

FBLA – Future Business Leaders of America

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Have you ever thought, “If only something I did in school could actually help me in the future”? What if we told you that FBLA could provide you with opportunities for your future as well as provide a lot of fun and entertainment along the way? FBLA is the premier organization for students preparing for careers in business. It is the largest and oldest student business organization in the world with more than a quarter of a million members! FBLA, and its’ collegiate partner Phi Beta Lambda, Inc., prepares students for ‘real world’ professional experiences. Members gain the competitive edge for college and career successes, as well as make tons of friends, not only in the school, but throughout the state!

Our Freeman chapter is continuing to strive to be the best chapter in the state, and with your involvement, we can get there! You will take ownership in what we do and what we stand for. This is your organization. We want to know what you want to do, everything from fundraisers to ideas for upcoming events!

FBLA will provide you with:

- ✓ Travel Opportunities
- ✓ Challenging Competitions
- ✓ Scholarships and Prizes
- ✓ Leadership Development
- ✓ Community Service Experience
- ✓ Networking with hundreds of other students from across the country.



Mission Statement: The mission of Washington State Future Business Leaders of America is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs.

Motto: The motto of Washington State Future Business Leaders of America is Service, Education, Progress. Our motto is the guide we use in turning our mission statement into reality.

What does FBLA Offer Students?

- ✓ Career preparation opportunities through conferences, networking with business professionals, and business tours.
- ✓ Leadership development and achievement through a unique certificate program designed to enhance leadership, communication, and business skills.
- ✓ Outstanding Leadership Conferences in cities throughout the country with motivating workshops and nationally known keynote speakers.
- ✓ Challenging competitions in more than 60 different business and skills competitive events.
- ✓ Community service experience with organizations such as the March of Dimes, the Red Cross, and Vanessa Behan.
- ✓ Friendship and fun through local, state, and national activities.
- ✓ A magazine, published three times a year, designed specifically for FBLA members.
- ✓ Trophies, plaques, and cash awards for top competitive event award winners.

- ✓ Scholarships, prizes, and internships.
- ✓ Many different activities with your fellow FHS members!

FBLA takes you to major cities throughout the United States such as Orlando, FL; Anaheim, CA; San Antonio, TX; Chicago, IL; Atlanta, GA; Baltimore, MD; and Nashville, TN. You will get to know people in your state and across the nation at nationally sponsored events. Members have the opportunity to compete for awards and recognition on the local, state, and national levels in more than 60 different categories. Freeman is very proud of our success:

- ❖ **2019** – Four members qualified for the national conference in San Antonio. **Masha Stuart** qualified in Introduction to Public Speaking; The team of **Sage Aldendorf, Bailey Coumont, and Johnny McGuire** qualified in Public Service Announcement.
- ❖ **2018** – Two members qualified for the national conference in Baltimore. **Marley Pratt** qualified in Job Interview, taking **2nd in the nation**; **Tyler Waite** qualified in Public Service Announcement, but due to a previous commitment he couldn't attend.
- ❖ **2017** – Four members qualified for the national conference in Anaheim. **Nathan Longhurst** qualified in Business Communications; **Marley Pratt** qualified in Website Design; **Shilo Stuart** qualified in client Service, taking **6th in the nation**; **Celia Vigil** qualified in Public Speaking 1, taking **5th in the nation**.
- ❖ **2016** – Five members qualified for the national conference in Atlanta. **Kayla Figler** qualified in Healthcare Administration; **Marley Pratt** qualified in Client Service; **Shilo Stuart** qualified in Public Speaking 1; **Nathan Longhurst** qualified in Introduction to Financial Math; **Erick Flack** qualified in CyberSecurity.
- ❖ **2015** – Four members qualified for the national conference in Chicago. **Moriah Longhurst** qualified in Business Communication, taking **5th in the nation**; **Bethany Williams** qualified in Future Business Leader, taking **6th in the nation**; **Erick Flack** competed in Introduction to Technology; **Kalyee Fuchs** competed in Sales Presentation; Vice-President **Alma Longhurst** also attended the conference to learn more about FBLA.
- ❖ **2014** – Five members qualified for the national conference in Nashville. **Moriah Longhurst, Bethany Williams and Brooke Williams** qualified in American Enterprise Project; **Mackenzie Claeys** qualified in Client Service; **Jami Pratt** qualified in Job Interview.
- ❖ **2013** – Eight members qualified for the national conference, with six of those members attending and competing in Anaheim. **Moriah Longhurst, Bethany Williams and Brooke Williams** competed in Business Presentation; **Zeke Flack and Tanner Waite** competed in Digital Video Production; **Austin Carpenter** competed in Business Procedures. **Brayden Aller and Elizabeth Kosanke** also qualified but couldn't attend.
- ❖ **2012** – Eight members qualified for the national conference, with five of those members attending and competing in San Antonio. **Cody Dickinson and Gregory Ruby** competed in Network Design, taking **10th in the nation**; **Bethany Williams** competed in Public Speaking 1; **Grace Rudy** competed in Hospitality Management; and **Moriah Longhurst** competed in Introduction to Business Communication. **Danny Cossey, Katie Pintar and Hanna Weathers** also qualified, but each had a previous commitment.

- ❖ **2011** – Four members qualified for the national conference, with three of those members attending and competing in Orlando, Florida. **Danica Cramer and Josiah Lara** competed in Desktop Publishing and **Cody Dickinson** competed in Computer Problem Solving. State champion **Tucker Rudy** also qualified in Marketing, but he couldn't attend.
- ❖ **2010** – Ten members competed in Nashville, including the team of **Andrew Coumont, Dalton Fetsch and Joshua Grandinetti**, who took **5th in the nation** in Management Information Systems. Also competing were **Chelsa Ayers, Danica Cramer, MacKenzie Deruyter, Danny Cossey, Hanna Weathers, Cody Dickinson and Tyler Hjaltalin**.
- ❖ **2009** - Seven students qualified for the national conference in Anaheim including the team of **Carolanne Lyons, Felicity Weathers, and Stacy Sainsbury**. They competed in American Enterprise System and were crowned **“National Champions!”** Also making it to nationals were **Travis Sorensen, Isaac Hamilton, Cameron Moore and Andy Coumont**.
- ❖ **2008** - **Isaac Hamilton, Cameron Moore, Anthony Emtman, and Dalton Fetsch** went to Atlanta for the national competitions. **Fetsch** took **5th Place** in Spreadsheet Applications.
- ❖ **2007** - **Cameron Moore** and **Isaac Hamilton** took second in state in Desktop Publishing. They traveled to Chicago and finished in the top 15 in the nation.
- ❖ **2006** - Freeman senior **Rebekah Stranberg** took first in our region, took first in state, and then traveled to Nashville and was crowned **“National Champion”** in Job Interview.
- ❖ **2002** – **Ashley Stranberg and Kay Salisbury** were state champions in Desktop Publishing and journeyed to Nashville for the conference. They finished in the top 15.
- ❖ **1998** – Our first national competitor, **Abby Thomas**, did a great job in Impromptu Speaking and made it to the national conference in Chicago.

We have a great time when we go to nationals, enjoying the actual competitions, the workshops, and some of the exciting things that the cities have to offer. For example, in San Antonio we went to Schlitterbahn (rated as one of the top waterslide parks in the nation), the Alamo, SeaWorld and explored the world-famous Riverwalk; in Orlando we went to the Kennedy Space Center, Cocoa Beach, SeaWorld, Universal Studios, and Disneyworld. In Nashville we attended the Grand Ole Opry and took a dinner cruise aboard the General Jackson Showboat; while in Anaheim, we went to Disneyland, California Adventures, Hollywood, Huntington Beach, Universal Studios and watched the Mariners defeat both the Los Angeles Dodgers at Dodger Stadium and the Anaheim Angels at Angel Stadium; in Chicago we took an architectural river boat cruise, visited museums, attended a Cubs game, listened to some great jazz, got dizzy at Six Flags and dined while watching a great show at Medieval Times; while in Baltimore, we went to DC to visit the National Mall and Arlington Cemetery and watched the Mariners defeat Baltimore at Camden Yards; and in Atlanta, the Coke factory tour was awesome, as was the Braves game and Six Flags. We work hard, but we play hard too!

Past Activities:

Freeman FBLA has been involved in a number of activities, including: Running the Dawghouse Espresso Stand; Cleaning up Highway 27 in the “Adopt-a-Highway” program; Entertaining just 200+ community members at our haunted house; Organizing our “Freeman Cares 4 Kids” program;

Working with the Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery; Partnering with Red Robin in the “Burgers with a Heart” campaign; Attending the FSA food show; Working at the Santa Express; Attending various conferences in Seattle, Bellevue, Spokane, Portland and Yakima; and working on various fundraisers to raise the necessary funds to attend local, state and national conventions.

Joining is too easy! This year FBLA dues will be \$25 (this is for general membership dues and the Fall Leadership Conference) to be paid before September 28th. Simply bring a check (made out to FHS) or cash to the main office, take your receipt to Mr. Moore and you’re in! Easy enough for you? According to FSD policy, you’ll also need to have an ASB card and your extra-curricular fee.

Professional Membership: Our goal is to continue to grow in both student members and professional members. Parents and community members are welcome to join FBLA as professional members. Our professional members take a front seat in helping student members achieve their goals and in pursuing business-related careers. Professional membership brochures are available from the officers and from our advisor, Mr. Moore.

Become a leader in your school, state, or country. Win money! Travel! Learn to lead! Develop friendships! Earn recognition! Have a chance to win scholarships and money toward college. All of these adventures and more await you when you become a member of FBLA. For additional information regarding any aspect of FBLA, please contact Mr. Moore (291-3721 ext 201) or visit our website through www.freemansd.org.

OUR 2019-2020 TENTATIVE CALENDAR

(In addition to numerous movie nights, game nights, and fun member activities)

September

- Membership Drive and Kick Off Party
- Rockford Fair Booth and Parade
- FBLA Dues Deadline – September 30

October

- FBLA Introduction Pizza Dinner and Games
- Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up
- FBLA BBQ

November

- Northeast Regional Fall Conference
- Competition Sign Up Party
- Educational Field Trip

December

- Freeman Cares 4 Kids
- Sacred Heart Blanket/Stocking Drive
- Christmas Party and “Raffle Point Party”

January

- FBLA Competition Preparation

February

- Regional Conference/Competition
- Education Field Trip
- FBLA Week

March

- Sadie Hawkins Dance
- Educational Field Trip

April

- State Leadership Conference – Spokane, WA

May

- Educational Field Trip – Laser Quest
- Spring Adopt-a-Highway cleanup

June

- End of Year Celebration
- National FBLA Leadership Conference – Salt Lake City