

ARKANSAS FBLA NEWSLETTER

**Breaking
Barriers in
FBLA!!!**

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Jordan Murdock, Bryant

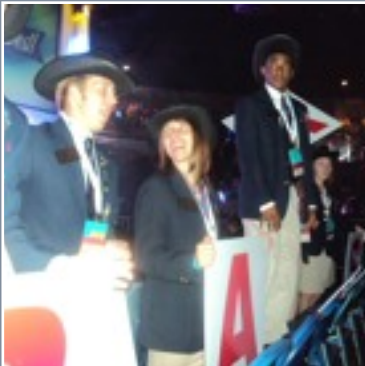
Hello Arkansas FBLA, my name is Jordan Murdock and I am honored to be this year's FBLA State President. I am currently a senior at Bryant High School. FBLA is such a large part of my life. I love everything that this wonderful organization stands for and does in our schools and communities across the state. It gives our members the tools and knowledge to become true leaders of tomorrow's business world.

Your state officer team worked hard at the Mid-Year meeting to make this year's State leadership Conference one to remember. We know all of you have given serious thought and preparation for your competitive event this year. We wish everyone luck as they compete at their District Leadership Conference, you are not only competing for a chance to come to the SLC this year in Little Rock but a chance to go to the National Leadership Conference this year in Orlando, Florida! We encourage our members to get involved in our organization by running for district and state office. The knowledge and experience that comes with being a District or State officer is amazing. It gives you the opportunity to further develop and exercise your leadership and teamwork skills. As members of FBLA I encourage you to participate in the Business Achievement Awards (BAA's). With the completion of every level, you receive national recognition.

In November over 100+ members and advisors from Arkansas traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana to attend the National Fall Leadership Conference (NFLC). There everyone participated in workshops and heard speakers that taught the values of Breaking Barriers in our everyday lives. Every one toured the amazing city, ate at the fantastic restaurants, and networked with other members from across the nation. The workshops that were given at NFLC brought insight and inspiration to all members who attended. Next year Little Rock will be the site for NFLC and we encourage you to attend! It is truly too great an experience to pass up.

Henry Kissinger once said "The task of the leader is to get his people from where they are to where they have not been." Your State Officer Team and I can't wait to see you all at the SLC this year and hopefully the NLC this summer! And remember to Break Barriers!

NLC 2010



OFFICERS AT NLC-NASHVILLE

Top picture: Officers Sondra Hubbard, Olevia Wetzell, and Quinton Marks work in Molly Bennett's campaign booth. Middle Picture: Officers Collin Hudson, Skylar Jones, and Quinton Marks help cheer for Arkansas at the NLC Opening Session. Bottom Picture: Officer Kiley Anderson met Justin Coleman during campaigning at NLC.



COLLIN HUDSON

District I Vice-President-Paris High School

Greetings fellow FBLA members! I am Collin Hudson, District I FBLA President and District I State Vice-president. I have been an FBLA member for four years (when you include my one year in Middle-Level FBLA) and what a great four years it has been!

FBLA has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. My mom has been a local adviser for 19 years, and I have so many memories of her working with her students to prepare for FBLA district, state, and national competitions. In fact, when I was five, she brought me a "Future, Future Business Leader of America" t-shirt back from the National Leadership Conference. Safe to say, she has been a strong influence in my FBLA participation.

My mom always told me how much I would love FBLA, but I didn't realize how truly cool our organization is until I was able to experience it myself. FBLA has provided me with so many wonderful opportunities. Serving as a district and state officer has really taught me a lot about what it takes to be a leader. Attending the District, State, and National Leadership Conferences has not only provided me with leadership skills, but also with many new friends and great memories! I'll

never forget all our great Ninja battles and look forward to many more!

None of this would have been possible without the support of my local FBLA chapter, my family, and District I FBLA. Mrs. Vonderheide, Mrs. Ratliff, and all the members of Paris FBLA have supported me every step of the way. My family, especially my mom, has cheered me on and helped me with any endeavor I pursue. The members of District I, along with our coordinator, Ms. Todd, have allowed me the privilege of serving as District I President.

Besides FBLA, my interests include playing guitar, snow skiing, reading, and drawing. I am also very active in numerous clubs and organizations on campus. My future plans are to attend college, then medical school, and eventually become a pediatric cardiologist. Being a member of FBLA has given me the tools to achieve any goal I set for myself, and it can do the same for you. So, I hope you all are having a great year and that you are "Breaking Barriers" to be all you can be in FBLA!



SKYLAR JONES

District III Vice-President-Paris High

Hi my name is Skylar Jones and I am currently serving as the

and State officer teams this year. From officer training to Nashville to New Orleans it has been a blast and the year is only half over. I plan to make many more memories before I pass my office to someone new.

I am also involved in other activities. I am in FCCLA, Anchor Club, Student Council, FTA, Literati, and Mu Alpha Theta. I am an active volunteer for March of Dimes and a member of the Chain Reaction Youth Council where I hold the office of Treasurer. I also hold the office of FCCLA Vice-President. Someone once told me that, "If you believe that you are too small to make a difference, just think of a mosquito in your room at night." My main goal in life is to make a difference in someone else's life.

These past years in FBLA have been a blast! I challenge everyone to try and make a difference in someone's life every day. Even a selfless, effortless act as small as picking up a pencil for someone, could impact the future

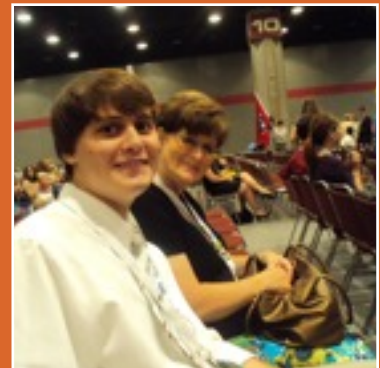
District III State Vice-President. I am a student at Smackover High School where I am also the Junior Class President. I recently celebrated my 16th birthday; so far it has been quite sweet.

I have been active in FBLA since 7th grade. In mid-level FBLA I served as both the District Vice-President and President my 7th and 8th grade years. I have also held the local offices of President and Vice-President in mid-level FBLA. I placed in Spreadsheet, Desktop Publishing, and FBLA Principles and Procedures at the mid-level competitive events. After being involved in mid-level, I decided that I wanted to run for office in high school. The end of my 9th grade year I ran for District III Reporter. After holding this office during my 10th grade year and enjoying it, I ran for District III President/State Vice-President. When I decided to run, I knew that it would be a lot of work, but I knew that I could do it. I have had so much fun with both my District

Junction City, DeWitt, and Lonoke Members touring the sites in Nashville.



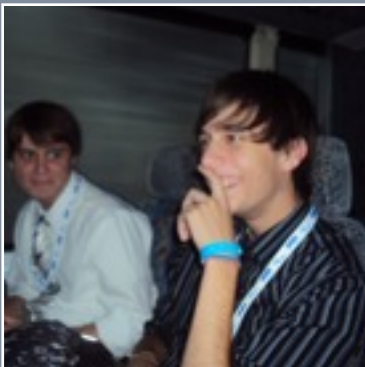
DISTRICT III AT NLC



District III Members at NLC

Top picture: District III Officers: Suzanna Rieves, Kiley Anderson, and Rustin Holbert attend the Grand Ole Opry during NLC. Middle Picture: District III Vice-president, Jacob Hall and his Adviser, Belinda Hall wait for the Voting Session to begin. Bottom picture: District Officers: Jacob Hall, Skylar Jones, and Laney Ward learn how to line dance at NLC.

NLC 2010



Members at NLC

Top picture: Members from Parkers Chapel race to eat 300 chicken nuggets. Middle Picture: Members from the Lonoke chapter enjoy the Awards Session at NLC. Bottom Picture: Junction City members riding the bus to the Awards session at NLC.



ALLISON JAMES

District V Vice-President-Lonoke High School

It has been a great year so far in FBLA. I have, even in these past few months, gained new information and skills that will help me for the rest of my life. I have met new people and

made new friends. The experiences that I have had in FBLA have made this year one of the best. I wish you all good luck in whatever you try to do and I hope that each of you will begin breaking barriers and

KILEY ANDERSON

State Reporter-DeWitt High School

From Nashville to New Orleans, the past few months have been full of many unbelievable experiences. I am honored to be serving as your State Reporter with an awesome team.

In July, we traveled to Nashville, Tennessee. We were able to visit the Grand Ole Opry, dance at the Wild Horse Saloon, and visit the Parthenon Museum. Then to New Orleans, where Bourbon Street, ghost tours, and cajun food was definitely not what I was accustomed to! Nonetheless, I quickly caught on to the Bayou ways and was able to look less like a tourist each day. I have met many Future Business Leaders along the way, making great friendships with great people.

I've been involved with FBLA since the sixth grade. When I meet other members, they are shocked to hear me say that I am a sophomore and also the State Reporter. This is just an example of setting your mind to something and achieving your goal, no matter your age.

Shout out to my mother, my FBLA adviser, for encouraging me to run

for State

Reporter. You rock Mom!

Now, time for us to get to know each other! My full name is Kiley Nicole Anderson. I'm sixteen years young! I have two little sisters, 2 dogs, and a fish. I knit, make random little films with my friends, and drive a minivan. I am afraid of short heights. Photography and filming are two of my passions. I love English class, because I love to read and write! People often ask me what I want to be when I grow up. My response? "Me." However, overall I would have to say that my biggest influence in everything that I do in life would have to be my strong relationship with Christ.

Being involved with the officer team this year, I have learned that if we work together, nothing is too big to accomplish. We are truly breaking barriers as a team. I wish you all the best of luck in everything that you do, and to have a great year in FBLA!



District I News

District I began kicking off the 2010-2011 school year with our annual Fall Leadership Conference held in Fort Smith, AR at the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith Campus (UAFS). On October 6, over 2500 members, guests, and advisers met, ready to show how District I FBLA is “Breaking Barriers.” The conference began with the Presentation of Colors, presented by the Van Buren High School JROTC, followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Mena High School’s Hannah Bell. After the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem, Dr. Ray Wallace, Provost of UAFS welcomed District I FBLA. We also received greetings from Dean Steve Williams – UAFS College of Business, Travis Bolton – UAFS PBL, Peggy Wakefield– Arkansas Department of Career Education, Mayra Hoch – Arkansas PBL, Jim Anglin – Arkansas FBLA-PBL Foundation, Lisa Hotsenpiller – ABEA, and Arkansas FBLA State Officers Shiloh Carr – State Treasurer & Justice Thompson – State Secretary. Other guest speakers included Jessica Buckler – Arkansas Children’s Hospital, Keith Maddison – ARORA, Jay Poppe – Habitat for Humanity, Jody McGill – March of Dimes, and Dick Cosner – Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Following the opening general session, members and advisers of District I Senior Level were able to attend two workshop sessions with topics ranging from community service ideas, to interview tips, to “Going Green” projects. Meanwhile, middle level members participated in the middle level officer election as well as battle of the chapters.

Next, District I FBLA members were thrilled to hear from keynote speaker Natalie White former Survivor reality show winner. We also recognized our winners from the National Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN:

1st Place Accounting I—Brittany Tavernaro, Bentonville High School

4th Place Help Desk—Jenny Van, Northside High School

5th Place Computer Game & Simulation Programming—Hunter Bobel, Southside High School

6th Place American Enterprise Project—Nicole Nokes and Anna Vasquez, Siloam Springs High School

10th Place Networking Design—Tony Yates, Chris Turnage and Corbin Dean, Southside High School

District I Gold Seal Chapter Award winners were also recognized. The following schools received Gold Seal status: Northside High School, Siloam Springs High School, and Paris High School. Business Achievement winners were also proudly recognized; they included: Future Level—Justice Thompson from Siloam Springs, Madalyn Wilmoth from Southside; and Collin Hutson from Paris, Business Level—Justice Thompson from Siloam Springs, and Leader Level—Rebecca Coffin from Siloam Springs.

District I is proud of all its members have achieved so far, and we look forward to “Breaking Barriers” during the rest of the 2010-2011 membership year!

District III News

District III’s year started with a bang. Everything started June 14 and 15 in Little Rock, with State Officer training. All the district officers attended the workshop where we learned to become better leaders. We bonded to become a great leadership team. After attending training, the NLC to Nashville was quickly approaching.

In late May, Nashville was flooded due to the extreme weather, and the National board considered moving the location of the national conference. After a long process they decided to keep it in Nashville. The morning of July 12th we loaded the bus to begin our journey to Nashville. All of District III was on one bus in addition to a few people from other districts. Despite the long ride ahead, our bus captain, Carole Anderson, made the trip awesome. Due to all the flooding in Nashville, FBLA students were split and spread into hotels all over the city. On the first night of our stay

there was a terrible storm. The lights in our hotel went out causing everyone to mingle in the hallway for more than an hour...time to break some barriers! Arkansas was represented in the opening session with flashing cowboy hats and bandanas. We let the Nashville spirit envelope us! The week included many great motivational speakers and informative workshops. We also had some free time to practice our line dancing. Before we knew it, closing session was over and it was time to head home. Our last stop in Nashville was at McDonalds for breakfast. When everyone was finished eating we loaded the bus and pulled out. As we pulled out, the back of our bus got stuck with the wheels off the ground. Several hours passed before a tow truck arrived and was able to get the bus moving again. While the bus was stuck, the outgoing Arkansas State FBLA President, Laney Ward, did an awesome job of directing traffic around the bus. Even though the week was fun and eventful, by this point everyone was anxious to return home.

After arriving home from Nashville, our district officer training was next on the agenda. In late July, all of the District III officers regrouped for officer training. The first day was filled with workshops led by our District Coordinator, Carole Anderson. This year’s meeting was held at the Holiday Inn Express in Little Rock. The officers spent the night chilling and having fun until curfew. The next day the officers attended the Executive Council Meeting to decide on speakers, t-shirt, goals, and charitable organizations. Two of the charitable organizations that we have chosen to support this year are Make-A-Wish Foundation and March of Dimes.

With school starting in August our Fall District Conference was quickly approaching. All District III officers met on Monday prior to the conference on Tuesday to get everything ready. We made sure the programs were finished and rehearsed so that everything would go smoothly when everyone arrived the following morning. Registration began at 9 o’clock and all the officers were busy with registration and greeting fellow FBLA members. We had a great speaker

by the name of Ron Cole. The conference was a success!

On November 11th, we all met up in Little Rock once again to board the buses bound for New Orleans, Louisiana for our National Fall Leadership Conference. With a few of the District III members on the bus we all entertained each other, when we weren't sleeping, on the eight hour ride. After arriving in New Orleans we set out to see the city. Our first stop for the District III group was at the world famous "Emeril's" where we got to actually see Emeril himself. The next day we had an opportunity to tour the French Quarter and Jackson Square. There is a lot of great food to choose from in New Orleans. During the opening session, we had an awesome speaker. He came out dressed as a prisoner and wearing handcuffs. He taught us that we don't have to be like others, we can break the barriers and change our own paths. The following day we attended multiple sessions that taught us how to socialize and have fun, but stay professional at the same time. After the closing session on Saturday, District III went on a historical ghost tour. This was fun! The following day we loaded the buses and headed for home once again.

District III is hoping to raise enough money this year to grant a wish for the Make-a-Wish foundation. Our goal is \$5,000. We still have a little way to go before we reach our goal. District III is also preparing for our spring conference in January. We hope to continue throughout the year with our fundraising and acquiring new business skills. District III is Breaking Barriers this year in FBLA.

District IV News

The District IV FBLA schools have truly broken barriers in the 2010-2011 school year. Each school has proven themselves in their community projects and even the slightest participation each and everyday to become the future leaders we hope and plan to be. Here is some brief information about one school who has truly broken barriers for a better future.

DISTRICT V NEWS

District V has had a great year so far. The District V Fall Leadership Conference was held on September 28, 2010 at Arkansas Tech University in the Tucker Coliseum, where more than 1300 members and almost 80 advisors represented 44 District V chapters. The District officers presiding included State Vice President Allison James from Lonoke High School, Vice President/Secretary Kristen Wilson from Cabot High School, Treasurer/Reporter Molly Bennett from Riverview High School, and Parliamentarian Bethany Patton from Greenbrier High School.

The President of ATU Dr. Robert C. Brown welcomed our district to the campus. Dr. Kevin Mason, the Head of the department of Management and Marketing in ATU's college of business also welcomed the members and advisors. After greetings from Mrs. Peggy Wakefield, Arkansas State Advisor and Sean Atkins, PBL State Parliamentarian, Taylor Wentz from Arkansas Baptist sang the National Anthem. Ryan Underwood, the Chief Executive Officer of Tri-Leadership was the keynote speaker. Representatives from many of our service projects also spoke to members. Ms. Denise Marshall from the March of Dimes, Arkansas Children's Hospital, and Augusta Raymond, a volunteer for Make a Wish Foundation all encouraged members to help change their communities by raising funds and awareness.

Business Achievement Award participants and national winners Coty Bell, Haley Myers, Shelby Watts from Pangburn High School, and Vilonia High School were recognized. The cover design winner was Mercedes Townsend, Little Rock Central High School.

District VI News

Over 650 members, advisers, and guest were in attendance at the District VI Fall Leadership Conference held on the Ozarka campus in Melbourne, AR, on October 1, 2010. President Sondra Hubbard called the meeting to order and attendees took part in an Emblem Ceremony presented by FBLA State Adviser, Mrs. Peggy Wakefield. Members also heard presentations from Phi Beta Lambda, March of Dimes and ARORA. The District VI Officer Team would like to thank Mt. View FBLA for creating and sharing a NLC slideshow and Alex Prince from Mountain View FBLA for providing us with a special clogging performance. Mr. Ron Cole provided our keynote address. We would like to again congratulate Cotter and Harrison FBLA for submitting our 1st and 2nd place Cover Design entries and our officer team would like to wish all of our members the best of luck at the district competitions in January.



FBLA IN ACTION



Top Picture: Lonoke Chapter Officers pose during their Officer Installation Dinner on September 20th. Middle Picture: Lonoke Officer presents at Installation Dinner. Bottom Picture: Pangburn Chapter displays flags in honor of Veteran's Day.

Lonoke Chapter

Angela McCallie Adviser

John Pennington, Chapter Reporter

Greetings from Lonoke FBLA! We are having an incredible year! It all starts with our amazing officer team. They include: President-Allison James, Vice President-Parker Cole, Secretary-Emily Danielson, Treasurer-Hassaan Naddeem, Reporter-John Pennington, Senior Representative-Debby Lee, Junior Representative-Reagan Muse, and Sophomore Representative-Madison Staton.

We started the year off by serving the faculty breakfast as a welcome to the new school year. Our FBLA Recruitment Days gave students the opportunity to win prizes when they signed up for FBLA. The prizes ranged from free meals at local restaurants to free membership.

Our Officer Installation Dinner was conducted on September 20th. So far this year, activities include our Open Arms Shelter Collection Drive, Literacy Council Book Drive, and our Angel Tree Project. We will attend conferences at the district, state, and national levels, where there are a variety of workshops that members can choose to attend. We also held the American Enterprise Workshop on November 9. Lonoke FBLA is going to continue "Breaking Barriers!"

Pangburn Chapter

Pangburn FBLA is focusing on veterans this year. Since the District conference, our chapter has found many different ways to honor the outstanding men and women that serve our country everyday. On Veteran's Day, our chapter hosted an assembly in honor of our veterans. We invited many veterans to speak to our students about what it was like to serve our country during such difficult war times. In addition to our speakers, we honored all of our veterans that were in the audience as well. The microphone was passed from person to person, and the veterans told the student body their name, branch of service, and what war, if any, that they fought in. Another way our chapter has honored veterans is by selling flags with veteran's names and branch of service to display next to our local post office. All proceeds from flag sales will go towards the veteran's monument in the Pangburn Park. Our members have sold an astounding number of one hundred and twenty-six flags!! We are very proud of our chapter's activities this year. We also greatly look forward to the State Conference.



Highland Chapter

Fall has started as a busy year for the Highland High School FBLA Chapter. Members of the Highland FBLA Chapter attended the District VI Fall Leadership in Melbourne. The chapter hosted a two night community service/fundraiser; chapter members did a great job demonstrating photo editing features of Adobe Photoshop and assisted the attendees with scanning and editing personal pictures. Partial proceeds will go to the local Angel Tree Project to help kids enjoy a better Christmas as well as fund other chapter activities.

During Homecoming Spirit Week, the club won 2nd place in the shopping cart decorating contest.

On November 9 students spent a day job shadowing with area businesses in recognition of Free Enterprise Day.



Highland FBLA

Members are gearing up and preparing for District VI conference in January.

Batesville Chapter

The Batesville High School Chapter of District II has been working closely with the Humane Society of Independence County (HSIC) to help them raise needed funds. Chapter members recently volunteered time on Saturday at the Humane Society. Shown are members Casey Wagster and Sam Hardin (along with other HSIC volunteers) washing a dog at a Dog Wash and Dog Dip fundraiser. Chapter members also worked recently with the humane society at it's annual Bark in the Park by running booths and organizing the pet contest activity. In addition, members served as models at the Rescues and Runaways Modeling Show hosted by Maurice's Clothing of which all funds were donated to the humane society. FBLA has helped raise well over \$1000.00 for the HSIC this school year.

Smackover Chapter

This year Smackover has been very involved in serving its community. Our numbers have increased over the past few years. We have strived to keep the community informed on FBLA and what we are all about.



Batesville Chapter

MEMBERS IN ACTION



Arkansas FBLA Members Breaking Barriers!

Top and Middle Picture: Fordyce Members raise money for Miracle Moment.

Bottom Picture: Siloam Spring HS Local Chapter Co-President Nicole Nokes poses with Chad Nicholson.

One of our service projects this year has been working to raise money for the March of Dimes. To do this we did a number of things. We visited the Smackover Elementary students and asked them to collect change for March of Dimes. While there the students got entertained by clowns and learned a few fun facts about premature babies. After they turned in their money the elementary students were treated to an afternoon of fun at the March of Dimes WonderWalk. The high school students also got to participate in helping March of Dimes by wearing PJ's every Tuesday of November by donating at least one dollar towards the cause. Smackover has raised over \$1200 to donate to March of Dimes at this point.

Currently, Smackover FBLA is "Stuffing the Stocking" for Arkansas Children's Hospital. At home basketball games FBLA members walk around with stockings asking for donations to help make a difference in the lives of the patients at ACH. Smackover FBLA has partnered with our local Skills USA to sponsor a Christmas door decorating contest that will also help the Arkansas Children's Hospital.

Smackover High School is working towards "Breaking Barriers". We hope to help District III raise record numbers of donations to present to our service projects. I hope everyone's year is going as well as ours. We wish everyone the best in fundraising and "Breaking Barriers"!

Paris Chapter

Paris High School FBLA is "Breaking Barriers" as it begins the 2010-2011 school year. However, members' involvement began well before school started. Collin

Hutson, PHS FBLA member and District I President, attended the National Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN, where he competed in Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure. Members also held two 5K runs to raise money for local charities. As the school year began, a "Flip-flop" fundraiser was held to raise money for chapter activities. Next, members participated in the District I Fall Leadership Conference at the University of Arkansas Fort Smith Stubblefield Center...and what a great conference it was! Keynote speaker, Natalie White, encouraged members to step out of their comfort zones to be all they can be! Members are looking forward to the District I Spring Leadership Conference and the State Leadership Conference.

Quitman Chapter

Samantha Ezell, Chapter Reporter

Quitman FBLA is off to a great start this year! The local chapter has been participating in several events, including two fundraisers, several community service projects, and the District V Fall Conference.

At the beginning of the year, Quitman FBLA sold t-shirts with the phrase "It's All About the Black and Gold" on the front to kick off fundraising efforts. Also, tickets were sold to the community in order for them to procure a chance at winning a framed painting by a local artist. Approximately \$1500 was raised through these two fundraisers.

Quitman FBLA also participates in a fundraiser directly through the school that doubles as a community service project. They receive \$200 from the



Quitman Chapter

school in order to teach an Adult Computer Class. The classes focus on everything from computer basics to Photoshop. Two classes have been held so far; the first class was over computer basics, and the second was over Microsoft Word and Excel.

In October, Quitman FBLA attended the District V Fall Conference at Arkansas Tech University. This is an event the local chapter attends annually. It is always fun, and the members learn a lot. All members are encouraged to attend, but it is always highly suggested that new members make sure to come in order to gain the full FBLA experience.

Also in October, FBLA and all of the other Career and Technical Education organizations held a Costume Day at Quitman High



Quitman Chapter

School in order to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. FBLA hosted and monitored the event, and the other organizations participated by making refreshments, decorating the school cafeteria, and making trophies for a “Most Unique Costume” contest. FBLA and the other organizations raised \$360.55 for Make-A-Wish. Later



Dumas Junior High

in November, Jamie Deason from the foundation came to the school and was presented with the funds raised from the event.

On November 1–18, FBLA held their annual food drive. Every year, Quitman FBLA collects nonperishable items to go to families in need during the holiday season. The food is distributed through the local Head Start program. This year, FBLA’s goal was to feed 20 families. Fortunately, the organization was able to exceed their goal and feed 24 families.

Quitman FBLA is looking forward to a great year because of the hard work of its members. Everyone is excited to support FBLA and make it all it can be.

Siloam Springs Chapter

Siloam Springs High School FBLA has had an eventful year! In October, members attended the FBLA District I Fall Leadership Conference in Fort Smith. SSSH FBLA Local chapter member Anna Vasquez also serves as FBLA District I Vice President and was a part of the conference program.

SSHS FBLA local chapter member, FBLA District I Parliamentarian, and Arkansas FBLA State Secretary Justice Thompson also brought greetings on behalf of the state chapter at the conference. Anna, Justice and Nicole Nokes, FBLA Local Co-President, also presented workshops. The chapter has also been hosting its monthly business lunches and has had a former SSSH FBLA

members come back to speak to our chapter. Chad Nicholson, is now a graphic designer. SSSH FBLA is looking forward to a busy spring semester!

Bryant Chapter

The Bryant High School FBLA chapter is off to a busy start this year! Our local officers for this year are President Autumn Wilder; Vice-President Erika Wyatt; Secretary Marissa Thornberry; Reporter-Historian Halie Ellis; and Paul Brown Treasurer. We are also excited to have one of our members, Jordan Murdock, serving as this year’s District IV Secretary and State President. Our first project of the year will be selling spirit chains during homecoming week to raise money for our chapter. Other projects

scheduled for this year include collecting change for the March of Dimes, Adopting a child through our schools Adopt-A-Child holiday program, serving at our city’s local chamber of commerce banquet, selling candy grams to raise money for Arkansas Children’s Hospital, and volunteering at our area Special Olympics. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting year!



Quitman Chapter

Cotter Chapter

Jacob Rowe-Chapter Reporter

The Cotter FBLA Chapter is off to a great start this school year! We kicked off our year with a Career and Technical Education Organization Cook-out. Members of FBLA, FCCLA, and FFA took part in food, fun and games! This event served as our annual membership drive, and we gained over 50 members in the first few weeks of school. Since then, we have increased our membership to 65 and have successfully completed our annual Game Day Shirts and Fruit fundraisers.

The chapter attended the District VI Fall Leadership Conference in October where senior member, Olivia Wynn, placed 1st in the Cover Design Competition earning a \$25 prize. We are making plans to participate in our school's Angel Tree Project and competing at the District VI Spring Leadership Conference in January. Current officers are John Shelton and Olivia Wynn, Co-Presidents; Trevor Rhoads, Vice President, Joey Watroba, Secretary; Bryan Altman, Treasurer; and Jacob Rowe, Reporter.

Genoa Central High Chapter

by Joey Gonsalves

Genoa raised five hundred dollars for Arkansas Children's Hospital. They did small activities which made small profits. For example, selling popsicles, popcorn, and other snacks. Genoa even spent a day working at the Pizza Inn. Waiting tables and learning about the business in general.



Dumas Junior High at the District III Conference



DeWitt High School

ARKANSAS FBLA

Kiley Anderson, State Reporter

DeWitt High School

| BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS | FUTURE | BUSINESS | LEADER | AMERICA |
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|  | <p>This award focuses on basic business skills, introduction to community service, and FBLA involvement at the local level. Pins will be sent to the local chapter adviser for presentation at a local awards ceremony or local FBLA event.</p> | <p>Prerequisite: Future Award. This award focuses on local and district/regional and state involvement; intermediate business skills; and leadership in the community. Pins will be sent to the local chapter adviser for presentation at a local awards ceremony or local FBLA event.</p> | <p>Prerequisite: Future and Business Awards. This award focuses on local, district/regional, state, and national involvement; advanced business skills; and community leadership. Names of qualifying students and pins will be sent to the state chair/adviser to be presented at the state leadership conference, if desired.</p> | <p>Prerequisite: Future, Business, and Leader Awards. This award focuses on total association leadership, business skills, and involvement in community. Students qualifying for this award will receive pins at the National Leadership Conference.</p> |