

IGNITING INNOVATION Kansas Exchange

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Letter From the Editor:

As the 2012 - 2013 FBLA year is coming to a close we get ready for our State Leadership Conference held on April 4-5. Have you been studying hard?

Do to our conference being on the same day as our next deadline for the Kansas exchange, I have changed this deadline to April 15th so that you can put all of your wonderful State results in our next issue of the Kansas Exchange.

I am very proud of my local chapter for placing 1st at our district conference for the second year in a row. We have been working very hard on all of our competitive events by hosting study nights at our library.

I would like to thank of all the chapters that submit articles for the Kansas Exchange. I realize it takes extra time and effort to write an article and send me pictures but it really is a please to see how your chapter is Igniting Innovation. This year I am running for Kansas FBLA State President and hope I can see you all at the campaign booths at the State Conference. Look for the futuristic booth to stop by and visit with me about my many goals for next year. Remember, "A New Era Starts With Sarah."

Sarah Niederee
Kansas FBLA State Editor



2012 - 2013 State Officer's at the capital building in Topeka, Kansas.

State Officer Blurbs



President, Kymee Noll

“At state I will be competing in Web Site Design, National Who Who, Ms FBL, Job Interview, and Business Procedures. I will also be helping run the photo booth at the dance.”



Executive Vice President, Katie Gerard

Okay so my plans for state are to sadly say good-bye to the best officer team and organization ever. Also I would also like to thank Kansas FBLA for the best two years ever, I will keep FBLA near and dear to my heart. Also I cannot wait to see all of you at State! Keep



Secretary, Amanda Sales

My plans for state are to have a fun time with my chapter (and state officer team!), help the officer candidate from my school, hopefully place in an event, and I hope the voting session goes smoothly. It's my last State Leadership Conference, so I want to make the most of it.



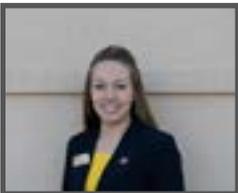
Treasurer, Ashley Ebeck

To get ready for state I have been finishing up my project, Business Presentation, that I am doing with a partner and I have been getting the state registration and names tags ready for



Editor, Sarah Niederee

“The 2013 State Leadership Conference is coming up soon! I am a candidate for Kansas FBLA State President and I hope to have a blast with all of my other state officers. I am competing in the events: Word Processing I, FBLA Principles and Procedures, and Business Financial Plan. I hope you are studying hard and Igniting Innovation.”



Historian, Kortney Kirkland

“For state I am competing in Job Interview and Computer Applications. I placed 1st in both at the District I contest. I also plan on taking a ton of pictures of everyone there. The slide show this year will be full of fun pictures. Hope you all have had a successful district conference. Keep on Igniting Innovation Kansas FBLA.”



Parliamentarian, Austin Bullinger

“For the 2013 State Leadership Conference, I plan to compete in multiple events that include both presentations and objective tests. I am most excited and will do the most studying for my Parliamentary Procedure team's performance and written test. Also, I plan to help two members from my chapter run their campaigns during the conference. Keep Igniting

Do you have an interesting FBLA story? Feel free to send me an email at sarah.niederee@gmail.com and your story may have the chance to be published in the last issue of the Kansas Exchange.

State Officer Blurbs



District I Vice President, Sharon Kerr

“For the 2013 State Leadership Conference the events for state I am going to participate in Desktop Publishing and Business Plan.”



District II Vice President, Joshua Clark

“For state I plan on helping someone from my school run for office take some leisurely strolls around the conference center, chat happily with random strangers in my big official voice, party it up with the state officer team, get absolutely no sleep and all around live it up because well this is my last state conference and I want it to be a blast.”



District III Vice President, Jennifer McNary

“Help my adviser with registration of our chapter, enter a few events, & have a good time at my last FBLA State Conference!”



District IV Vice President, Lance Davis

“Hey guys! Long time no talk? I have been crazy since the last issue of the Kansas Exchange! From going through officer interviews to putting on a very successful District IV conference which would not have been possible without everyone’s help and I’d like to thank everyone from judges to advisers to the students we couldn’t have done it without you all! I would like to congratulate everyone on their success at Districts and I’m glad all of your hard work paid off and I can’t wait to see how well everyone represents the District at SLC and I can’t wait to see everyone there! Leading me into the theme of this issue! My plans for SLC are going to be crazy! I’ve been working on everything for my campaign and I can’t wait for everyone to see the skit and theme. It’s going to be awesome! I’ve also been busy with my BAA awards as well and getting them finished up for State! Well it’s great to catch up with everyone! I hope all is going well for everyone and look forward to seeing everyone at State Conference! See you all soon and keep Igniting Your Innovation!”



District V Vice President, Kaden Littrell

“I’ve never been more pumped for a State FBLA Conference! This year I plan on competing in many different individual and team events. However, the one event I am most excited for is Mr. Future Business Leader. I’m also excited to be campaigning and running for the position of 2013-14 Kansas FBLA State President. Good luck to each one of you as you prepare for State Conference, and “May Success Be Ever In Your Future.”



District VI Vice President, Travisray Salyers

“One thing Eudora does during State is we go to put golfing; and Mrs. Brown always beats us though. But this year we are going to go see the zoo.”



District VII Vice President, Carlie Snethen

“I am planning on competing in Ms. FBL, desktop publishing, and who’s who. I am running for a second term as the District VII Vice President. My campaign is “Get In Key With Carlie.””



District VIII Vice President, Blake Edwards

“For the 2013 State Leadership Conference I’m competing in business ethics, accounting 1 and business calculations at state. Since I’m a senior I won’t be campaigning again.”

Letter from the MPVP

With the Kansas State Leadership Conference quickly approaching, it's not too early to begin planning for the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California! The National Leadership Conference will be held June 27 – 30, 2013. Take advantage of all NLC has to offer: internship positions, networking opportunities, competitive events, sightseeing, elections, and much more!

Are you interested in taking your leadership to the next level? Consider serving as the NLC conference intern. The position includes a number of duties including: assisting with competitive event processing, posting competitive event results, working with FBLA National Center staff and much more! Details for the position will be published with the National Leadership Conference Guide the first week in March!



The Institute for Leaders is a leadership program that takes place prior to the National Leadership Conference. Participants select a leadership “track” that enhances leadership skills on a local, state, and national level! This year the IFL will be June 26 and 27. Similar to the NLC intern, one intern will be selected for the Institute for Leaders. Details will also be published with the NLC Conference Guide in March.

In addition to internship opportunities, a national anthem singer will lead the conference participants at the beginning of the opening ceremonies. Consider making your musical debut in front of the thousands of participants! Don't forget to take advantage of the beautiful city of Anaheim! Disneyland, the beach, and Hollywood are just a few attractions Anaheim has to offer! NLC 2013 is YOUR opportunity to ignite innovation. Embrace every moment of every opportunity.

Be sure to check out the “Conference” tab on the FBLA website (www.fbla-pbl.org). As hotel, conference registration, and event information becomes available, it will be posted to that page!

I'll see you Anaheim,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brent Comstock".

Brent Comstock, Mountain Plains Region Vice President

Future Business Leaders of America – Phi Beta Lambda, Inc.

Notes

Congratulations!

LTC FBLA (Lexinton Technology Center) (Freddy Huang and Varum Rameswara) is eligible to compete in the pilot LifeSmarts competition at the 2013 NLC in Anaheim

Chapters that increased or maintained membership from last year:

AXTELL H.S.

BLUE VALLEY NORTHWEST H.S.

BURLINGTON H.S.

CENTRAL HEIGHTS H.S.

CHAPARRAL HS

CHASE CO. H.S.

CLIFTON-CLYDE H.S.

CONCORDIA H.S.

CREST H.S.

DODGE CITY H.S.

ELLINWOOD H.S.

EMPORIA H.S.

FIELD KINDLEY H.S.

FORT SCOTT H.S.

HAMILTON H.S.

HANOVER H.S.

HAYDEN H.S.

HESSTON H.S.

HIAWATHA H.S.

HUGOTON H.S.

INDEPENDENCE

JEFFERSON WEST H.S.

KINGMAN H.S.

LABETTE COUNTY H.S.

LIBERAL H.S.

LYNDON H.S.

MARYSVILLE H.S.

NEODESHA H.S.

NORTHERN HEIGHTS H.S.

NORTH LYON MIDDLE SCHOOL

OLATHE EAST H.S.

PERRY-LECOMPTON H.S.

PIKE VALLEY H.S.

PLEASANT RIDGE H.S.

PRAIRIE VIEW H.S.

RILEY COUNTY H.S.

ROSSVILLE H.S.

SAINT PAUL H.S.

SANTA FE TRAIL H.S.

SATANTA H.S.

SEAMAN H.S.

SHAWNEE HEIGHTS H.S.

ST. JOHNS-HANOVER Junior High

SOUTHEAST H.S.

THOMAS MORE PREP-MARIAN

TREJO COUNTY H.S.

TROY H.S.

VALLEY CENTER H.S.

WABAUNSEE H.S.

WELLSVILLE H.S.

WELLSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

WEST FRANKLIN H.S.

Local Chapter News

Great Bend

By: Catherine Barrington

At the 2013 District V Conference Great Bend High School placed 1st for the second year in a row. All of the study nights and hard work paid off. Great Bend High School is very pleased with this accomplishment.

Great Bend FBLA has been working hard on their annual Valentines day fund raiser, "Crush 4 Crush." They have sold over 1,000 Crush Sodas to be delivered to one's "crush" on Valentines day.

This year Zachary Reynolds and Sarah Niederee will be running for a state office positions and they need your votes!

Zach Reynolds has been involved in countless chapter events in Great Bend including Craft Fair, Dancing with the Staff, Crush 4 Crush and Zoo Boo. He has also



done radio broadcasting for FBLA! This year, Zach will be running

for District V Vice president and his theme is "Listen to the Zach Track".

Sarah started her first year in FBLA as the Freshman Ambassador for Great Bend FBLA. She has also helped out in many chapter events as well such as Craft Fair and Crush 4 Crush. This year she has worked her way up to becoming the Marketing Manager and this year's State Editor. Sarah's Campaign theme is "A New Era Starts with Sarah" and she will be running for state President.

Voting will begin soon so don't forget to check out these two amazing campaign booths!

Shawnee Heights

One of the key foundations of FBLA is entrepreneurship, and that is exactly what the Shawnee Heights chapter has displayed through our coffee shop. T-Bird Grounds is a student run coffee shop that includes a wide variety of coffee combinations as well as an assortment of snacks and other drinks. The shop was started last year and has been extremely successful. The hours of operation are everyday 35 minutes before Shawnee Heights starts class, as well as the passing period after 1st period. The chapter's President

Faelan Jacobson (not pictured) has done a tremendous job dividing



the work load of the shop between her members. Cassidy Boles (First Row: 2nd from the left) is in charge

of inventory. Treasurer Marshal Hall (Second Row: 2nd from the left) keeps track of each day's profit. The rest of the members are charged with the task of selling and helping customers. However, our members do not work alone. FBLA has incorporated students in Shawnee Heights' special needs program to help complete tasks around the coffee shop. The members of the Shawnee Heights chapter hope to continue their success with the coffee shop and eventually open up an out-of-school branch.

Canton-Galva

The past couple weeks have kept the Canton-Galva FBLA'ers very busy. On February 2nd, we hosted the District V Kansas FBLA Conference, and everything went smoothly (minus the awards ceremony.) Overall, our local chapter placed second at District Conference.

During this past week, officers

By: Lindsay Unruh

have been working to finish up the final parts of their projects for the State Leadership Conference. Several students traveled to Kidron Bethel nursing home to hand out Valentine's Day cards and interview residents and administrators.

Our chapter is currently finalizing our plans for FBLA week. We plan to raise money for the March

of Dimes by having "Hat Day" at our school. Students will pay a dollar to wear a hat, and the money we raise will go to the March of Dimes. We also will have a week-long coin war between L.S. classes. We also are going to the Middle School to make a presentation to them about FBLA.

Hayden

Hayden Catholic High School's FBLA chapter sponsored a "hat & mitten" tree during the holiday season in December 2012. Members met to make posters & flyers advertising the community service project. All students and staff are encouraged to bring hats and mittens to "decorate" the Christmas tree in the school's office. All "decorations" are then taken to the Topeka Rescue Mission to be given to their residents.

Our chapter also had a Christmas party in December as a social event for the group. Members brought in breakfast items for the morning meeting and had a gift exchange.

Hayden Catholic High School hosted the FBLA District III Conference on Monday, January 21. Jennifer McNary, District III Vice President, organized the entire conference as part of her state office duties. Over 320 FBLA members from 15 area high schools partic-

ipated in the various business-related events. Thanks to ALL of Hayden's FBLA members, the conference was a successful one!

During the Opening Session at the district conference, Kaylin Haines, sophomore, presented her campaign skit and speech. Kaylin is running for the District III Vice President position. We wish Kaylin "Good Luck" in her endeavor to be a state officer!



Pleasant Ridge

The Pleasant Ridge FBLA Chapter has been very busy since Christmas. In December, we hosted an Angel Tree project for foster children. The FBLA Chapter had a fantastic turn out and we collected a large amount of toys that were sent to children so they would have a good Christmas.

FBLA Districts were on January

19; our chapter placed 2nd overall and we have 34 students that will be advancing on to the state competition in April. We are pumped and ready to go.

FBLA week is February the 11-15, and our Chapter has some neat ways on how we're going to get the whole school involved. Throughout the entire week during lunch, the

officer team will be sitting out with a jar for each class in a competition to raise coin money for the March of Dimes. The winning class will receive an ice cream party on Friday. We will also be holding a half court shot contest at two basketball home games that week with all proceeds going to March of Dimes.

Wamego

Fifty two members of the Wamego High School Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America attended the District III Conference at Hayden High School in Topeka on January 21st. Adviser Karen Hynek and instructor Travis Graber accompanied the students on the trip.

During the conference, the WHS chapter took part in a variety of competitions including: team presentation events, interview events, impromptu presentation events, public speaking events, production events, technology events, and objective testing events.

Wamego High School had the honor of having two of their students earn the distinction of Mr. and Ms. Future Business Leader for District III. Calder Malin was named Mr. FBL and BreShawna Briggs was named Ms. FBL. This was a rigorous competition involving completion of the Future Level of the National Business Achievement Awards, the submission of their cover letter and resume, and then a formal interview on the day of the conference. Wamego High School placed first with a total of 573 points.



BreShawna Briggs, a senior at Wamego High School, was selected this year to serve on the Future Business Leaders of America National Treasurer's Council. The NTC works to acquire national sponsors, attain conference exhibitors and to develop projects to promote financial literacy. As an officer of the NTC, Briggs is an ex-officio member on the National Mountain Plains Region Executive Board, serving as the Regional Treasurer for Kansas and eight other states. In addition to her treasurer duties, Briggs assists the board in implementing national programs and projects with a regional focus. The selection process included an application with a resume, several essay questions, composing a mock sponsorship letter and two phone interviews (one with the National Treasurer and one with the Mountain Plains Region Vice President). Briggs is one of six FBLA members selected to serve on the NTC from candidates from across the nation. In addition, she was chosen by the FBLA national directors to serve on the National Marketing & Membership Council, where she assists with national membership recruitment and projects to increase member involvement.



Wellsville

By: Chase Bouse

As the Wellsville FBLA chapter members prepare for the State Leadership Conference in April, members can reflect on the many activities our chapter completed this winter. From the Adopt-a-Nursing Home Resident, to the Children's Christmas Mall to the annual FCA/FBLA Kids Movie Day, everything went well. Each of these activities helped to put all of the Wellsville FBLA members into the spirit of the holidays.

In December, on the third Monday of every month, Wellsville FBLA members began volunteering to unload the Harvester's truck and distribute food items at the local food pantry. This has helped the Wellsville Food Pantry out immensely.

Twelve FBLA members also woke up early to serve breakfast to the faculty and staff on the December 21 teacher in-service day.

All of those who joined in on the breakfast enjoyed the biscuits and gravy, breakfast casserole and sausage that was provided and cooked by the FBLA members.

The officer team has developed a variety of activities to promote FBLA during FBLA-PBL Week. To begin our week, a trivia question was announced over the intercom and in the bulletin. The first student to tell Mrs. Rottinghaus the answer won \$2.00. On Tuesday students are to dress in the attire for the career they aspire to be. Wednesday any FBLA members who wear blue and gold will receive Blow Pop suckers. Since Thursday is the last day of that week at WHS, students will be given a word search puzzle with items pertaining to FBLA. The first 25 to complete it will receive a bag of Skittles.

On February 6, 28 middle school

FBLA members and 60 high school FBLA members traveled to Emporia State University to compete against 550 other students in the District VII Conference. Thirty-seven students received Top 10 finishes in events. The chapter scored 528 total points, which placed them first out of the 15 schools that were in attendance. Wellsville FBLA sold Data Match results to both the high school and junior high students on February 13 and 14. Also, to show appreciation for the local nursing home residents, FBLA members made Valentine's and took over gifts to the residents.

As all of the chapters in the state of Kansas prepare for the State Leadership Conference, Wellsville FBLA wishes the best of luck to each and every chapter and member.



West Franklin

West Franklin FBLA has been super busy helping District VII Vice President, Carlie Snethen, get ready for the district conference which was held February 6th at Emporia State University. Many of our members that competed in competitive events at districts have placed in good standings to

go to State. Local chapter Historian, Mitchell Walters, has been working extremely hard on the Community Service Report while Editor, Pam Kane, and President, Seth Bollinger, work on the Local Annual Business report. The chapter is starting to get students at West Franklin excited to participate

in the MatchMaker test this year. Students will fill out a survey on Valentines day and receive their results the following week on who they are most compatible, not compatible, and who would be a good friend.

Anderson County

ANDERSON COUNTY – Garnett FBLA competed in the District 1 contest, hosted by District Vice President Sharon Kerr and Adviser Hannah McClelland at Cherryvale High School. Due to some scheduling conflicts and basketball games, only nine members were able to attend but the following earned team points for our club: Chandler Betts, 1st Accounting and 10th Personal Finance; Kevyn Jacobus, 1st Business Calculations and Business Communications; Julia Hurlock, 5th Parliamentary Procedures and 2nd Computer Applications; Seth Wolken, 9th Parliamentary Procedures; and Kortney Kirkland, 1st Job Interview and

1st Computer Applications. Plans are underway for take home tests, preparation and filling out of forms to attend SLC in April.

On Friday, February 1, state historian Kortney Kirkland and adviser Phyllis Wilson traveled to Linn High School to assist District IV Vice President Lance Davis with their district contest. Given all the hours of preparation put in by Lance and his club members, the contest ran smoothly and we had a good time meeting new people plus seeing some old friends in the process.

Starting Monday, we have activities scheduled to celebrate National FBLA week. Since we

share the same national week with FCCLA, our club is joining forces with some of their events in a Spirit Week of deeds. Monday is Come As You Are Day...(always a good choice for a Monday!); Tuesday is Official Dress Day; Wednesday is Super Hero Day; Thursday is chapter breakfast day and Friday we have NO SCHOOL!!!

Kortney Kirkland will be conducting a short series of presentations to promote FBLA in our community. She has tentative plans to speak to our middle school students about FBLA's purpose, goals and her duties as a state officer plus extend the same information to two local organizations, Business and Professional Women (BPW) and the American Association of University Women (AAUW). Kortney is also running for re-election of state historian and is working on her skit, campaign materials and organizing all that entails a successful re-election platform. Look for the "Rockin' It With Kortney" booth.



Jefferson County North By: Cassie Lampen

What does “Igniting Innovation” mean to JCN FBLA? To the Jefferson County North FBLA chapter, “Igniting Innovation” means coming up with new ideas and ways to involve more students as well as continuing old traditions and improving them. Recently JCN FBLA has been doing both.

Jefferson County North started igniting innovation in the community through the chapter’s community service team, March of Dimes and Adopt-an-Angel. The team, led by Catherine Tarka, chapter Community Service Director, worked on collecting hygiene kits to send to kids in foster care. They had a school wide competition to raise kits and overall finished about 52 kits. March of Dimes was also an organization that benefited from JCN FBLA. March of Dimes week was November 12-16. Jeff. North’s FBLA chapter raised over \$450 by having a boys vs. girls chain war, organized by Laramie Leakey, chapter StuCo Rep. Paper chains lined the halls as boys and girls bought chain links in support of March of Dimes. Boys ended up winning by only a few dollars. Last, but not least was the chapter’s participation in Adopt-an-Angel. Molly Bassette, chapter StuCo Rep, took the lead on this project. Each member was asked to donate a few dollars to help buy a present for one of the 3 children adopted this year. Molly and her committee then went out shopping for toys to make Christmas special for these 3 kids.

Due to a snow day the day before the business trip, JCN was not able to go on a normal business day field trip. Heather Polson, chapter Events Coordinator, organized a

fun and educational trip for FBLA. The chapter was going to tour the Federal Reserve and the Kansas Board of Trade as well as go ice skating at Crown Center and shop at Legends. Instead, due to not being able to leave until 11:40, the chapter continued on their trip but only went to Legends. They did have a fabulous time however!

On January 5, two of the JCN chapter officers, Ty Brickell and Cassie Lampen, traveled to West Franklin to interview for different Kansas State FBLA offices. Ty Brickell is running for State Historian with the slogan “Tee Up With Ty!” and Cassie Lampen is running for State Editor with the slogan “Clue In With Cassie!” Both candidates passed interviews and are looking forward to State Leadership Conference where they will present their campaigns.

Members of Jefferson County North FBLA studied for days and days before the District II Conference. This paid off when JCN excelled at the District II Conference on January 19. Each member placed in at least one event helping Jeff. Co. North take first place by almost 500 points! All members had a great adventure and look forward to igniting innovation at State Leadership Conference in early April.

A new project has been one of the focal points for the chapter the past month. Advisor Ann Hutchinson came up with a wonderful idea to raise money for the chapter. All hands have been on board as the chapter has put together a photo booth. JCN FBLA has decided to have the test run of the photo booth during the King and Queen of Courts game on February 15 to

help raise money for the chapter to attend SLC. They will also be bringing the photo booth the State Leadership Conference as a fund raiser during the Babies for Blue Jeans dance. Everyone is really excited to test it out!

JCN FBLA is looking forward to what is ahead in the coming months as they ignite innovations in each project they do.



Deadlines	Mailing Dates
April 15, 2013	May 1, 2013

