



NEBRASKA FBLA E-NEWS

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS—The State Officer Team and I wish you a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year! We look forward to bringing you first-rate FBLA activities and conferences in 2010!

NEW CHAPTERS—Two schools have reactivated their FBLA chapters: Bennington under the leadership of Shawn McIlroy and Omaha North under the leadership of Tom Dickey. Welcome our new chapters!

ACTE RECOGNIZES NEBRASKA FBLA MEMBER—Congratulations to Justin Schultis, 2007-2009 State President, for being honored as the Association for Career and Technical Education Outstanding Secondary Business Education Student from Region V! Justin's advisers were Teresa Hansmire and Wade Miller from Fairbury.

OUTSTANDING ADVISER NOMINEES—Congratulations to the three advisers nominated for the Outstanding Adviser Award: Cindy Talley, Fillmore Central; Donita Potter, Gretna and Sid Conrad, Norris! The award will be presented at the State Leadership Conference.

NEW FOUNDATION ADDRESS—Remember that the Foundation address changed this fall. All contributions should be sent to: Nebraska FBLA Foundation, PO Box 183, Syracuse, NE 68446. Tyler Wellman, State Secretary, from Syracuse FBLA will keep us up to date on the contributions this year.

STATE OFFICER APPLICATION DEADLINE!—Please encourage your members to apply for a position as a state officer. The state officer candidate applications are due **January 20**. Information can be found on the Nebraska FBLA website under the State Officers link. State Officer Candidate Screening Day, a required activity for all candidates, is scheduled for Saturday, **February 6**.

FBLA . . . A SURE BET—Mark your calendars for this winning opportunity brought to you by your Nebraska FBLA Board of Directors! You are invited to attend a one-day free FBLA adviser workshop on Monday, **June 7**, in Kearney. Workshop activities will focus on developing your FBLA chapter—from officer training to member recruitment to chapter management. Watch for more workshop details in the spring. Don't miss out on this sure bet!

NEBRASKA FBLA ON FACEBOOK—Have you joined the Nebraska FBLA Facebook group? If not, it's time to connect to the organization in this new way. To join the state group, go to Facebook.com and search for Nebraska FBLA. Then join the group.

MEMBERSHIP—It's not too late to recruit members for FBLA. Each chapter is challenged to increase membership by 2 members per chapter. The membership deadline is **January 15**.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE DEMONSTRATION VIDEO—State Parliamentarian Jenna Woitaszewski has provided your chapter with an easy-to-understand demonstration of parliamentary procedure. You can view the video on the website under the Resources link at <http://www.nebraskafbla.org/resources.htm>.

NFLC A HIT—Over 330 Nebraska members and advisers traveled to Denver, CO, for the 2009 National Fall Leadership Conference (NFLC)! Excellent keynote speakers, strong workshop presentations and a tour of Hammond's Candy Factory and Invesco Stadium, home of the Denver Broncos, were all part of the conference experience. We applaud the following chapters and individuals:

- Bellevue East FBLA for having the largest chapter delegation at the NFLC.
- Columbus Lakeview FBLA for receiving the Market Share membership award.
- Omaha Northwest FBLA for presenting a workshop.
- Jennifer Roeber, PBL Mt. Plains Vice President and State President, for helping to lead the general sessions.
- Dennis Krejci, Tri County, for serving as the NFLC travel liaison.

2010 NFLC—Des Moines, IA, will host one of the 2010 NFLCs on November 5-6. This will be another excellent opportunity for Nebraska members to attend a national conference! Watch for state travel details from the Nebraska FBLA Board of Directors next spring.

MEET YOUR ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS—Your 2009-2010 Advisory Council members sent you in November a letter and a copy of the annual Advisory Council brochure. The Council members are wonderful supporters of Nebraska FBLA. They provide new ideas, implement projects, judge at the SLC and speak to local chapters. If you need a speaker, please invite a Council member from your area to present. Advisory Council members are also great resources for competitive event preparation. Contact information can be found in the brochure or in your *Nebraska FBLA Handbook* in the Personnel Section.

NATIONAL BUSINESSPERSON OF THE YEAR—Chuck Pickering, Syracuse, will be honored as Nebraska FBLA's National Businessperson of the Year at the 2010 SLC. Chuck served six years on the Nebraska FBLA Advisory Council, chairing the Council for two years. Chuck and his wife, Vickie, are SLC event sponsors for the Future Business Leader event. In addition, Chuck has served as a judge for numerous SLC events.

SUBMITTING DUES—The final dues deadline for payment of state and national dues is **January 15**. Please send both state (\$4) and national (\$6) dues to the national center. You can register your members online at www.fbla-pbl.org; you will need your chapter's number.

All dues must be paid to the national center before your members' names appear in the database for the SLC registration. You will NOT be able to register students for the SLC if payment has not reached the national center; entering members into the database is only the first step in the process.

CSO RECOGNITION—The Commissioner's Recognition for Student Excellence in Career Education was held November 23 in the Rotunda of the State Capitol. Twenty-one Nebraska FBLA members placing first, second or third at the NLC in 11 competitive events were honored at the ceremony.

PBL PATH TO SUCCESS CONFERENCE—The UNL Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) Chapter hosts its annual Path to Success Conference on Monday, February 1. Watch the FBLA listserv for more information!

MARCH PLEDGE DEADLINE—The deadline for submitting information for the March *Pledge* is **February 1**.

STATE PROJECTS

FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION PROJECT—Cozad FBLA is coordinating the Friends of the Foundation project; chapters completing the three (3) requirements on the Friends of the Foundation form will be recognized at the SLC Second General Session with a glow item. You can find full details at the Foundation link on the website or by using the following link: <http://www.nebraskafbla.org/pdf/form-FriendsOfTheFoundationRecognition.pdf>.

FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS—Foundation fundraising is underway and four chapters have already submitted their contributions. A contribution form can be found on the website at the Foundation link or by using this direct link: http://www.nebraskafbla.org/Foundation/form-foundationtrust_contributionform.pdf.

GO GREEN CHALLENGE—Has your chapter Gone Green? The State Officer Team invites your chapter to participate in Nebraska's Go Green Challenge! You can find the entry form and guidelines under the State Projects link on the website or at the following direct link: http://www.nebraskafbla.org/pdf/form-go_green_challenge.pdf. Entries are due March 1 to Noah Carpenter, State Treasurer.

MARCH OF DIMES MISSION TRIANGLE EXCELLENCE—Chapters supporting the March of Dimes are eligible for two awards. The first award, Mission Triangle Excellence, recognizes chapters supporting the March of Dimes through program awareness, volunteerism, fundraising and public relations. More award details can be found on page 6-22 of the *Nebraska FBLA Handbook*. In addition, Nebraska FBLA will recognize the chapter raising the most funds for the March of Dimes with a traveling plaque.

MARCH OF DIMES FUNDRAISING—The goal for this year's March of Dimes statewide fundraising campaign is \$17,000. To reach this goal each chapter will need to raise \$110. Please submit the form on page 6-25 of the Handbook by **March 1**.

MONEY SMART WEEK—It was an important happening across Nebraska when Money Smart Week was held November 9-15. Many FBLA chapters participated in this statewide effort to provide educational financial activities for Nebraska's citizens. Check out the Money Smart Week activities on page 5 of the December *Pledge* issue: <http://www.nebraskafbla.org/pdf/pledge-December09WEB.pdf>.

RECRUIT ONE PROFESSIONAL MEMBER—Each chapter is challenged to recruit one professional member for Nebraska FBLA! Professional Division membership is \$23 and can be given as a gift to an individual who has supported your chapter.

TALLY IT UP—Isaac Thompson, State Treasurer, reminds you that our state goal for Tally It Up is 37,000 hours or **7 hours per member**. With each chapter's participation, we can reach the goal! Please keep track of all community service hours completed by your members. The form is located on the website at the State Projects link: <http://www.nebraskafbla.org/pdf/form-tallyitup-reporter.pdf>.

THANK YOU!—Chapter advisers, thank you for supporting your FBLA members while they complete local, state and national projects. Enjoy the holiday season and your winter break, which will be here soon!

