



NEBRASKA FBLA E-NEWS

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What's New?

Jazz It Up with FBLA! – Advisers, you won't want to miss this special leadership opportunity with the Nebraska FBLA Board of Directors when they "Jazz It Up with FBLA!" Join us on Monday, June 4, prior to the 2012 NCE Conference, for a Mardi-Gras-style leadership training program designed to develop your FBLA chapters. Watch the FBLA listserv for registration details.

Nebraska Center for Student Leadership Update – All career student organizations (CSOs) are a part of the Center for Student Leadership, which was created to provide state funding for the student organizations. Several projects are underway or have been completed through cooperative activities under the umbrella of the Center for Student Leadership.

1. **New CSO.** Future Educators of America (FEA) has joined the Nebraska CSO ranks. Carol Ringenberg serves as the state adviser.
2. **Youth Council.** A Center Youth Council consisting of two state officers from each career student organization met in November to determine future plans for the center. The council will meet again in January.
3. **Public Relations Campaign.** New public relations materials are being developed for the center to promote the career student organizations to adult audiences. Pictures will be taken by David and Associates at various career student organization chapters in January.
4. **CSO Outstanding Adviser Award.** At the NCE Conference, a CSO Outstanding Adviser award will be presented to one CSO adviser.
5. **NPower Conference.** The CSO leadership development conference for members will be continued this summer. Two leadership development sessions will be offered: July 9-11 and July 12-14. Watch the listserve for more details.
6. **Career Student Organization Month Proclamation.** Governor Dave Heineman will sign a proclamation January 18 recognizing February as Nebraska Career Student Organization Month. This joint venture by the career student organizations (CSOs) will help focus attention on the leadership opportunities offered by all of the CSOs.

2012 Conferences

Path to Success Conference – UNL PBL has invited your chapters to attend the Path to Success Conference on February 21. This is a voluntary conference designed for FBLA chapters. We hope many of your chapters are able to participate in this leadership development opportunity.

Gateway to Greatness – The gates are ready to swing open for the 2012 National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas! The Nebraska FBLA Board of Directors under the leadership of Dennis Krejci will coordinate travel to the conference for a 6-day trip through the assistance of National Travel Systems (NTS). The Nebraska FBLA delegation will travel by air leaving June 28 and returning July 3.

NLC conference registration will be made through the national association. Travel, lodging and tour reservations will be made through the NTS website. You will find complete registration procedures on the Nebraska FBLA website after March 1.

2012 NFLC Hosted in Denver – Nebraska chapters heading to the 2012 NFLC will have a mile-high experience in Denver, Colorado, on November 9-10! Denver is an exciting conference location and will provide chapters in western Nebraska the opportunity to attend. The Nebraska FBLA Board of Directors will coordinate bus travel to Denver with details available next fall.

February 1 Pledge Deadline – All articles for the March *Pledge* should be submitted by February 1 to Sally Moore, State Reporter, at reporter@nebraskafbla.org. Please submit electronic pictures directly to Bev Newton at bev.newton@nebraska.gov and send them in a .jpg or similar format. Pictures embedded in Word documents are not usable for the Pledge.

New Nebraska FBLA Resources

Area Meeting Packet – Would your chapter like to host an area meeting? Your State Parliamentarian Trevor Sorensen has developed an area meeting packet designed to help you conduct a successful area meeting. This resource is located at the Resources tab in the Chapter Activities section of the Nebraska FBLA website.

<http://nebraskafbla.org/resources/chapter-management/chapter-activities/>

Call to Order – The National Parliamentarian’s Council provides the newsletter, *Call to Order*, available to you on the website at the Chapters tab, Communication link. Check it out!

<http://nebraskafbla.org/chapters/communication/>

Parli Monthly Tips – Trevor Sorensen, State Parliamentarian, has been sharing monthly parliamentary procedure tips with your chapter parliamentarians. These tips are linked to the FBLA website at the Resources tab in the Parliamentary Procedure section.

<http://nebraskafbla.org/resources/chapter-management/parliamentary-procedure/>

Foundation News

Foundation Stipends – The Nebraska FBLA Foundation Board of Directors changed the investment strategy for the Foundation looking for a better return on the investment. Hopefully, the new investment plan will allow for more NLC stipends to be supported by the Foundation.

Foundation Fundraising Awards – The three chapters raising the most funds for the Foundation will be recognized at the SLC Second General Session. The contribution form can be found on the Nebraska FBLA website by selecting the Foundation link. Checks should be made payable to Nebraska FBLA Foundation Trust and mailed with the form to: Nebraska FBLA Foundation, PO Box 183, Syracuse, NE 68446. The goal is to raise \$10,000, and we can only achieve it with your chapter’s help!

State Projects Update

Just Drive – This project supported by Nebraska Career Student Organizations asks that chapters complete projects educating students on the importance of safe driving, including use of seat belts and driving without distractions. For more information, review the entry form at

<http://nebraskafbla.org/conferences/state-leadership-conference-slc/slc-registration-information/>

Go Green Challenge – Help your school, community and state by conducting “green” projects. Check out the entry form for project ideas. Entries are due to Trevor Sorensen, State Parliamentarian, on March 1.

<http://nebraskafbla.org/conferences/state-leadership-conference-slc/slc-registration-information/>

March of Dimes Fundraising – Fundraising efforts for the March of Dimes continue with many unique projects, and we need your help. Each chapter needs to raise \$115 to meet the state goal of \$16,000. With your help, we can do it! Please follow the directions on the form linked to the website when submitting your chapter’s contribution.

<http://nebraskafbla.org/conferences/state-leadership-conference-slc/slc-registration-information/>

Mission Triangle Excellence Award – The March of Dimes Nebraska Chapter will present the Mission Triangle Excellence award at one of the SLC general sessions. The application form is due March 1 and can be found in Section 6 of the *Nebraska FBLA Handbook*.

Tally It Up! – Amy Chin, State President, looks forward to receiving your chapter’s Tally It Up forms. Record the total hours of service your chapter members have donated and submit the form to Amy by March 1. The goal is 8 hours per member or 42,000 hours! You can find the form on the website under Conferences, SLC Registration Information or at the following link:

<http://nebraskafbla.org/conferences/state-leadership-conference-slc/slc-registration-information/>.

National Items

Share Your Ideas – The Innovation Center located on the national website allows members and advisers to share ideas! We encourage you to get involved on the national level using this new method of input! Please check the national website for more information: www.fbla-pbl.org.

BAA Awards March 1 Deadline – The deadline for the Business Achievement Awards, Future, Business and Leader levels, are due March 1. The America level is due April 1. Awards for the Leaders level will be presented at the SLC Awards Program.

Outstanding Chapter Award April 1 Deadline – This award recognizes a chapter’s participation in a variety of projects and activities by completing the activities listed on the entry form. Check out the details in the national *Chapter Management Handbook*, Recognition Section, pages 11-13. Entries are due April 1!

Tomorrow’s Business Leader (TBL) – Please share your chapter’s successful activities with the national association through the TBL. The next TBL deadline is February 21.