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Oregon FBLA Members Get the Edge at National Leadership Conference

Anaheim, CA—Over 140 of Oregon's top business education students traveled to Anaheim, California for the Future Business Leaders of America National Leadership Conference and joined over 7,800 fellow future business leaders from around the world to *Get the Edge* in leadership development and global competition.

Only the top 3% of FBLA's 250,000 high school students have the opportunity to attend the National Leadership Conference and compete in the international business leadership competitive events. The following Oregon FBLA members took top honors by placing in the top 10 internationally in their events:

- 2nd Place in Cyber Security: Jesse Crawford of Cleveland High School
- 2nd Place in Technology Concepts: Jacob Bendes-Storch of Cleveland High School
- 2nd Place in Web Site Development: Dan Cheung, Nick Jackson and Patrick Wolfert of McNary High School
- 3rd Place in Accounting II: Rachel Bruce of Tualatin High School
- 4th Place in American Enterprise Project: Kaitlyn Markley, Ashley Pendleton and Sarah Rydell of Hidden Valley High School
- 5th Place in Client Service: Samantha Cook of Tualatin High School
- 5th Place in Digital Video Production: Garrett Close, Eric McDowell and Lukas Sawyer of Centennial High School
- 5th Place in Sports Management: Chris Torgerson of Tualatin High School
- 6th Place in Business Financial Plan: Briana Connolly and Cassie Yetter of Hidden Valley High School



7th Place in Desktop Publishing: Lindsey Conrad and Lindsey Rising of Hidden Valley High School

7th Place in State Chapter Annual Business Report: Oregon FBLA

8th Place in Business Plan: Ximena Fonseca, Derek Deans and Curtis Cooper of Centennial High School

8th Place in Partnership with Business: Tiffany Ly, Kyanna Patton and Dock Williams of Centennial High School

9th Place in Emerging Business Issues: Haben Abraham, Jennifer Hernandez and Emma Navarro of Centennial High School

10th Place in Business Financial Plan: Matt Davis, Zach Martin, and Stephanie Phoumivong of Centennial High School

In addition to those placing in the top ten of their competitive events, several Oregon FBLA members and advisers received special recognition. Those include:

Gabrielle Pendleton of Hidden Valley High School was elected as FBLA National Secretary. Pendleton will be one of nine national officers representing the 250,000 student members of the organization across the globe.

Curtis Cooper of Centennial High School was recognized as Oregon's Who's Who in FBLA recipient; one of FBLA's highest honors.

Lauren Hines of Hidden Valley High School received a \$1,000 FBLA Scholarship.

Adriann Spencer of Centennial High School was recognized as Oregon's Outstanding Local Adviser, one of the highest honors an adviser can receive.

Oregon FBLA received a \$2,500 MissionLIFT grant from the March of Dimes National Birth Defects Foundation for implementation of activities to promote awareness and raise funds to fight premature birth. FBLA and the March of Dimes have an over 30 year partnership and FBLA raises over \$500,000 annually to support the March of Dimes.



The winners of these highly competitive and prestigious awards were selected from among FBLA's membership of over 250,000 students and advisers and represent some of the best and brightest of today's youth.

In addition to competing in more over 50 competitive events spanning the full spectrum of business from accounting and business law to entrepreneurship and web design, Oregon FBLA's national finalists also successfully graduated from FBLA's Institute for Leaders training program. Members and advisers completed two days of intensive training in one of six specially designed business courses including Business Leadership, Finance, Entrepreneurship, Technology, Officer, and Adviser Leadership.

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