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FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS BRING HOME NATIONAL HONORS

(Frankfort, KY) – Kentucky students and advisors were among the national winners at the recent 2014 National Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Conference in Nashville.

FBLA's national awards program recognizes and rewards excellence in a broad range of business and career-related areas. Through state-based competition at spring state leadership conferences, students compete in events testing their business knowledge and skills. Top state winners then are eligible to compete for honors at the national leadership conference each summer.

Kentucky FBLA had 460 members attend the national conference with 24 award winners, 14 in the top five, four state membership awards and two professional division awards.

"We are very proud of our students and advisers," said Commissioner Terry Holliday. "Future Business Leaders of America and other student organizations provide valuable experiences for our young people that serve them well in high school, postsecondary and in their chosen careers."

Among its goals, FBLA seeks to:

- develop competent, aggressive business leadership
- strengthen the confidence of students in themselves and their work
- create more interest in and understanding of American business enterprise
- encourage members in the development of individual projects that contribute to the improvement of home, business, and community
- develop character, prepare for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism
- encourage and practice efficient money management
- encourage scholarship and promote school loyalty
- assist students in the establishment of occupational goals
- facilitate the transition from school to work

According to FBLA, members are 25 percent more likely to say they plan to attend a four-year college or university than their counterparts who are not members and are 40 percent more likely to start their own business after high school graduation.

A list of 2014 Kentucky FBLA national winners follows.

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2014 KENTUCKY FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA
NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE WINNERS

PLACE	EVENT	SCHOOL	MEMBER(S)
1 st	Business Math	DuPont Manual HS	Michael Pearson
1 st	Job Interview	DuPont Manual HS	Richard Gunasena
2 nd	Electronic Career Portfolio	Montgomery Co. ATC	Heather Smith
2 nd	Introduction to Business	DuPont Manual HS	Shravan Ravishankar
2 nd	Management Decision Making	Calloway County HS	Robert Pruitt, Eric Winkler
3 rd	Business Communication	Apollo HS	Emily Holland
3 rd	Computer Applications	Knox Central HS	Chris Gibson
3 rd	Local Chapter Annual Business Report	Bracken County HS	Alyson Crawford, Alicia Gilbert
3 rd	Personal Finance	Paul Dunbar HS	Daniel Ma
3 rd	Public Speaking I	Graves County HS	Audrie Lamb
4 th	Business Procedures	Walton Verona HS	Courtney Marshall
4 th	Database Design & Applications	DuPont Manual HS	Yidi Huang
4 th	Word Processing	Knox Central HS	Kelsey Engle
5 th	Introduction to Business Communication	McCracken County HS	Caleigh Propes
6 th	Marketing	Paul Dunbar HS	Matthew Wu, Lillie Xie
6 th	Sports & Entertainment Management	Murray HS	Logan Smart, Mitchell Handegan, Ian Smith
7 th	Parliamentary Procedure	Hart County HS	Arianna Baird, Kaylie Butler, Austin Singleton, Zach Sims, Lauren Heath
8 th	Desktop Publishing	Spencer County HS	Chloe Eck, Emily Quiroa
9 th	Business Ethics	Montgomery Co. ATC	Gracie Johnson, Tara Bailey
9 th	Business Math	Paducah Tilghman HS	Reese Butler
9 th	Networking Concepts	Berea Community HS	Gregory Schloemer
10 th	Digital Video Production	Crittenden County HS	Logan Bingham, Cody Hayes, Amber Wright
10 th	Hospitality Management	Lyon County HS	Abby Wright, Patrick Rivera, Montez Sinclair
10 th	Local Chapter Annual Business Report	Mayfield/Graves ATC	Laney Coplen
1 st	Largest Chapter Membership in Nation	Ballard HS	501 members
5 th	Largest Chapter Membership in Nation	Larry A. Ryle HS	409 members
1 st	Largest Chapter Membership in Southern Region	Ballard HS	
3 rd	Largest Chapter Membership in Southern Region	Larry A. Ryle HS	
2 nd	Human Resource Management (Professional Division Event)	Henry County HS	Barney Sutley, Adviser
2 nd	Sports Management (Professional Division Event)	Henry County HS	Barney Sutley, Adviser
	Outstanding Local Chapter Adviser	Franklin-Simpson HS	Sheena Weldon

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