago Illinois. Mrs. Hutchinson arrived at the opening ceremony just in the nick of time to receive her Advisor of the Year award on the national stage. The next morning, the students toured the hotel to find their competition rooms. Unfortunately, none of the students qualified for finals, however that left more time for them to enjoy the boisterous city of Chicago.

FBLA students also attended the Summer Leadership Seminar, held in McPherson, Kansas this year. Attending were Jeremy Larson, Dakota Hutchinson, and Samantha Raw. They attended various workshops and social gatherings that fueled their love of FBLA!

Jefferson's National Qualifiers



# Kingman High School Stays Connected!

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 (Emma Albright, Jeremy Andersen, Garrett Goetz, Hannah Orr, Connick Roe and Samantha Rohlman) attended the National Leadership Conference in Chicago, Illinois. 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. Jeremy Andersen and Garrett Goetz who were elected FBLA Kansas State officers at the FBLA State Conference last spring, performed the duties of their respective offices alongside the other members of the State officer team.

On July 20-21, the 2015-2016 Kingman High School's FBLA officer team and their adviser attended the annual Summer Leadership Seminar which was held in McPherson this year. The theme for the seminar was "Connect." There were sixteen officers in attendance.

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 gray 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 24, 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, on August 24, 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 Omaha. 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!



# Kansas State Executive Board



Hello Kansas FBLA-ers! My name is Ashtyn Rottinghaus, and I am a senior at Wellsville High School. In a small town like Wellsville, you have to participate in everything to stay busy. Activities I am involved in consist of volleyball, softball, KAYs, Student Council, Scholars Bowl, Art Club, Yearbook, National Honors Society, the Eagle Lift-Off Mentor program, Big Brothers Big Sisters and of course, FBLA! I am also proud to announce that I reside as your Kansas Future Business Leaders of America State President and National FBLA Treasurer. I look forward to a great year for Kansas FBLA and wish you all the best of luck this school year.



Hello, Kansas FBLA! I am Allison Railsback, your Executive Vice President. This is my senior year at Rock Hills High School in Jewell County, Kansas. Although a majority of my time is spent with FBLA activities, I am also a member of 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA, and I participate in my school's basketball team and band. Although FBLA is my favorite thing to do in my past time, I also enjoy showing pigs, cattle, and goats! I am looking forward to the upcoming year in Kansas FBLA and hope to see your chapter "Connect!"



My name is Sarah Frye and I am a senior from Canton-Galva High School. This is my second year as your State Secretary. FBLA is my biggest passion among several other activities. When I'm not working on FBLA I'm working on FCCLA, Forensics, or Cheer. My favorite quote is "It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are." E.E. Cummings.



Hey! I'm Alexander Yelland, the Kansas FBLA State Treasurer. I am a junior and I attend West Franklin High School in Pomona, Kansas. I play a lot of sports even though I am quite uncoordinated. I am a NHS member as well as the Junior Class President. I enjoy FBLA and all of the opportunities of this great organization! My favorite memory is the feeling of joy and excitement at my first NFLC in Dallas! I also got borrowed a loan from that conference that's helped a lot in other areas of my life. "Your eyes are like space crystals that melt my soul!"



Hello Kansas FBLA! I am Allison Basore and I am super excited to be serving a second term as your parliamentarian. My school is Centre High School. I participate on the basketball and golf teams there as well as scholars bowl team. Since this is my senior year, I have been very busy with my class schedule, but, of course, still make time for FBLA. My goal this year is to make the most out of my last year in FBLA, before I move on to PBL.





# Kansas State Executive Board



Hello Kansas FBLA! I'm Garrett Goetz, your Kansas FBLA State Editor, and I'm excited to help keep Kansas FBLA updated and "Connected," whether that's through the Kansas Exchange or through the website. I'm passionate about FBLA, but I'm also involved in my local schools STUCO, NHS, and Debate & Forensics.



I am Drayden Butterfield from Hartford Kansas, and I serve as the Kansas FBLA Public Relations. Some of my interests are FBLA, football, basketball, and golf.



Hey, guys! I am Dakota Mashek, your Kansas FBLA District 1 Vice-President. I am a Senior at Fredonia High School. Being an FBLA member is easily one of the most rewarding experiences of my high school years. I have the opportunity to work with outstanding people, enhance my public speaking competence, and most importantly, step out of my comfort zone. I have dedicated my time, efforts, and open ears to all of members, and I listened to their advice with a smile. I look forward to "Connecting" with Kansas FBLA throughout the next year!



My name is Lauren Wigger, and I am a senior at Troy High school. I am a cheerleader and dancer but also play the tuba in band. I am my local FBLA's chapter president, S.A.D.D. president, and Drama club secretary. I have been doing plays and musicals since I was six years old and love doing it. I am also a member of my school's Speech team and won two gold medals at last year's state speech festival. During the spring I compete in festivals for band and choir and run track. Outside of school I work as a Nurse Assistant at the nursing home and love to hang out with my friends and family. On a lot of days I'm so busy I run around like a chicken with it's head cut off but that's the way I like it.



I am Brooke Hupe, a senior at Wamego High school. I have been an FBLA member for four years and in that time I have served as Historian, Secretary, and President in my local chapter and am now serving as District III Vice President. I am also involved in National Honor Society, dance, tennis, and pageantry.

# Kansas State Executive Board



I'm Dacey Hagedorn, and I'm your District IV Vice-President. I am a Junior at Hanover High School. This year I am participating in baseball, football, basketball, track, FBLA, and forensics.



Hi everyone! I'm Jeremy Andersen, your District V Vice President, and a Senior at Kingman High School. Some of the activities I am a part of consist of football, yell-leading during basketball, Student Council, FCCLA, FFA, YIG, Eagle Match Mentoring, and, of course, FBLA. Although I am very involved in other organizations, FBLA has always come first for me, and I treat it as if it were my job. Outside of school I also work as a waiter in my family's restaurant, Jeri's Kitchen. My dream after high is to major in Hotel and Restaurant Management.



Hello everyone! I'm Molly James, the District VI Vice-President. I'm a Senior at Eudora High School. I participate in the school's Write-In group, am the current Editor in Chief of the school's literary magazine Candor, and Eudora FBLA.



Hello, my name is Kyle Hug. I serve as the District VII Vice President for Kansas FBLA. I am a senior at Santa Fe Trail High School. Outside of FBLA I am involved in basketball, 4-H, StuCo, NHS, and KAY.



Hi everyone, I'm Abigail Crawford, but most just know me as Abby. I am a senior at Hugoton High School. I am a very active person serving as senior class treasurer, NHS member, StuCo member, FBLA chapter president, and golf team captain. I enjoy dancing, competing in pageants, reading Nicolas Sparks novels, and traveling. I plan to attend K-State and major in Athletic Training while getting a minor in dance. My dream is to own a dance studio and have my own happy family.



# Summer Leadership Seminar



**The State Officers  
have a little fun of  
their own, singing  
“Call Me Maybe”  
by Carly Rae  
Jepson.**



**Kyle Hug (above) and Dacey  
Hagedorn (left) get pied at SLS.**





### **Electronic Career Portfolio**

- 2. Pamela Zarybnicky
- 6. Chelsea Cowart

### **Introduction to Business Communication**

- 2. Anastasia Dmitrienko

### **Job Interview**

- 10. Caitlyn Hartung

### **Local Chapter Annual Business Report**

- 1. Kansas, Wellsville High School
- 7. Kansas, Rock Hills High School-Mankato

### **Management Decision Making**

- 5. Will Gross, Jagar Haack, Braden Hollinger, Pleasant Ridge High School

### **Securities & Investments**

- 9. Lucas Liu

### **Partnership with Business Project**

- 2. Wellsville High School
- 7. Thomas More Prep—Marian, Kansas

### **Personal Finance**

- 9. Mitchell Porter

### **Business Communication**

- 2. Orunima Chakraborti

### **Accounting 1**

- 6. Alex Chen

# Kansas At National Leadership Conference!











**Ashtyn  
Rottinghaus  
running for  
National  
Treasurer at  
NLC**



## **Chapter of the Month, August: Wellsville High School**

**This summer we had members attend the National Leadership Conference, the Summer Leadership Seminar, and prepare the Wellsville FBLA 2015-2016 Calendar of Events.**

**We kick off the start of the school year by assisting with our Enrollment Assistance Day, elementary teacher assistance and preparing a bulletin board display case for everyone to see from the NLC and SLS conferences. We also begin recruitment activities through our High School Pool and Middle School Party/Ice Cream Socials and “Welcome Back” locker stuffs. FBLA is a highly respected organization at our school. We have a large number of members, but more importantly we have a large number of ACTIVE members. These active members have a chance at becoming member of the month. Various students sign up to help or coordinate different events because we provide a large variety of opportunities for members to volunteer for events for which they feel comfortable.**

**Our local officers set up a Calendar of Events at the beginning of the school year to decide what we are going to do each month. Our calendar of events is based off of complying with the Kansas FBLA Program of Work.**

**Last year we were the largest chapter in Kansas, and that is due in large part to the activities we devise for our members. This month we begin our recycling program and submit media to the local paper and Kansas FLBA. We also placed emphasis on setting up and using our social media events to better communicate with our members. On top of that, we began our March of Dimes activity.**

# KANSAS EXCHANGE 2015-2016

<b>Submit Date</b>	<b>Mailing Date</b>	<b>Article Ideas</b>
September 4, 2015	October 9, 2015	Local Officer Installations National Conference Results Summer Leadership Seminar Super Sweeps
November 13, 2015	December 11, 2015	Membership Recruitment Ideas National Fall Leadership Conference American Enterprise Fundraiser Ideas
February 12, 2016	March 11, 2016	District Conference Results National FBLA Week
April 15, 2016	May 13, 2016	State Leadership Conference Results National Conference Plans

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## NATIONAL FALL LEADERSHIP DATES

November 6-7, 2015

Omaha, NE

November 13-14, 2015

Charleston, SC

November 20-21, 2015

Baltimore, MD

## 2016 DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Wednesday, January 27

District I Conference

Saturday, January 16

District II Conference

Monday, January 18

District III Conference

Wednesday, January 27

District IV Conference

Wednesday, February 3

District V Conference

Wednesday, January 13

District VI Conference

Wednesday, February 3

District VII Conference

Saturday, January 23

District VIII Conference





**Hey Kansas FBLA!**

**I'm Garrett Goetz, your 2015-2016 State Editor. I'm in charge of maintaining the Kansas FBLA website ([kansasfbla.com](http://kansasfbla.com)) and also creating and sending out the**

**Kansas Exchange. If there are any suggestions about the website's design or about The Kansas Exchange, please feel free to send them to me at [ksfblaeditor@gmail.com](mailto:ksfblaeditor@gmail.com); I would love to try to include them. You can also send articles to me at the same email for the Kansas Exchange. The more articles your school sends to the Kansas Exchange, the more your school will show it's staying "Connected."**

**The state board has been keeping "Connected" themselves, having been to Career & Technical Student Organization training, the National Leadership Conference, and now about to travel to the National Fall Leadership Conference.**

**Good luck and good year to each chapter! I hope every chapter stays 'Connected' throughout the year.**

**Garrett Goetz  
Kansas State Editor**