

District V News

A Word from the Officers

President

I am Molly Bennett, your District V State Vice President, from Riverview High School where I am a junior. In addition to being very active in FBLA, I am also a member of annual staff, student council and Beta club. It is my personal goal this year to increase membership throughout our district and to have members to attend the Fall Leadership Conference on September 30th at UCA and to attend and compete at the Spring Leadership Conference at UCA on January 21, 2010. In addition, I would like to see members attend the exciting and informative NFLC in Denver, CO in November. Please feel free to contact me if you need any assistance with your local chapter activities, as I will be glad to help.

Vice President- Wade Van Rossum

Secretary

Hi, my name is Brittney Baskin and I am currently your District V FBLA Secretary. I am from Ola High School and I am also very enthused about serving you this year. I have many personal goals for this year. I would love to help make more people aware of all of the wonderful organizations that are in our state. Being in FBLA is awesome! It provides you with a chance to get to help out in raising money and donating all kinds of different things. All of the organizations love to receive donations of any kind. I hope to fulfill all of your expectations and possibly run again next year for an FBLA office.

Treasurer

My name is Tori Lambert, your District V Treasurer! I am currently a junior at Vilonia High School. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, writing poetry, and watching movies! On top of being a member of the Vilonia High School FBLA Club, I am a member of Beta and the Vice President of my local FCCLA chapter. I love FBLA because it teaches me how to be a great leader in my community, school, and home; and for the opportunities that it gives me to meet new people. In the future I plan to attend UCA and earn a degree in Optometry. One day I hope to open up my own eye care clinic. I am looking forward to working hard towards making this year "Simply the Best" for my fellow FBLA members!

Reporter

My name is Allison James and I am your District V Reporter. I am a junior at Lonoke High School, and highly involved in many of my school organizations such as FBLA, TOT, Student Council, NHS, and Science Club. It is my goal throughout the upcoming year to serve this organization to the best of my abilities and to keep you informed about all that our District FBLA is doing, as well as spreading the word about the service projects going on in our local chapters. I'm looking forward to the upcoming year and making it "Simply the Best"!

Pangburn FBLA is off to an amazing start! Our leadership team this year is, Shelby Watts – President, Erin Lemieux – Vice President, Haylee Myers-Secretary, Rikki Stacy – Treasurer, Sean

Doull – Reporter, and Coty Bell – Parliamentarian. They are “Simply the Best”! Our first project was a booth at the White County Fair, which displayed historic photographs of the town of Pangburn. We plan to highlight the amazing history of our little town by establishing a Pangburn Museum. Most of our students do not realize that at one time Pangburn had five cotton gins, a movie theater, and a train depot for the M & NA railroad. Our members are excited about this new community service project as well as everyone in Pangburn, especially our older residents. We are also making plans for taking and selling old-fashioned photographs and sponsoring our annual donkey basketball game. Members are also excited about competing at the District Conference in January. We hope to make this year one of our best!

-Submitted by Sean Doull,
Pangburn FBLA Treasurer

FBLA is a very active organization that that supports and donates to various organizations such as March of Dimes and ARORA. It gives students a chance to give back, and to help our communities by raising money, but that is not all.

FBLA also proposes many avenues for success to its members. We hold conferences at the district, state, and national levels, where there are a variety of workshops that a member can chose to attend. They also have many opportunities to achieve awards such as the Business Achievement Awards (for individuals) and the Gold Seal Award (for chapters), as well as the recruitment awards- Membership Madness (5 new members) and Membership Mania (10 new members) both of which are recognized at the national level.

We sum up the year with the NLC. Every year students from around the

nation meet to compete at the summer national leadership conference, which is also known as the NLC. It is a time of learning, competition, and socializing. You get to meet people from around the nation who have one major thing in common with you... FBLA. The 2009 Summer NLC landed in Anaheim, California and was an experience those who attended, will cherish for some time to come.

-Allison James

ARORA is the Arkansas Regional Organ Recovery Agency and was established in 1987 as a non-profit, independent organ procurement agency. It is headquartered locally in Little Rock and serves 64 counties in Arkansas. ARORA's mission statement is that the staff will make every effort to provide organs and tissues for life saving and life enhancing transplantations. There are three organ transplant centers in Arkansas: Arkansas Children's Hospital, Baptist Medical Center, and the University Hospital, all located in Little Rock. They all perform heart and kidney transplants; however the University also performs pancreas and liver procedures. Approximately 100,000 Americans are currently on a waiting list for a kidney, heart, liver, or other vital organ transplant. Someone is added to that list every 16 minutes. Statistics reveal that 12-15 of those individuals will die each day while waiting for an available organ. ARORA is a very good organization and has wonderful goals and expectations.

-Brittney Baskin

The March of Dimes is one of the most successful non-profit organizations in the United States. Located in White Plains, New York the march of dimes was founded in 1938, and since then has been raising money to help fight polio and other

illnesses in babies, and newborns. The organization helps to fund research of these diseases at the cost of more than twenty million dollars a year. It also organizes fundraising events to promote awareness for its programs. FBLA is a strong contributor to March of Dimes each year, and over the past 40 years, we have raised over \$15 million dollars to help in their efforts. If your chapter wants to participate in fundraising for MOD, you can visit www.marchofdimes.com to find out how to get started.

The Arkansas Children's hospital is the only pediatric medical center in Arkansas, and one of the largest in the United States serving kids from birth to age 21. The Angel one program is one of the hospital's greatest assets, started in 1978 operating on only one ambulance; the program has grown to two helicopters, three ambulances, and one fixed-winged aircraft. Angel one has the ability to go anywhere in the state in under an hour. They service the entire state of Arkansas as well as surrounding states. Arkansas FBLA is committed to raising money to support the needs of ACH. All chapters are encouraged to help by sponsoring fundraisers for ACH. If any member or adviser needs more information on how to get involved, they can contact any District or State Officer for fundraising ideas.

-Wade Van Rossum

Arkansas Children's Hospital
Arkansas Children's Hospital is the only pediatric medical center in Arkansas and one of the largest in the United States, serving kids from birth to age 21. They are a non-profit organization and love to have support from local groups to help them strive forward to helping their patients in any way possible. Little things make a huge difference there. For instance, a local group has made pillows the past few years

and we take them to the hospital. They are so grateful for the pillows because it is one less thing they have to spend precious money on. They write to get grants so if a child needs medical help but does not have insurance they will not be turned away. The campus spans 29 city blocks and houses 316 beds, a staff of approximately 500 physicians, 80 residents in pediatrics and pediatric specialties and more than 4,200 employees. Their physicians are constantly being recognized for their outstanding achievements in taking care of young patients. Their mission at ACH is to sustain and restore the health and development of children. Arkansas Children's Hospital provides excellent clinical services, teaching and research. Please take a role in joining Arkansas FBLA in helping raise money for the Arkansas Children's Hospital. What you do to help has a huge impact on the lives of the children at Arkansas Children's Hospital.

-Brittney Baskin

On June 23- 7,864 Arkansas FBLA members flew to Anaheim, CA to attend the National Leadership Conference. Members stayed in Anaheim at the Sheraton Park Hotel until the 29th of June. While at the FBLA Conference, FBLA members and advisers attended conference sessions on June 25th-June 28th. Out of the attending Arkansas members 161 participated in 58 competitive events. Of these competitors, 12 members placed in the top 10 nationally. Winners include: Rebecca Coffin and Lauren Irby from Siloam Springs, 9th place in American Enterprise Project; Jonathan Curlin from Ozark, 2nd place in Business Financial Plan; Emilee Baker, Amy Bell, and Shelby Watts from Pangburn, 1st place in Community Service Project; Kennedy Thomas from Nettleton, 6th place in Future

Business Leader; Tyler Garrett and Heather Walton from Siloam Springs, 9th place in Partnership with Business Project; Sari Blackwell from Mountain View, 9th place in Public Speaking II; Brendan Lee from Alma, 6th place in Technology Concepts; and Maria McCallie from Lonoke represented Arkansas in Who's Who in FBLA. In addition Nettleton High School received a second place honor for local chapter March of Dimes fundraising. Arkansas received first place as the leading state chapter in March of Dimes fundraising. Arkansas was represented by the 2009-2010 State Officer Team consisting of President Laney Ward from Smackover, Secretary Holly Vetsch from Conway West, Treasurer Becky Coffin from Siloam Springs, Reporter Taylor Townzen from Rogers, Parliamentarian Katharine Arthurs from Springdale, District I State VP Taylor Phoumivong from Fort Smith Northside, District II State VP Katelyn Jackson from Nettleton, District III State VP Baylee Currie from DeWitt, District IV State Vice President Deana Hughes from ASMSA, District V State VP Molly Bennett from Riverview, and District VI State VP Kaylee Ables from Melborne. Also accompanying the state delegation was Ms. Peggy Wakefield, FBLA State Adviser and Mr. Jim Brock, State Chairman.

At the NLC members attended various workshops that included topics such as personal leadership, computers, finance, college prep/selection, personal improvement, and school improvement. In addition to workshops there was a SAT and an ACT prep session. Members had the opportunity to visit exhibitors from colleges, foundations such as the March of Dimes and the National Officer campaign booths. Arkansas members, who are members of the Southern Region of National FBLA, attended and participated

in the question and answer forum for their National VP candidates. After the Awards of Excellence Program NLC attendees were able to interact at the FBLA Social Event.

As part of the conference package members received two day park hopper passes to Disneyland and Disneyland Adventure Park. At the parks members were thrilled to see the Electric Parade and the Fireworks Show. Available tours included Hollywood where members saw The Chinese Theater and The Walk of Fame and Sunset Blvd., Santa Monica Pier, Beverly Hills where members visited Rodeo Dr., and a day at the beach. Many students and advisers purchased baseball tickets to see the Los Angeles Angels. Some local chapter members chose to spend a relaxing day at Huntington Beach. Within walking distance members and advisers could visit Downtown Disney or the Gardenwalk. An IMAX attracted many members the premier night of The Transformers. Some of the most popular restaurants of those from AR FBLA were the House of Blues, Rainforest Café, The Cheesecake Factory, and Bubba Gumps.

This past year members were able to "Get the Edge" and make it to the national level of competition. Now it's your turn, this year to be "Simply the Best" and challenge yourself to start working on or completing the four levels of the Business Achievement Awards and to be a competitor at the NLC in Nashville, TN next summer. Competition starts with talking to your adviser and asking to compete in one of the many individual or team events at the District V Spring Leadership Conference on January 21, 2010 at UCA*. I am looking forward to the coming year and meeting as many members as possible. I challenge you to become active in "Simply the Best" organization and attend the National Fall

Leadership Conference in Denver, CO on November 12th-15th. If I can be of any help in reactivation of chapters or be of assistance in any chapter/member event,

feel free to contact me by email at molly.e.bennett@hotmail.com.

-Molly Bennett

*This is subject to change

Important Deadline Dates for District V Conferences

On-Site Testing Information and Registration Form will be available on the district website on Friday, October 16, 2009 by 3:00 p.m.

Deadline to submit On-Site Testing Request to Vicki Canter is November 9, 2009 and \$10.00 fee must be postmarked November 9, 2009.

On-Site Testing will be held December 2-8, 2009—on-site tests must be U. S. Post Office postmarked December 8, 2009 for return.

Spring Conference is Thursday, January 21, 2010 at UCA

Spring Conference Packet will be available on the district website on Wednesday, December 9, 2009.

Deadline to Register and submit Spring Conference Forms is January 11, 2010.