

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, which has won awards for being the largest chapter in the region the last five years, 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.
- ✓ Skills Certification opportunities in the National Association of Parliamentarians.
- ✓ Many different activities with your fellow FHS members such as bowling, ice skating, and movie nights!

FBLA takes you to major cities throughout the United States such as Orlando, FL; Anaheim, CA; San Antonio, TX; Chicago, IL; Atlanta, GA 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 including web page design, marketing, business plan, public speaking, job interview and much more. We have been extremely successful at the state and national levels:

- ❖ **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. It was Danica and Cody’s second trip to nationals while Joey, this year’s president, making his first trip. State champion **Tucker Rudy** also qualified in Marketing, but had a previous commitment and 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. Dalton went on to take **5th Place** in Spread Sheet 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 earned the title of “**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 competed admirably, finishing in the top 15 in the nation.
- ❖ **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 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 the Los Angeles Dodgers at Dodger Stadium; in Chicago we attended a Cubs game, listened to some great jazz, got dizzy at Six Flags and dined while watching a great show at Medieval Times; 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:

In the past, your Freeman High School FBLA has been involved in a number of activities, including (but not limited to): Running the Dawghouse Espresso Stand; Cleaning up Highway 27 in the "Adopt-a-Highway" program; Entertaining just under 200 community members at our haunted house; Organizing our "Freeman Cares 4 Kids" daycare program; Working with the Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery; Partnering up with Red Robin in the "Burgers with a Heart" campaign ("Spirit with a Heart" Champions 6 years in a row); Attending the FSA food show; Working at the Santa Express; Going bowling and to movies; 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.

How to Join

It's too easy! This year FBLA dues will be \$25 (this is for general membership dues and the Fall Leadership Conference) to be paid before October 15th. Simply bring a check (made out to FHS) or cash to the main office by October 15th, 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: Two of the last three years, our chapter won an award for having the most professional members in our region. Our goal this year is to continue to grow in this area. Parents and community members are welcome to join FBLA as professional members. Their membership in Washington State Future Business Leaders of America means belonging to the Professional Division of the premier youth leadership organization in the world. 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 at www.freemanfbla.org

OUR TENTATIVE 2011-2012 CALENDAR

September

- Membership Drive
- Rockford Fair

October

- FBLA Dues Deadline – October 15
- Officer Training
- Fall Conference
- Cyrus O’Leary Pie Sale
- Haunted House
- FBLA Competition Sign-ups
- Adopt-a-Highway cleanup day

November

- Sadie Hawkins Dance
- Sports Career Day with the Portland Trailblazers
- Applebee’s Community Breakfast

December

- Freeman Cares 4 Kids
- Partnership With Business

January

- Donkey Basketball
- FBLA Competition Preparation
- Community Dinner

February

- Winter Competitions
- Burgers With A Heart

March

- Line Dancing Lessons

April

- Union Gospel Mission Dinner
- State Leadership Conference

May

- Educational Field Trip
- Adopt-a-Highway cleanup day

June

- End of year BBQ
- National FBLA Leadership Conference

These dates/events are tentative. More activities will be added as the year goes on due to the input of our members.