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Washington FBLA Members Show that Success Starts Here at National Leadership Conference

Chicago, IL—Over 450 of Washington's top business education students traveled to Chicago, Illinois, for the Future Business Leaders of America National Leadership Conference and joined over 12,000 fellow future business leaders from around the world to show that *Success Starts Here* through 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 Washington FBLA/Chapter Name members took top honors by placing in the top 10 internationally in their events:

- Andrea Chang, Union High School, 3-D Animation, 6th place
- Tiffany Altermatt, East Valley High School, Accounting I, 5th place
- Yvette Davey, Holden Iverson, and Kaytlyn Shafer, Odessa High School, American Enterprise Project, 2nd place
- Daniel Kreymer and Zoe Maris, Cedarcrest High School, Broadcast Journalism, 6th place
- Taylor Denenny, Jack Schneider, and Braidyn Teague, Freeman High School, Broadcast Journalism, 8th place
- Mackenzie Lutz, Dakota Steward, and Sean Widger, Odessa High School, Broadcast Journalism, 2nd place
- Santoshi Pisupati, International Community School, Business Communications, 3rd place
- Danielle Mascarenhas and Danielle Schwindt, North Creek High School, Business Ethics, 5th place
- Brianna Johnson, Mark Morris High School, Business Plan, 8th place

- Noam Hashash, Kyler Tran, and Edison Zeng, Hazen High School, Coding & Programming, 4th place
- Alyssa Childers, Abigail Green, and Natalie Terekhina, Komachin Middle School, Community Service Presentation, 7th place
- Krisanta Bolante and Haben Haile, Fife High School, Community Service Project, 2nd place
- Navarra Chappell, Pe Ell High School, Computer Applications, 8th place
- Jason Hatfield, Cheney High School, Computer Problem Solving, 1st place
- Nikhil Vaidyanath, North Creek High School, Computer Problem Solving, 7th place
- Rohit Karthik, STEM High School, Computer Problem Solving, 9th place
- Emme Murray, Cheney High School, Database Design & Application, 3rd place
- Maria Kollin, Komachin Middle School, Digital Citizenship, 5th place
- Sneha Birru, Inchara Chetan, and Lipicka Prasath, North Creek High School, Digital Video Production, 10th place
- Jenny Pyon, Cara Uypeckcuat, and Luke Wentzien, International Community School, Graphic Design, 1st place
- Smilangi Dasari and Archini Koushik, North Creek High School, Graphic Design, 8th place
- Cameron Teresi, Cheney High School, Help Desk, 10th place
- Emily Ney, Mount Vernon High School, Impromptu Speaking, 9th place
- Ryan Pascual, Woodinville High School, Introduction to Business Concepts, 8th place
- Carter Pham, Bothell High School, Introduction to Business Procedures, 10th place
- Katie Duong and Chloe Panh, Hazen High School, Introduction to Event Planning, 2nd place
- Divya Ramu, STEM High School, Introduction to Financial Math, 4th place
- Sabrina Neal, Marysville Getchell High School, Introduction to Social Media Strategy, 4th place
- Akshaya Akkugari and Dhruvi Vadlamudi, North Creek High School, Introduction to Social Media Strategy, 10th place
- Marguerite Schoenfeldt, Columbia Junior High - 9th, Journalism, 3rd place
- Jalia Aboy, Komachin Middle School, Learning Strategies, 9th place

- Daeton Deife, Melloney Deife, and Grace Nelson, Odessa High School, Local Chapter Annual Business Report, 8th place
- Advaitth Vijayakumar and Vishal Yalla, North Creek High School, Mobile Application Development, 8th place
- Aaron Johnson, Central Valley High School, Network Design, 6th place
- Joaquin Mendoza and Micah Richardson, Cheney High School, Network Design, 5th place
- Keenan Hahn, Garrett Heuett, and Luke Hurd, Cheney High School, Network Design, 3rd place
- Jack Correy and Dao Zhu, Mountain View High School, Network Design, 10th place
- Ariana Avina and Elizabeth Yee, Fife High School, Partnership with Business Project, 8th place
- Nathan Carstensen, Emily Scrupps, and Jacob Scrupps, Odessa High School, Partnership with Business Project, 1st place
- Jean Lin, Union High School, Public Speaking, 8th place
- Lily Jones and Kate Schneider, Freeman High School, Publication Design, 5th place
- Khushi Agrawal, Timberline High School, Publication Design, 6th place
- Karina Kejriwal, Aarav Khanna, and Bhavya Nandikanti, STEM High School, Sales Presentation, 3rd place
- Michelle Li, Bothell High School, Securities & Investments, 3rd place
- Lalitha Chandolu, Lathika Kolli, and Gayathri Sunkari, North Creek High School, Social Media Strategies, 1st place
- Marcus McLeod and Rodel Penaflo, Komachin Middle School, Video Game Challenge, 3rd place

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

Smriti Somasundaram of Olympia High School was recognized as Washington's Who's Who in FBLA recipient; one of FBLA's highest honors.

Lori Zebrack-Smith of Tesla STEM High School was recognized as Washington's Outstanding Local Adviser, one of the highest honors an adviser can receive.



Komachin Middle School received 1st Place in the Middle Level Merit Award.

Odessa High School received a \$500 Lead4Change grant.

Fife High School received a \$10,000 Lead4Change grant.

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.

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