



All Aboard The Success Express!

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Members from the Peetz chapter of FBLA help students in the classroom.

Competition Preparation

Corey Beebe, State Treasurer

FBLA consists of many different aspects; competition being one of them. This competition can be at the district, state, and even national level. Ranging from accounting to business ethics, there is a subject for each person.

Everyone's goal for competition in FBLA is to eventually make it to the national conference. To compete at that level, you must first be successful at state, and most importantly, districts. To be doing well at the district leadership conference, you must first have determination. If you have the drive to win, then the next step would be to study. By obtaining study materials from your chapter adviser, MarketPlace, or the FBLA-PBL national website, you can prepare for your specific event.

The district leadership conferences are very competitive, and the competition only increases from there. By simply studying materials for your event, you can gain an advantage on your opponents, and increase your chances of making it to the state conference.



Smoky Hill FBLA on their field trip to Coors and Invesco field From left to right: Megan Fisher, Kelci Haye, Christine Rollins and Abby Rimel.

Fundraising: Think Outside the Box

Bijah Gibson, State President

Every FBLA chapter requires funding to stay afloat, and most get their money through fundraisers. Fundraisers range in variety from selling candy bars to magazine subscriptions; however, in order to do exceptionally well with a fundraiser it is best to think outside the box. Everyone has held bake sales and sold homemade suckers, but the chapters that think in new, creative ways are the most successful.

To begin with, people often want to address a need in the community when organizing a fundraiser. People always need certain things, and if your community has an apparent need, pursue it. Although filling a need is great, give some thought to selling something that people really want and that they'll be far more anxious to spend their money on. Appeal to your community's desires for entertainment, excitement, and new things. Here are a few ideas:

-Host a fundraising night at a local favorite restaurant. Ask the restaurant owner if a portion of all proceeds can go to your cause.

-Host a theme party. Tickets can cost up to \$50 if the party is nice, and you can make a lot of money if you are thrifty and spend only \$20 (or less) on each person's meal.

-Host an auction that features pieces donated by local artists or jewelry makers.

-Find out from a local merchant what item is currently selling well. Ask that businessperson if he or she would contribute a small amount of each sale of that item to your cause.

Fundraising (Continued)

-Put on a talent show. Charge a small fee for those being in the show, and charge admissions for all guests that come. Since FBLA is a business organization, it might prove lucrative to raise money in the business field. Local businesses often need a website developed or cheap advertising. Your FBLA chapter can do these things for a fraction of the cost that a website developer or advertising firm would charge, and you can still make a lot of money.

In a nutshell, when looking for great fundraising ideas think outside the box. Try something new that has never been done in your area. Appeal to the people of your area and figure out what they want and what they're interested in. It pays to do your research. Also, don't forget that FBLA is a business organization. Try to use the skills you've learned to make money for your chapter.

Is Your Adviser Outstanding?

Megan O'Rourke, District 9 VP

Does your adviser go above and beyond what he or she needs to do for your chapter? If you have an outstanding adviser, you should consider nominating him/her for the FBLA Outstanding Local Adviser award. This award is meant to honor advisers who have made exceptional contributions to FBLA at the local, state, and national levels.

Each chapter is allowed to nominate one adviser annually and the nomination must be received along with the State Conference registration. The nomination will be reviewed by a panel of judges, and if selected, your adviser will be recognized at the state and national levels.

Outstanding Local Adviser entry forms can be found in the Chapter Management Handbook under the Competitive Events section. All you need to do to nominate your adviser is compile a resume including his or her specific contributions, positions held, and community service involvement as well as three letters of recommendation.

WANTED:
Articles

Deadline – March 1

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Outstanding Adviser (Continued)

This year Colorado was proud to congratulate Mrs. Laurie Urich on her recognition at Nationals in Nashville, Tennessee as Colorado's Outstanding Adviser of the year. We all appreciate Mrs. Urich's dedication and involvement in Colorado FBLA!

Don't let your outstanding adviser go unrecognized! Nominate him/her today!

9News anchor and former Colorado FBLA State Officer Bazi Kanani.



Bazi Kanani

Stacie Bandy

Ever wonder how much FBLA will affect your future? Well watch 9News and you can see how FBLA helped Bazi Kanani grow into a successful news anchor. Ms. Kanani was a Colorado State Officer from 1993-1995, while attending Wiggins High School. After graduating from high school she went on to attend Pepperdine University, in Malibu, California, and also studied Literature and Language in London and Paris.

"I gained confidence from campaigning and developed leadership experience," commented Bazi Kanani when asked what she gained from being a State Officer.

Growing up in a small town, Bazi enjoyed being a part of FBLA and meeting new people. Many times students ask, "What will FBLA do for my future?" Look how far it has taken Bazi Kanani! Of course she had to do many things to reach her goal of being an anchor, but she had goals and was committed to them. That is Bazi Kanani's word of advice to all you FBLA members, "Have goals and be committed to them."

District Officers

Tanya Morgan

Vision comes alive when every-one sees where his or her contribution makes a difference.

-Ken Blanchard-

Contributions of district officers help the District's State Vice President achieve the goals of a successful District Conference. At the District Conference, the District Secretary and Reporter, along with state officers attending, welcome FBLA members who are competing at the conference. Their duties include taking on the responsibility of leading, motivating, and working with FBLA members.

By becoming a district officer, you accept a ticket of possibilities for your future. A district position helps you grow individually in public speaking, as well as working closely with the officer team. A district officer's ticket gives you the pass to enhance your resume, network with FBLA members around the state, and build leadership skills. As a district officer, the experience and knowledge you gain may open other avenues for you to pursue in FBLA. If you are interested in seeking a district office talk to your local adviser or your State Vice President adviser.

National Fall Leadership Conference

Melissa Rutter

This year Colorado hosted one of the National Fall Leadership Conferences in Denver on November 3-4. There were five hundred of our very own FBLA-PBL members in attendance. This conference included motivational general sessions and workshops about professional development and career planning. At this conference, students have the opportunity to experience a part of the National Leadership Conference. A huge thanks is extended to the members and advisers who helped this year's conference be a success. With fifteen states in attendance and over 1,800 attendees "The Success Express" definitely was off to a great start. At the closing session, Colorado was presented the largest delegation award. NFLC is a great way to start the national year and we encourage every member to take advantage of the opportunities offered at the National level.

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Colorado Fall Leadership Conferences *Jesse Garner*

During one week in October four leadership conferences were held throughout the state. These conferences were a great opportunity for the members of Colorado to get their ticket to board the success express. The conferences, held from October 2 through October 6 were held in Pueblo, Greeley, and Grand Junction. Over 1,800 members attended these conferences. Members of TRI leadership came to the state to speak and lead workshops at the conference. Of the four conferences held, I attended the conference at the CSU campus in Pueblo, for Districts 6-8.

The conference held in Pueblo started at 7:00 am. The conference started when the state officers in attendance, Melissa Rutter, Jesse Garner, Brett Marshbanks, Cory Beebe, and Bijah Gibson introduced Rhett Laubach from TRI Leadership. The members of TRI leadership gave different presentations to the seniors, officers, new members, and continuing members in attendance. This conference was a great experience for all of the members in attendance. "It was fun, we arrived there, and seeing all of the schools at the same time was cool." said Diego Oliveira, a foreign exchange student from Brazil, currently attending Sangre de Cristo High School.

Not only were the conferences a success in helping students to unlock their leadership potential, they also helped to raise money for the March of Dimes. The state officers carried baby-bottles around the conferences collecting donations. When the conferences were over, a total of over \$1,300 was raised. The members of Colorado FBLA did a great job in making these conferences a success!

Important Dates!

February 2 – District 5 Leadership Conference

February 5 – District 9 Leadership Conference

February 6 – District 8 Leadership Conference

February 7 – District 3 Leadership Conference

February 9 – District 2 Leadership Conference

February 13 – District 4 Leadership Conference

February 13 – District 7 Leadership Conference

February 20 – District 6 Leadership Conference

February 28 – District 1 Leadership Conference

April 15-17 – State Leadership Conference

June 28- July 1 – National Leadership Conference



Members at the CFLC in Greeley.

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Tim Malouff, La Junta HS

Everyone knows that FBLA is an instrument for learning about business and leadership, however, there is much more to FBLA. First of all, FBLA allows a person's true character to be displayed. When you attend conferences and other various FBLA activities, you can network with people that have the same common goals and ambitions. Personally, at times, it is difficult to find someone who understands the same common business knowledge as me. At recent FBLA conferences, I have been able to talk about topics of interest, which usually revolve around business. I also think that FBLA allows people to meet others in a more career-oriented atmosphere than other activities a high school student would participate in. FBLA also develops independence from parents because students are on their own, budgeting their finances and managing their time while attending conferences. You cannot have your parents looking over your shoulder or tie your tie. Speaking competitively is another skill which is really not accepted in the general population of high school students; however, in FBLA it is highly respected. New FBLA members have so many opportunities available to them on a personal basis that far and above the leadership and business skills they acquire.

What is the Future of FBLA?

Amie Richard, Peyton HS

Many students join FBLA every year for various reasons of their own, but what do they really know about FBLA? Sure, everyone knows we are a club at schools for kids that want to have or maintain a business someday. For me personally, I wanted to know what it was, where it came from, and where it was headed. So, like any young person who wants to find something out, I turned to the Internet.

Study hard for the State Leadership Conference!

This is what I found:

First of all, what is FBLA? The obvious answer is that it is a club for the Future Business Leaders of America but I wanted more. When I looked at that simple definition it was easy to start a whole new search and that question is changed from what is FBLA to what do the people and clubs in FBLA do? The first aspect is all the students work together to better our own individual communities, which in turn benefits our society. FBLA helps those who have great ideas put their ideas into action. With this, FBLA has brought business and education closer together. It encourages young people to generate more ideas because they have an avenue to utilize them.

The second question dealt with the origin of FBLA. This is a little easier to answer. Dr. Hamden L. Forkner first founded the FBLA organization in 1942. The first official charter was in Johnson City, Tennessee. In 1958, the P.B.L. division was founded and recognized as an independent division of FBLA. Then in 1994, the FBLA middle level was formed for the children in grades 5-9. It has since continued to develop and provide opportunities for more and more young people in the United States.

My final area of question was considering just where the future of FBLA was headed and how did this affect me. In order to find the answer to this question we must look to the goals of FBLA. The first two goals you see are about developing strong aggressive leaders. Then of course we want to promote more interest in our organization. The next goal deals with having projects that benefit the community and help make us better citizens and patriots. In summary, the last few goals are about learning how to manage a business and make personal goals for our future. FBLA is headed toward helping young generations prepare for their future.

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In conclusion, students join FBLA every year not really knowing what it is or what it is all about. FBLA is an organization that has brought the business community closer to the education of the younger generations. Founded in the 1940's FBLA has grown to a nationwide organization that many people enjoy. Our FBLA has so far succeeded in helping our generation and future generations to prepare and plan for a better life and future. As I have looked further into the purpose of our fine organization, I am filled with pride to be a participant.

The New Year and Making Goals

Lauren Hoal

What are **your** resolutions? As the New Year approaches, New Year's Resolution ideas begin to surface...

Will you get better grades?

Stop biting your nails?

Exercise or lose weight?

Resolutions **are** goals, and goals are necessary to success. The New Year brings a great opportunity to turn a new leaf, set new goals, and succeed.

Goals require objectives. You can say "I want to get better grades" or "I wish I did better in school" over and over again, but if you never spend more time studying or change your study habits, your results will not change. You must change your behaviors to change your results.

To change your behaviors, you must be **accountable**. Sometimes, we have to be accountable to teachers, advisers, or parents, but, when it comes down to it, we must be **personally accountable**. You can fool **anyone** into thinking that you are doing your best, but you will always know if you could do better.

Being **personally accountable** means that you don't make excuses or blame the rest of the world when things don't go the way they should, but you move on to the next step to success!

Why do well-developed, good goals make a person successful? **This** is the "strangest secret"! You become what you think about! William James said, "Human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind." He also said, "If you only care enough for a result you will **most certainly** attain it. If you wish to be rich, you will be rich, if you wish to be learned, you will be learned, if you wish to be good, you will be good. Only you must, then, really wish these things and wish them exclusively, and not wish at the same time a hundred other incompatible things just as strongly."

You must also **WRITE DOWN** your goals. Writing your goals down is making a commitment to yourself, and every time you see your goals, you are reminded to *think about* and *focus* on them!

Create a plan to reach your goals, and stick to it! Even when curveballs are thrown your way and you are required to modify your plan, make changes you can live with, and stick to the *modified* plan!

For instance, if your goal is to qualify for state FBLA in your event, your plan might be as follows:

Choose an event you are willing to **commit** to: something you are interested in! If you **like** it, it is easier to spend time on it.

Make a schedule! If you are competing in a testing event, this could mean planning when to study, so that you learn the material over time, not just as much as you can at the last minute! If you are taking part in a live event, this could mean giving yourself time to write your speech, have practice interviews, or give your speech to a teacher or friends.

On the day of the competition, be prepared, and give yourself plenty of time to be in the designated area of competition, so you have time to gather your thoughts, and are not stressed when the test begins!

Use your New Year's Resolutions to change old bad habits, make new good ones, and plan to succeed!

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Remember the Tumbleweeds

Elisa Sagehorn

Close your eyes, and concentrate. Picture a tumbleweed. What color do you see? What is the tumbleweed doing? Is there more than one? How large is the tumbleweed? What texture is it?

Living in rural northeastern Colorado allows me the unique opportunity to see tumbleweeds frequently. Now imagine tumbleweeds blowing across the open prairie, not just one tumbleweed, but a large group. Each tumbleweed is moving in the same tumbling motion, bouncing from here to there. But suddenly, one catches your eye. The tumbleweed has run into a simple obstacle. This simple obstacle has stopped the rolling motion of a tumbleweed, hindering its path.

Think about the tumbleweed. Have you ever been like the tumbleweed, someone who is easily influenced by others and has trouble making decisions? Or maybe you have known somebody else like a tumbleweed.

Eventually with enough wind or the force of another tumbleweed, the trapped tumbleweed can escape the obstacle it was trapped in and continue bouncing from one place to another.

I encourage you to act as other tumbleweeds or the wind would, reaching out to other FBLA members and fellow students who may be stuck like a tumbleweed. Service, education, and progress are what FBLA is about. Reach out to the people, who are like a tumbleweed and need extra guidance and support when decisions are difficult. Help educate them and yourself. Learn how to make good choices when decisions are difficult. Progress, help them and yourself develop into an amazing and responsible person. Through FBLA, you as a student have numerous opportunities. Take advantage of these opportunities, and help others take advantage of them.

Always look to increase your knowledge, while serving others.

As you go through your busy lives, I encourage you to remember the tumbleweeds. Remember the people that surround you, who may just need a helping hand, or a word of encouragement to get through tough times. Most importantly, remember that unlike a tumbleweed, you are presented with numerous resources to help you in any way. You can make a difference.

The FBLA Code of Ethics

Ryan Greene

What does each code mean? Why should they be followed? How does it apply to the business world? These questions are going to be answered in order for all to better understand why we have them. Hopefully this can give more insight in what each code means, why you should follow them and how it applies to the business world.

The first code is: I will be honest and sincere.

To be honest by definition is to be honorable in principles, intentions, and actions. Along with being sincere which means to be free of deceit, hypocrisy, or falseness, these are essential in the business world because if you're dealing with a customer and they feel that they were wronged the best way to fix is by being honest and sincere. It's also good to practice this behavior with your boss for example if you are unable to accomplish the job he or she has assigned you it's always best to tell them and not to lie the truth. As you can tell the best policy is always to tell the truth and be honorable in your actions.



Smoky
Hill
FBLA
members.

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The second, third and fourth codes are: I will approach each task with confidence in my work at a high standard, I will accept responsibilities and duties and, I will seek to profit by my mistakes and take suggestions and criticisms directed toward the improvement of my self and my work.

Grouping these codes together is appropriate because they interact with each other; they all deal with respect. The first code talks about dealing with respecting yourself saying that is you don't perform or work at a high standard how can you honestly say you have pride in it. By accepting responsibilities and duties you gain the respect of others. The last one is more of respecting others. Don't just ignore the suggestions or constructive criticism given to you by fellow employees but absorb their information and try to apply it.

The fifth code is: I will abide by the rules and regulations of my school.

Following some simple rules like the dress code, class room conduct and orderly conduct will prepare you for rule you will have to follow in the business world. When you go to work there is always going to be a dress code. There are also ways you are expected to act while you're at work. So abiding by the rules at school is just practice for your future job.

The sixth code is: I will exercise initiative and responsibility and will cooperate with my employer and fellow workers.

This code plainly states that you need to work as a team player. If one of your fellow employees needs a hand then help them to the best of your ability. In the business world acting with team work doesn't mean cut your losses and leave your employees hanging. One of my coaches told me is a chain is as strong as its weakest link. In order to strengthen this chain you need to be able to cooperate with your fellow co-workers.



Peetz FBLA members.

The seventh code is: I will dress and act in a manner that will bring respect to me and to my school.

In today's competitive business market dressing professionally gives an impression of responsible behavior. When you're interviewing for a job or addressing the board you don't want to look like some average Joe off the street. That's why we all need to show a little class in the way we dress. Not only to bring respect and pride to the business or your school but to yourself.

The eighth code is: I will seek to improve my community by contributing my efforts and my resources to worthwhile projects.

Any company wanting to give back to the people it serves will perform some type of community service. Any time you are giving anything away weather it be your time or money it's a form of community service. Remember that when you're in companies that donate anything they make sure it for a credible reason, something that will better help the people the serve. When you're feeling like doing any form of community service make sure it's also worth while.

The code of ethics formed for the FBLA members is one that can be applied in life and the business world. They help guide what needs to be done to have a better relationship with superiors, customers, and co-workers. This code answers the question: how do I need to act to succeed in the business world? With this code you can answer the what's, why's and how's of proper business etiquette.

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Hoehne FBLA

Rachel Valencich

The Hoehne FBLA chapter has many goals for this upcoming year including attending National Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado, receiving the Peak V award, stimulating member enrollment, sending all officers to more leadership development conferences, and most of all to have fun!

The chapter has planned many ways to achieve these goals. To attend Nationals they have raffled off gift cards, had a Friday Night Kick-Off at their school football game, and had a VIP seating at the homecoming football game. To participate in leadership development, officers and members attended the Colorado Fall Leadership Conference in Pueblo. Officers have prepared many different recruitment activities and meetings to gain new membership. At their member recruitment meeting, they played games like, "Honey, if you love me...", and "Role Playing". For their efforts, the officer team expects a great number of new members will join. To have a successful and fun year, the officer team has planned a trip in March for "Member Appreciation Day". They will be going to Colorado Springs to KOA Radio to learn more about business communication. After that, they plan to go to Mr. Biggs to finish out the day!

The officer team includes Co- Presidents: Amamda Paradisa and Matthew Hass, Vice President, Sunee Fleshman, Secretary, Andrea Gallegos, Treasurer, Mona Tavakoli, Reporter, Rachel Valencich, Historian, Alice Ahern, Student Council Representative, Christa Fleshman.

State Leadership Conference

April 15-17

Rocky Ford FBLA

Jacob Keinitz

The Rocky Ford High School FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) chapter has had a great start to the new year. Already, FBLA has recruited over 67 members and the number is continually rising. The RFHS members have kicked off the year by performing several community services, including Adopt-a-Highway and Resident of the Month. Another community service RFHS is working towards is the March of Dimes. Also, the FBLA officer team recently attended the Fall Leadership Conference and enhanced their leadership skills. The FBLA members were also part of an excursion to Six Flags Elitch Gardens this past weekend. The chapter has a great year planned that promises an exciting and enriched experience for all.

Don't forget – State Officer Candidates must submit an article by March 1!

Overland FBLA – Officer Retreat

This year's annual Overland FBLA Officer Retreat was held on July 10th through the 12th, where the new officers got acquainted and learned about the responsibilities that awaited them. The first day was a day full of learning. The officers met up with the advisers at Ms. Rish's house where they were greeted by a four-legged friend, Sam. After the excitement died down, Ms. Rish, Ms. Carrera, and Mr. Wadleigh sat down with the newly elected officers to discuss the FBLA organization. On the second day the officers and advisers had some fun in the sun at Water World! They rested their minds and bodies as they traveled to The Center of the Earth, meandered down the Lazy River, and got washed away by the large wave of the Wave Pool. But, the time of no worries was just a thing of the past on the third day when the officers were to create their program of work. The program of work is an outline of all

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of the goals the officers want to strive for the whole year. After numerous hours of planning the officers had finally completed their program of work which included goals like: giving out balloons at the homecoming game, marching in the Parade of Lights, organizing the Senior vs. Staff Basketball Game, putting on the Prom Fashion Show, striving for awards like Peak V and Outstanding Chapter, and much more. The last day of the retreat ended with a parent/officer BBQ at Ms. Rish's house where the officers presented their program of work to the parents through a trivia game. It was a great ending to an exciting retreat to start off the year for Overland FBLA!

After summer break was over and it was time to return to school, Overland FBLA was prepared and kicked off the year to a great start with almost 40 students attending the first meeting on Thursday, September 7th. After the meeting was called to order the officers introduced themselves to the many new and returning faces in the crowd. The officers for this year include: Amber Rust, Rachel Conkey, Sasha White, Saraia Martin, Thalia Ochoa, Rachel Martinez, Miranda Al-Mouradi, Liliya Khasidova, and Katie Crane. Then, it was time to get the members up and moving by playing The Question Game. It was very difficult to answer a question with a question, especially when the members wanted to answer with a comment. Next, it was time to talk a little bit more about the FBLA organization. Officers talked in detail about the benefits of FBLA, conferences that are held throughout the year, and fundraising. As a fun treat for the students that attended there was a drawing for a gift card to Panera and a gift card to Chipotle. Overall, students were very interested in FBLA and were eager to be there at the next meeting.

Calhan HS

Zachary Ricketts

To start the year, our chapter set up a member and officer induction ceremony that was held on October 11th. This helped our chapter out a lot by adding 14 new members—6 of which are freshman. Our chapter currently has 30 members—an increase of 8 from last year.

Before all the real work can take place, offices have to be elected. Each delegate must fill out a questionnaire and go through an interview process. The interview then selects the best candidate for each office. This year the officers are: Zach Ricketts—President, Cassidy Woodard—Vice President, Melinda Spurlin—Secretary, Thomas Lightbody—Treasurer, Hannah Chaussee and Jenna Gallegos—Historian Brea Marshbanks and Lindsey Lawson—Activities Directors and Recruiters. All of the officers attended the Fall Leadership Conference for Districts 6, 7, and 8 on October 3rd in Pueblo. The officers learned all types of new things in addition to having lots of fun!

After recruiting members to join FBLA, our chapter celebrates its enrollment by attending activities. This year we are going to a Colorado College hockey on November 17th against Minnesota State. This activity comes as a discount to the members because of fundraising activities such as selling Gold C/Entertainment books and delicious Ozark lollipops.

Our chapter is also very involved with the community through its many service projects and activities. We are in the process of our annual food drive which is donated to the Calhan Community Food Bank. We also plan to hold hat weeks in November and December, to raise money for the March of Dimes. Community service has a large emphasis on Calhan FBLA and will in the years to come.

Finally, we are now organizing for the District 6 Conference. We will take all of our members in individual and team events. We hope to do well in these events and take multiple members to state and hopefully some to nationals.

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John F. Kennedy FBLA

Travis Howard

The John F. Kennedy FBLA chapter participated in the all-school clean up sponsored by the Bear Valley Improvement Association. Members showed up to walk Bear Valley Park; and, the groups collected several bags of trash to help clean the community. There were at least 300 students who participated.

Our next activity was participating in the annual Trick-or-Treat Street at Kennedy High School. Each club was responsible for deciding on what activity the children had to do and how their booths looked. We filled over 400 bags of candy and distributed them amongst the many children who attended. This total was 576 children. The children, 2-10 year old kids, enjoyed this very much, and so did we!

The State Officer Team looks forward to seeing you at your District Competition!

Overland FBLA - Homecoming

There was excitement in the air at the Overland High School Homecoming Game on October 14th. Students and members were gathered to support the Overland Trailblazers against the Eaglecrest Raptors. As an annual service project FBLA members blew up blue and green balloons and handed them out to the students and parents to let go at kick off. "Have a balloon, support the Blazers!" exclaimed the members as they were handing out the balloons. At kick off a sea of blue and green filled the night sky as the balloons were let go. Thank you FBLA members for all of your help in making the Overland community a friendlier place!

Alamosa FBLA

Members of the Alamosa FBLA chapter have been given their ticket to the future by attending this year's National Fall Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado. Through various workshops and general sessions, FBLA-PBL participants were able to interact by doing fun icebreakers and enjoying inspirational speakers. Students and adults, alike, were able to get a grasp on networking and communication between one another. The National Fall Leadership Conference also had many booths set up for members. Ranging from college options to fundraising aide, everyone was able to spend time thinking about future choices. And after two full days of business, Colorado FBLA hosted a dance to raise money for the March of Dimes and give people a bit of down time. With a total of 15 states and around 1,800 people unified, things are looking good for the FBLA-PBL organization across the nation. Alamosa will help by raising money for the March of Dimes, increasing chapter involvement, and preparing for our District Competition on February 6, 2007 at Adams State College. Everyone who attended brings with them the ticket to the future, and it looks like there is going to be a successful destination for everyone. Good luck at Districts!

Big Sandy FBLA

Mandy Webb

Our FBLA chapter has been very busy already this year. In September we had our membership madness. During this membership madness, we took kids bowling and gave away doughnuts at break one day during school. Once we got people interested, our officers worked with the members to help them decide on events. Lately we have been working with the members on preparing for their district events. Also, our annual fundraising project has started. We are now accepting fresh fruit orders, which we will deliver in December. We will also be raising money during home basketball games. Our chapter is also involved in doing a couple of community service projects.

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Monarch FBLA

Jissille Rama

Monarch High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) has started off the year with another great start. Already, the chapter is full of ideas and plans to make Monarch FBLA one of the best chapters aboard the success express to Nationals and beyond.

At the end of last year, a new officer team for the 2006-2007 was chosen. To become an officer for the chapter, members had to submit an application and interview with a board composed of a teacher, past FBLA officers and a business professional from the community. This year, a total of 14 officers make up the team, holding positions from president to public relations to class representative. This year's officers include, senior Lynn Ersek (President), senior Jennie Yang (Vice President), senior Olga Shershneva (Secretary), senior Rebecca Lischwe (Financial Officer), senior Vincent Newell (Financial Officer), senior Jissille Rama (Reporter), senior Heather Hunt (Reporter), senior Kim Nguyen (Public Relations), senior Nikki Thorne (Public Relations), senior Brian Manning (Webmaster), junior Geoff Abel (11th Grade Class Representative), sophomore Olivia Heel (10th Grade Class Representative) and freshman Jenelle Tennigkeit (9th Grade Class Representative). Also this year, the chapter is lucky to have a State Officer as a part of the team. Senior Hayley Schneider was chosen to be the State Reporter for this year. Serving as FBLA's adviser, is business teacher Ms. Laurie Urich. As well as serving their chapter roles, the officers also manage committee groups filled with chapter students. Each committee group serves to benefit the chapter and community. The committee groups this year are Fundraising, Community Service, Social Events, i-SAFE and Public Relations.

Currently the chapter is working on their first community service project for Halloween. With the help of all committee groups, the chapter is organizing a Trick or Treat Street for the community kids. Monarch FBLA's goal for this event is to create a fun, safe, indoor alternative to trick or treating, as the days around Halloween can get pretty cold. This year, the Trick or Treat Street will be held from 5-8PM in the Monarch High School Gymnasium on Sunday, October 29th. There will be tons of candy, costume contests and parades, door prizes, games, photo sessions with characters and much more. The night is expected to be a great success as more than 1000 kids are projected to attend. Even though the event is being held during the dinner hours, dinner should not be problem for parents as FBLA will be selling food and drinks. Many people came in their favorite costumes and had an awesome Halloween, trick or treated in a safe, cheerful and warm environment.



A family at Monarch FBLA's Trick or Treat Street Community Service Event.



Members at CFLC in Greely.

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Winter 2007

CBE Fall Conference *Carol Sessums*

"Kaleidoscope in Business & Technology" was the theme of the 2006 Colorado Business Educators fall conference held at Pueblo Community College October 13th and 14th. Approximately 25 educators from across the state participated in various sessions ranging from "Understanding Credit" and "Making FBLA Reports More Effective" to labor laws and "Moodle".

The highlight of the conference is the presentation of the Educator of the Year. The 2006 Colorado Business Educator of the Year is Linda Malers, business educators and FBLA Adviser at Swink High School. Dr. Robert Jager was awarded the Donald L. Moore Business Education Outstanding Service Award for his dedication and commitment to business education in Colorado.

The CBE BEST Award was presented to the following educators:

Myrna Armes Florence High School
 Sherri Arosteguy Fruita Monument High School
 Lucinda Carpenter Creede High School
 Sherry Christensen Greeley West High School
 Jaylene Evans Morgan Community College
 Ryan Fluckey Delta High School
 Linda Gustavson Central High School – Grand Junction
 Amber Hall Littleton High School
 Gladys Kelher Grand Junction High School
 Brenda Lauer Northeastern Junior College
 Linda Malers Swink High School
 Nancy Meiklejohn Pikes Peak Community College
 Ronda Monheiser Northeastern Junior College
 Donald L. Moore Coronado Digital School
 Mary Jo Osborn La Junta High School
 Merle Rhoades Morgan Community College

Brenda Rhodes Northeastern Junior College
 Patti Rish Overland High School
 Karla Rodie Pikes Peak Community College
 Angela Satterly Burlington High School
 Krista Schenck Moffat High School
 Carol Sessums Sangre de Cristo High School
 Amy Sorenson Northeastern Junior College
 Donna Sorenson Welby New Technology High School
 Caroline Swank Arapahoe High School
 Jean Sykes McClave High School
 Cathy Tkacik Pueblo South High School
 Laurie Urich Monarch High School
 Lola Vierheller Hidden Lake High School
 Coni Wolf Palisade High School

BEST stands for Belong, Excel, Study, Teach, Technology and Travel.

In all, the conference was very successful. The 2007 conference will be held in Ft Collins. We look forward to seeing every business educator and FBLA adviser there!

Hayley's Comet



<p><i>Aries (March 21- April 21)</i> Get pumped up about your District Leadership Conference! Be sure to prepare materials ahead of time!</p>	<p><i>Libra (September 24-October 24)</i> Mark your calendar now! The State Leadership Conference is April 15-17 and the National Leadership Conference is June 28- July 1.</p>
<p><i>Taurus (April 21-May 21)</i> Talk to your adviser about having someone from your chapter run for office. This is an excellent opportunity for your school to shine!</p>	<p><i>Scorpio (October 24-November 22)</i> Nominate your adviser for Outstanding Adviser! This is a great way to show your appreciation.</p>
<p><i>Gemini (May 22-June 22)</i> Use the practice tests available from National FBLA to study up so that you perform well in the District Leadership Conference!</p>	<p><i>Sagittarius (November 23-December 23)</i> Prepare a fundraising campaign for your chapter in order to make sure that everyone can go to the State Leadership Conference!</p>
<p><i>Cancer (June 23-July 23)</i> Organize a chapter fundraiser for the March of Dimes.</p>	<p><i>Capricorn (December 24-January 19)</i> Try out the Business Achievement Awards! You will go far with them if you begin now.</p>
<p><i>Leo (July 23-August 24)</i> Help someone from your chapter by giving them a study guide.</p>	<p><i>Aquarius (January 20-February 19)</i> Prepare the Peak Award for your chapter! This is an easy way for your chapter to earn BIG points!</p>
<p><i>Virgo (August 23- September 24)</i> Contact the State VP representing your district to see what your school can do to make this year's conference the best it can be!</p>	<p><i>Pisces (February 20-March 20)</i> Make contacts with some local businesses to make your chapter even stronger.</p>