



NEBRASKA FBLA E-NEWS

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS—The State Officer Team, Bonnie, Karen and I wish you a joyous holiday season and a happy new year!

GROWING NEBRASKA FBLA—Eight schools chartered FBLA chapters this fall. Please welcome the following:

- Broken Bow, Anthony Blum and Cynthia Fox, advisers
- Lincoln Entrepreneurship Focus School, Rita Bennett, adviser
- McCool Junction, Deb Davis, adviser
- Norris Middle School, Sid Conrad, adviser
- Omaha Marrs Middle School, Brian Swanigan, adviser
- Ord, Jennifer Remmereid, adviser
- Superior, Sara Fuller, adviser
- Wilcox-Hildreth, Samantha Stoetzel, adviser

OUTSTANDING ADVISER NOMINEES—Congratulations to the advisers nominated for the Outstanding Adviser Award: Teresa Hahn, Auburn; Pat Hinkle, Bellevue West; Jane Blum, Minden and Sid Conrad, Norris! This award is presented at the State Leadership Conference.

WANTED: STATE OFFICER CANDIDATES!—State officer candidate applications are due **January 20**. Information can be found on the Nebraska FBLA website under the State Officer link. State Officer Candidate Screening Day, a required activity for all candidates, is scheduled for Saturday, **February 4**. All candidates must have attended a Fall Leadership Conference; candidates for state president must have attended a State Leadership Conference.

JAZZ IT UP WITH FBLA – ADVISER WORKSHOP —Join the FBLA Board of Directors for a fun, action-oriented workshop where you can learn more about FBLA and developing your chapter. You are invited to attend *Jazz It Up with FBLA*, a one-day workshop on Monday, **June 4**, in Kearney. Watch the FBLA listserv for registration details.

FACEBOOK PAGE—Have you joined the Nebraska FBLA Facebook page? Have your members joined? If not, please join and encourage your members to join to receive important FBLA updates.

FINAL MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE – JANUARY 15—Has your chapter increased its membership by the state goal of two members per chapter? It isn't too late to recruit additional members to help us reach the goal!

MEET YOUR ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS—Your 2011-2012 Advisory Council members sent your chapter its annual letter along with a copy of the Advisory Council brochure. If you need a speaker, please invite a Council member from your area to present. Advisory Council members are excellent 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—Meagan Pleak from Omaha will be honored as Nebraska FBLA's National Businessperson of the Year at the 2012 SLC. Meagan has served five years on the Nebraska FBLA Advisory Council and has served as a judge for numerous SLC events.

NFLC SUCCESS!—Over 270 Nebraska members and advisers traveled to the heart of Big 10 Country for the 2011 National Fall Leadership Conference (NFLC) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin! Excellent keynote speakers and workshop presentations as well as a tour of Miller Stadium and the Pettit Ice Center were all part of the conference experience. We applaud the following chapters and individuals:

- Bellevue West FBLA for having the largest chapter delegation at the conference.
- Lakeview FBLA for receiving the Market Share membership award.
- The Nebraska FBLA State Officers for presenting a workshop.
- Dennis Krejci, Tri County, for serving as the NFLC travel liaison.

2012 NFLC—The conference site for the 2012 NFLC is set for Denver, Colorado! The Board of Directors will determine Nebraska FBLA travel plans at their January board meeting. Watch for details next spring!

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 and the national password.

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.

CSO RECOGNITION—The Commissioner's Recognition for Student Excellence in Career Education was held November 21 in the Rotunda of the State Capitol. Nebraska FBLA members placing first, second or third at the NLC were honored at the ceremony.

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

STATE PROJECTS

FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS—Foundation fundraising is underway! The contribution form can be found on the website at the Foundation link. <http://nebraskafbla.org/foundation/contribution-form/>.

JUST DRIVE—As seen in the December Pledge "Success Stories" section, many chapters have already conducted Just Drive projects. This campaign is being implemented by all of the Nebraska career student organizations. More information can be found on the entry form located in the SLC Registration Information section of the website. The form is due March 1 to Sally Moore, State Reporter.

CONNECT 2 BUSINESS—Each FBLA chapter is asked to connect 3 businesses to the Nebraska Career Connections website by asking the business to enter its profile. School districts can be counted as a business profile. Chapters will be recognized with a ribbon at the SLC. Submit the entry form to Bev Newton by March 1.

GO GREEN CHALLENGE—The State Officer Team invites your chapter to participate in the Nebraska FBLA Go Green Challenge! You can find the entry form on the website in the Conferences, SLC Registration Information section. Entries are due March 1 to Trevor Sorensen, State Parliamentarian.

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 6-23 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 \$18,000. To reach this goal each chapter will need to raise about \$130. Please email the form on page 6-26 of the Handbook to Bev Newton by **March 1**.

TALLY IT UP—Amy Chin, State President, reminds you that our state goal for Tally It Up is 42,000 hours or **8 hours per member**. With each chapter’s participation, we can reach the goal! You can keep track of all community service hours completed by your members by using the online form.

50TH ANNIVERSARY PLANS

50TH ANNIVERSARY FOUNDATION DONATIONS—Please encourage alumni members to celebrate Nebraska FBLA’s 50th Anniversary by donating to the FBLA Foundation. Younger alumni members are encouraged to donate their age. The 50th Anniversary contribution form found on the Nebraska FBLA Foundation web page.

ALUMNI RECEPTION—An alumni and former adviser reception will be held Saturday, March 31, from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. followed by the Awards Program.