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Presidential Greetings

Article by Laura Schoenike, State President

Greetings Wisconsin FBLA! My name is Laura Schoenike, and I am serving as your 2010-2011 Wisconsin FBLA State President.

As a thrilling and eventful summer comes to a close, it is already time to begin preparing for what I am sure will be an equally thrilling and eventful school year. Thanks to some hard work from our State Executive Board, Wisconsin FBLA is already off to an amazing start. This past June, the 2010-2011 State Program of Work was both planned and approved. Some of the goals we have set include: promoting the national 'Go Green' project, raising financial literacy, encouraging participation in the Business Achievement Awards, hosting a 'Future Fair' at the SLC, as well as placing an emphasis on children's charities in many of our service projects.

Even though we are only a few days into the new school year, it is already time to start thinking about upcoming conferences and events. On October 25-26, 2010, the Wisconsin Fall Leadership Conference will take place at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton. There are also the two Fall Leadership Labs in Madison on October 14 and Eau Claire on November 17. For more information regarding these and other opportunities, continue to peruse this issue of the Wisconsin FBLA e-Bulletin. It contains all the information you need to start the year off in the right direction.

Be sure to continue to check future WFeBs as well as the Wisconsin FBLA website to best prepare yourself for the upcoming year. If you ever have questions throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the other officers. We are all looking forward to working with each of you through our various workshops, conferences, and other initiatives. Together, I know we can make 2010-2011 a year for Breaking Barriers!



Getting to Know Your State Officers!

Article by Dakota Betts, Region IV Vice President



Name: Laura Schoenike
School: Oconomowoc High School
Grade: Senior
Position: State President
Favorite Food: Apples with peanut butter
Favorite Hobby: Spending time with friends and family
Favorite Movie: The Blind Side

Name: Becca Bagniewski
School: Cochrane-Fountain City High School
Grade: Junior
Position: State Vice President
Favorite Food: Strawberry Cheesecake
Favorite Hobby: Showing Dairy Cattle
Favorite Movie: Dirty Dancing

Name: Allison Hill
School: Portage High School
Grade: Sophomore
Position: State Secretary
Favorite Food: Crab
Favorite Hobby: Softball
Favorite Movie: The Hangover

Name: Jenny Stingle
School: Seymour High School
Grade: Senior
Position: State Treasurer
Favorite Food: Tacos
Favorite Hobby: Karate
Favorite Movie: The Amazing Panda Adventure

Name: Jon Leja
School: Oconto Falls High School
Grade: Junior
Position: State Reporter
Favorite Food: Pasta
Favorite Hobby: Baseball
Favorite Movie: The Dark Knight

Name: Alissa McLain
School: La Crosse Central High School
Grade: Junior
Position: State Parliamentarian
Favorite Food: Tacos
Favorite Hobby: Playing Piano
Favorite Movie: The Notebook

Name: Jordi Tiffany
School: Baldwin-Woodville High School
Grade: Sophomore
Position: Region I Vice President
Favorite Food: Ribs
Favorite Hobby: Traveling
Favorite Movie: Shooter

Name: Brieanna Schroeder
School: Lakeland Union High School
Grade: Junior
Position: Region II Vice President
Favorite Food: Steak
Favorite Hobby: Soccer
Favorite Movie: 27 Dresses

Name: Daniel Flesch
School: Appleton Xavier High School
Grade: Senior
Position: Region III Vice President
Favorite Food: Escargot
Favorite Hobby: Golfing
Favorite Movie: Extraordinary Measures

Name: Dakota Betts
School: Sparta High School
Grade: Senior
Position: Region IV Vice President
Favorite Food: Steak
Favorite Hobby: Road Trips
Favorite Movie: Never Back Down

Name: Kayla Carey
School: Whitewater High School
Grade: Senior
Position: Region V Vice President
Favorite Food: Lasagna
Favorite Hobby: Photography
Favorite Movie: She's The Man

Name: Tyler Karian
School: Brookfield East High School
Grade: Senior
Position: Region VI Vice President
Favorite Food: Mac and Cheese
Pizza
Favorite Hobby: Anything Outdoors
Favorite Movie: Step Brothers

NLC Wrap-Up

Article by Alissa McLain, State Parliamentarian

Going into this year's National Leadership Conference, I know that I was not alone in feeling rather apprehensive about how the national staff could turn it around after the flood. I have to say, sitting in a shuttle for an hour waiting to get to downtown Nashville isn't exactly how I wanted to be spending my time. When you consider how bad it could have been, I'm quite thankful that we were even able to have a National Leadership Conference at all. The national staff and officers put hours of extra work in to make this conference happen, despite the natural disaster.



The conference began with the Opening Ceremony. Walking into that room can be so exciting, whether it's your first or your fourth conference. With the lights, the music, and so many people, the excitement prepares you for the week to come. The four days of the conference were filled with a variety of workshops, aimed at preparing us for almost any aspect of our life in school and future careers. Many Wisconsin members also competed in our 55 competitive events. The conference came to a close, as always, with the Awards of Excellence Ceremony. We are very proud of our Wisconsin competitive event winners. I would like to recognize those who placed in the top ten at NLC this year:

Accounting I: Troy Henkel, Oak Creek High School, 8th
Accounting II: Tyler Grinstead, De Forest High School, 10th
American Enterprise Project: La Crosse Central High School, 7th
Banking & Financial Systems: Nick Checker, Surja Varma, Oak Creek High School, 10th
Business Calculations: Cory Groom, Shullsburg High School, 5th
Business Plan: Mackenzie Blom, Andrea Grignon, Seymour Community High School, 5th
Client Service: Lexi Ruda, La Crosse Central High School, 2nd
Computer Applications: Andrew Ansay, Sheboygan Falls High School, 9th
Computer Game & Simulation Programming: Matt Griffith, Sheboygan North High School, 1st
Database Design & Applications: Jake Kramer, Menomonee Falls High School, 2nd
Electronic Career Portfolio: Donna Blume, Marathon High School, 5th
Emerging Business Issues: Sam Andersen, Mitch Thompson, Onalaska High School, 2nd
Global Business: Alex Falish, Mike Keim, Preble High School, 3rd
Introduction to Tech Concepts: Sawyer Kennedy, Sauk Prairie High School, 4th
Job Interview: McKenzie Baecker, Cochrane-Fountain City High School, 6th
Management Decision Making: Mitch Hansen, Charlie Rodenkirch, Fond du Lac High School, 6th
Management Decision Making: Danielle Martin, Megan Mundt, Marshfield High School, 7th
Partnership with Business Project: Kenosha Tremper High School, 6th
Partnership with Business Project: La Crosse Central High School, 8th
Public Speaking I: Karlee Nimmer, Kewaunee High School, 6th
Public Speaking I: Jeremy Steinmetz, Stanley-Boyd High School, 7th
Public Speaking II: Ryan Baxter, Baraboo High School, 1st
Web Site Development: Justin Greenawald, Troy LeCaire, Green Bay East High School, 7th

Getting Ready for Saving

Article by Jenny Stingle, State Treasurer

As a new school year starts, you get another year closer to graduating. With graduation getting closer, it is time to think about saving money so you can go to college and have money to buy things that you may need. A great program that is here to help you with saving money is America Saves. America Saves is not a program that you have to use just to save money for college; America Saves can help you save for anything that you want or need. America Saves is a program that is designed to help students learn how important it is to save money. It is designed to teach and motivate kids to save their money.



The goal of America Saves is that students will spend less than they make, and save the difference. Students make a plan saying where they will be saving their money, how they will put their money into the bank, and how often they will put their money into the bank. After saving enough money to buy what the student wanted to get they will be in the habit of saving, so they will keep saving.

America Saves is not a program that you have to do by yourself, it is something that you can do as a chapter activity. If this is an activity that your chapter is interested in starting at your school then you can contact George Barany, Director of Consumer Federation of America (CFA.) You can contact George by email or phone (gbarany@sbcglobal.net or 216.375.3255). CFA provides the training to the adviser and students, materials and resources, and most importantly, online enrollment to automate the process.

To enroll, visit this website www.americasaves.org/enroll/. A great time to get the member of your chapter ready to save is during America Saves Week, which is February 21-28. America Saves is a great program that more than 200,000 students are using.

Help Jump\$tart a Kid's Future

Article by Jon Leja, State Reporter

FBLA has over 90 national sponsors, from all across the United States. Jump\$tart is a national sponsor of FBLA that helps advance financial literacy in children all over our country. It is a coalition of people from the business, government, and academic sectors. They are a non-profit organization that not only supports financial education, but helps organize and create programs to raise financial literacy of children in all grade levels. Jump\$tart also serves on the National Advisory Board for America Saves.



Jump\$tart offers many ways to get involved with their initiative on a local level. One thing your chapter could do is coordinate a trip to an elementary or middle school where members can help teach kids fun personal finance lessons. Another idea is for members to put together a presentation on ways to incorporate personal finance into the curriculum and have them present it to the school policy makers. Your chapter could even hold a fundraiser since Jump\$tart accepts monetary donations.

Jump\$tart is not only a national organization, it also has 49 state coalitions. Wisconsin has their own coalition, headed by David Mancl. If you want to learn more about our state coalition, you can go to www.jumpstart.org/states-wisconsin.html. The national coalition also has a website, www.jumpstart.org. Financial literacy is an important issue that children need to learn, and Jump\$tart is helping to make this a reality.

"Go Green" with Wisconsin FBLA

Article by Laura Schoenike, State President

During the 2008-2009 FBLA year, the National FBLA Officer Team presented a new challenge to all chapters: to "go green." This challenge was inspired by the recent national interest of renewable energy and becoming more environmentally friendly. It allows chapters to participate in a self-directed and aggressive program that emphasizes 'green' leadership and teamwork.



'Part 1' of the Go Green Chapter Project follows a similar format as the Business Achievement Awards. There are a variety of activities that a chapter must complete that revolve around the three words surrounding the FBLA crest: service, education, and progress. Obviously, each of these activities must promote environmentally friendly practices. Three activities are required from each section.

In addition to these activities, a chapter must also complete a 'Go Green Project,' also known as 'Part 2.' This additional 'project' can be as simple as taking a previously completed activity and applying it in new way. Once said endeavor has been completed, a report is also submitted with any necessary documentation. All materials must be received at the national office by May 15, 2011.

To begin the project, it is necessary for your chapter adviser to register with the national office. For more information, please visit www.fbla-pbl.org/gogreen/login.asp. I look forward to seeing the Wisconsin chapter recognized at the 2011 National Leadership Conference!

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