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The NLC

by Jeff Pickerd-State Secretary



This past National Leadership Conference highlighted some of amazing accomplishments and skills that have been developed by some of the students in FBLA. The Texas chapter had sixteen members place in their competitive

Place	Name	School	Event
1st	Arsen Aslanyants Alonso Villatoro	Lewisville HS	Multimedia Presentation
3rd	Brandon Jackson Jessica Vanderpool	Ore City	Desktop Publishing
3rd	Elvia Calderon		ML FBLA Creed & Pledge
3rd	Cindy Acosta		ML Leadership
4th	Joann Chen	Plano East HS	Business Communication
4th	Michael Parish	Spring HS	Java Programming
5th	Connie Yu	Cinco Ranch HS	Business Law
5th	Hemal Thakore	Plano East HS	Economics
5th		Ore City HS	Public Relations Award
6th	Tanya Immaraj	James Taylor HS	Business Communication
6th	Michael Jeans Dan Petter	Cinco Ranch HS	Multimedia Presentation
8th	John Mack	Eastwood HS	Business Plan
8th	Tab Atkins	Spring HS	C++ Programming
9th	Mayra Flores	Mission HS	Accounting I
9th	Leah Diaz	Del Valle HS	Intro to Parli Pro
9th	Jenna Stotts Jessica Vanderpool	Commerce HS	Desktop Publishing

events, which represents an astounding accomplishment of work and sacrifice on the part of the students. Out of the sixteen events that Texas FBLA students participated in, there was one first place award, three third place awards, two fourth place awards, three fifth place awards, two sixth place awards, two eighth place awards, and three ninth place awards. Congratulations to these winners and all those who participated and gave it their best effort. A web cast of the actual award ceremony itself is available for downloading on the main home page of the national website and on the Texas FBLA website. The Texas chapter itself also won many awards at the Mountain-Plains regional meeting. Texas won awards for the largest increase of members by percentage and by total members. The state also received an award for recruiting the most new chapters, thirteen, in the past year. These outstanding accomplishments should only serve to strengthen our desires to do better this upcoming year and do more. Congratulations Texas!

Coming Up: the National Fall Leadership Conference

by: Mehveen Merchant-State Parliamentarian

The National Fall Leadership Conference is approaching soon, so hopefully many of you are planning to attend. I hope that you will not miss this wonderful opportunity to gain knowledge and, to interact with people of other FBLA chapters from around the country, and to have fun.



Texas FBLA will be attending the NFLC that will be held in Anaheim, California on November 7-8. If you are planning on attending the NFLC, I encourage you to participate in the workshops that the Texas State Officers will be presenting. We are excited about the workshops and plan to make them both fun and informative.

Arrangements have been made for the Texas FBLA members. Twenty rooms have been booked for Texas FBLA at Days Inn, which is about two miles from where NFLC will be held. Each of the rooms costs \$55 per night, and conveniently has a refrigerator and microwave.

You can visit the national website at www.fbla-pbl.org for more information, or talk to your adviser about attending. Hope to see you there!



LHS' First Annual Golf Tournament

by Edgar Quinonez

The Lewisville High School Future Business Leaders of America held its first annual golf tournament at Tour 18 on September 1, 2003. The tournament was a great success. The Lewisville High School Principal Royce Cooper and Assistant Principal Dr. Mitch Hall participated in the tournament as well as two Assistant Superintendents and several individuals from the business community. U.S. Congressman Michael Burgees. attended



the luncheon following the tournament and presented the Lewisville High School FBLA Chapter with an American Flag that was flown over the United States Capitol on July 23, 2003. The purpose for this event was to raise funds and to promote the activities of FBLA and to establish a rapport to the business community. Sponsors for the tournament included such local businesses as Lewisville Medical Center, Texas Bank, Verizon and individuals such as Tim and Dee Rainey. Funds raised for the tournament will be used to provide chapter officer training and to purchase supplies and study resources. Plans are already in the works for the 2nd Annual Lewisville High School FBLA Golf Tournament is tentatively planned for early June at Oakmont Country Club in Corinth.

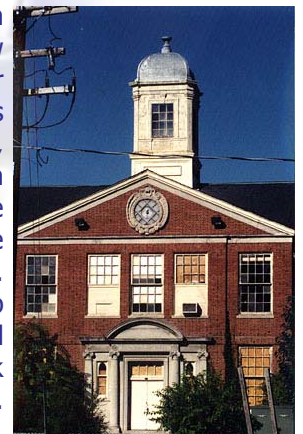
Back to School

by Katie Hudson-Area VI Vice President



Welcome back to school! I know, new classes, new teachers, and some new faces in those classes. Oh, and the best thing of all: a ton of homework! Well, maybe not that. But there is definitely one thing that is sure to cheer everyone up (besides of course, mean teachers and cafeteria food), and that's FBLA. Now is the perfect time to begin planning out your chapter's year and recruiting new members.

Recruiting new members may be hard to do, as people who are not in FBLA and do not know very many people in your chapter usually don't know what this organization is about. That is the reason you, the current chapter member, need to inform them of and get them interested. Many chapters set up a booth at their high school's "Fish Camp," the freshman orientation, and sign-up for extracurricular activities. Have muffins or cookies out on plates for students to take as they talk to the students and advisor at the booth. This definitely will cause more people to take notice and already have a positive attitude about FBLA. I know more than a couple former state officers were introduced to FBLA through food. If this time has already passed at your school, you can still do so much to promote FBLA. Put up colorful posters (only with approval from a school official) promoting FBLA with the date, time, and place of the next meeting. Get a mention of FBLA meetings into your school's announcements; ask all of the business or career education teachers to mention our great organization in their classes. Of course, these are just a few effective ideas.



We highly encourage all chapters to involve their members even more, especially returning members. Throw a pizza party, a movie party, or even go bowling as a chapter. Remember, FBLA is about future business leaders, so take the time to visit local businesses as a field trip, and talk to business people to gain more insight into the real business world. Of course, before you do any of this, your advisor needs to be on-board and have approval from the appropriate school official.

A new handbook for chapter officers will be coming out this year, and it has many great tips and ideas for local chapters. As always, our message board at texasfbla.org is a wonderful way to connect with FBLA members all over the great state of Texas, and share recruitment ideas or fun things you did as a chapter. In addition, chapters are encouraged to write and send in their own articles for *The Texan*, which can be done by going to the state website. The rest of the state officer team and I wish you good luck this year with your chapter, and we will see you at the State Leadership Conference in Houston.

SLC Registration System Expanded to Include District Conferences

by Collin Brooks-Reporter/Historian

The Online SLC Registration System proved to be a huge success. The system improved the efficiency of the state conference registration process, reduced registration errors, and made the entire process easier for all involved. The online system also gave advisers the ability to go in and update and make any necessary changes to their individual chapter's registration. This year, the system will be expanded to include District Conference Registration. The Conference Coordinator for each area will receive administrative access for their area where they can view each school's registration information, students attending the conference, and events they are signed up for. Conference Coordinators will be given control to set the registration fee for their individual district. They will have the ability to shut down the system for their individual area after a certain date to lock in the chapters' registration. These new designs are currently underway and they are expected to be completed around the first of December.



Texas FBLA Online Gets A Second Webmaster



If you have visited the Texas FBLA Web Site lately, you may have noticed that over the past year, it has become one of, if not the, best and most functional state FBLA web site in the nation. The job of updating and maintaining the site has become an enormous task. Edgar Quinonez has joined the web site design team to oversee various aspects of the site. Edgar's responsibilities include providing support to local chapters with the development of their individual pages on the Texas FBLA Web Site. Every Chapter in the state is given full access to their school's location on the site so that the chapter webmaster can login and create and maintain their own presence. To get your chapter online, just contact Edgar and he can get you started. Edgar is also responsible for assisting the state officers with designing and maintaining their officer and area pages as well. His duties also include designing and posting new pages as needed, putting up documents for download, and moderating the message board. Edgar may be contacted at quinonez@texasfbla.org.

If you have not visited the Texas FBLA Site, please take a few minutes to check out some of its features:

- **Popular and active message board**
- **New FBLA Alumni Registration**
- **Individual Chapter Page**
- **Informative Content Pages**
- **Direct Contact and feedback to State Officers**
- **Area and State Officer updated pages**
- **Online State Conference Registration**
- **Online District Conference Registration (coming soon)**



Hello Texas FBLA

by Katrina Litsch - State President

I am Katrina Litsch, State president and member of your 2003-2004 State officer team. I would like to welcome you to a new and exciting year in FBLA! I would also like to take a moment to thank you for this wonderful opportunity that you have given me. Every since I have been elected into office it has been such a wonderful learning experience. I really do want to be your voice, so please tell me what you want out of FBLA and what you think FBLA needs.



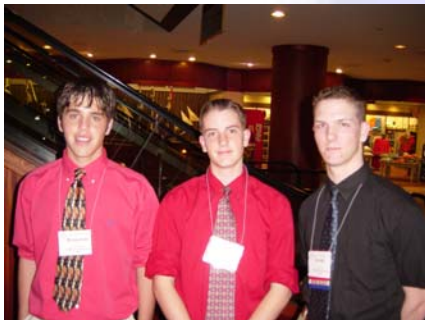
I hope that all of you have been able to access the message boards, this is a fantastic way to stay in touch with your fellow FBLA members across the State. A special thanks goes out to Collin Brooks who set this wonderful way of communication up for us. I would also urge all of you to check out the many scholarships that FBLA offers. This is free money that is just waiting for someone to claim it. Why not you?

Like I said this year is going be new and exciting. Your officer team has been working all summer to come up with new plans to improve FBLA. *Ben Herbster once said...* "The greatest waste in the world is the difference between what we are and what we could become." This is the year we will waste nothing. I hope that every one of you will promote FBLA in a strong and professional way. Please continue to excel in all that you do weather in FBLA or in other activities by working hard. You have worked hard for FBLA and I hope that it can also work equally as hard for you. Stay in contact and get updated with all of the member benefits that FBLA offers. A great precedence has been set before us, but tradition doesn't graduate, so lets all worked together this year to see FBLA become the best we have ever seen!

From Around Texas

The Ore City HS chapter was recognized and awarded a plaque at the March of Dimes WalkAmerica awards luncheon on June 19th as the Top Youth Team. Jessica Potter and Penni Cole presented Gretta Cozart, March of Dimes WalkAmerica Chairman with a check for \$1500.

Ore City HS members provided water jugs at the annual 4th of July celebration in Ore City this summer. Community members were able to quench their thirst during the hot day while listening to music on the park grounds.



These are pictures from Clements H.S. chapter of FBLA (left). They were taken in Corpus Christi at the state leadership conference.

Future Business Leaders of America, or FBLA, is a student organization dedicated to the further development of American Enterprise. As State Reporter/Historian, my duties include collaborating The Texan and the state website, texasfbla.org. This year, submitting a file for The Texan is easier than ever! First, point your browser to www.texasfbla.org. Next, click on "Submit Articles" on the left side menu. When you open up the page, enter in your name, your email, article title, the article and then (if you want to include a picture) browse for the file. Click on "Send File" ONLY ONCE. I will recieve the file and it will be included in The Texan.



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