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Future Business Leaders of America Nevada State Chapter

A Great Start to the FBLA Year

By Christian Talavera, Nevada FBLA State President

Las, Vegas, NV—As a state chapter Nevada FBLA and its local chapters saw many successes in 2007. The great start we have had is giving us the momentum necessary to ensure that the 2007-2008 FBLA membership year is a total success and one that future members will look back to and become inspired.

At the three Fall Leadership Extravaganzas membership turnout was amazing! Even more amazing than the turnout, however, was the active participation from members and advisers. If we base the rest of the year on the success of the Extravaganzas then I am sure we will have an epic year.

Membership has increased and more members are experiencing the benefits of FBLA than last year. Nevada FBLA received a national award for the largest percent-increase in statewide membership, with an increase of 267% (comparing October 20, 2007 membership with October 20, 2006). Now that the state deadline has passed it is important to submit any remaining dues so every member is eligible to compete at state and national conferences!

We have a lot to look forward to, and as we move forward it is important to keep in mind those who make the opportunities for our success to happen. Advisers are working hard and investing in our success, so thank you advisers! We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2008 State Business Leadership Conference in Reno.

Congratulations to Chapters with Membership Increases!

Advanced Technologies Academy

Arbor View High School

Basic High School

Churchill County High School

Cimarron-Memorial High School

Coronado High School

Green Valley High School

Jackpot High School

Legacy High School

North Valleys High School

Palo Verde High School

Round Mountain High School

Southeast Career & Technical Academy

West Wendover High School

Welcome New & Reactivated Chapters

Carlin High School

Reno High School

Global Community High School

Sierra Vista High School

Jackpot High School

TMCC High School

Northwest Career & Technical Academy

With Joy in our Hearts

By Sara Aguilar, Clark High School FBLA Secretary



Clark FBLA members serving *with joy in their hearts* at Charleston Heights Assisted Living

Las Vegas, NV—With joy in our hearts, Clark FBLA officers and members brought Santa Claus, cookies, songs, and tidings to the senior citizens at Charleston Heights Assisted Living on Saturday, December 15th. As the chapter walked through the doors singing “Here Comes Santa Claus,” there were smiles everywhere. Mrs. Burns, Clark FBLA adviser, arranged for the chapter to spend the morning singing songs, passing out cookies,



and playing games.



The highlight moment was near the end of our time when the director asked us to visit Margie, who was bedridden. It was Margie’s 88th birthday. Santa and everyone gathered around her singing “Happy Birthday” as well as Christmas carols.

Margie asked for pictures with the whole chapter and said that was the best birthday present that she has received in a very long time. After three wonderful hours, Clark FBLA left with their hearts filled with the true spirit of the Holidays!

Publicize your Chapter! Email chapter success stories to newsletter@nevadafbla.org and get published!

Adviser Appreciation Day

By Dakota Zablow, Nevada FBLA State Secretary

Spring Creek, NV—FBLA would not be possible without the help of some great individuals: our advisers. Advisers do so much to make sure that our FBLA experience is as fantastic as possible. This is why we have a special day to thank our advisers for all of their hard work and determination. **Adviser Appreciation Day** was on **Wednesday, February 13** this year. There is no better time to celebrate how much your advisers do for you than on this day. I would personally like to say thank you to all the advisers from the state officer team.



Nevada FBLA thanks you, the advisers!

I hope all of you remembered your advisers on this day and planned something special for them. Some chapters held an adviser appreciation breakfast, dedicated time to help their adviser with day to day activities, and even got them a card to show how much they appreciate what they have done for you. It is the thought that counts, and the sky is the limit. Adviser Appreciation Day was the perfect day to thank outstanding advisers for all their hard work!

Get Recognized for your Success!

By Austin Smith, Nevada FBLA Northern Region Vice President

Reno, NV—Throughout the year, FBLA members attend and participate in the conception, production, and execution of events that help to make Nevada's future business leaders some of the best in the nation. So, why then, are members not recognized for these ground-breaking activities and their unique leadership abilities? The answer: recognition programs! They are only a few clicks and keystrokes away.

The **Business Achievement Awards (BAA)** is an “aggressive, self-directed” membership recognition program that was originally pioneered in the silver state. The BAA helps to give driven leaders methods to enhance their leadership, entrepreneurial, and business-related skills with a series of activities that enable them to ascend through the four levels BAA hierarchy (Future level, Business level, Leader level, and America level).

In addition to the BAA, another recognition program for scholarly FBLA members is the **National Business Honor Society (NBHS)**. The NBHS helps to recognize members who exceed academic expectations with a Grade Point Average of 3.5. Members that join the National Business Honor Society are recognized at the State Business Leadership Conference.

These two programs do not even scratch the surface of the possibilities and opportunities that Future Business Leaders of America presents to recognize not only its members, but chapters and advisers as well. The possibilities are endless and available to those that are bold enough to seek them out at the state and national websites. Deadlines are ever-approaching, so be sure to apply soon to help distinguish your chapter, your adviser, and, most importantly, yourself!

Nevada FBLA Recognition Programs

National Business Honor Society

Designed to recognize those members of FBLA-PBL who truly excel in academic preparation for college and an eventual career in the business world.

Erin Hackman NLC Travel Scholarship

\$100 scholarship presented in the name of former Nevada FBLA State President Erin Hackman designed to assist NLC competitors from Nevada with their travel to the National Leadership Conference.

Chassey Ako Community Service Award

Honors FBLA members who go above and beyond in capturing and personifying the community service leadership trait.

Please see NevadaFBLA.org for more information on these great programs!

Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit

The Hollis and Kitty Guy Award recognizes outstanding local chapters that have actively participated in projects and programs identified with the goals of FBLA-PBL.

Administrator of the Year

Nominate your administrators to be recognized for their service to your chapter.

Adviser of the Year

Nominate your advisers to be recognized for their service to your chapter.

Businessperson of the Year

This national event recognizes outstanding leaders from the business sector who have contributed to the success of FBLA-PBL on the local, state, or national levels.

We hope you'll take full advantage of these recognition programs!

State Officers Plan for Successful 2008

By Cesar Luna, Nevada FBLA State Reporter

Reno, NV—On the first weekend of January, 2008, the nine state officers representing you, the members, gathered for the annual 2008 State Officer Winter Summit. The Winter Summit is a time for state officers to gather, bond, review the successes of the year, and plan for the second half of the year. The state officers got to preview some of the activities and restaurants at the Grand Sierra Resort, including laser tag, bowling, Round Table Pizza, Port of Subs, Johnny Rockets, Starbucks Coffee, and so much more.



Hug High School FBLA members with the state officer team during Bowling Night.

More importantly, the team began placing elements together to make the 2008 State Business Leadership Conference (SBLC) the best one in Nevada FBLA history! Officers developed workshops on topics like college, entrepreneurship, and even politics in business that they will present at the state conference. Officers developed a strategy to ensure Nevada reaches its statewide membership goal and planned out bi-weekly e-blasts that will be sent to members directly, updating them on important news and events in Nevada FBLA.

A definite highlight of the Winter Summit was the Northern Region Bowling Night. Chapters in the Northern Region were invited to attend a fun night of bowling, pizza, and networking. A thank you and congratulations to all the members that attended.

The State Officer Winter Summit is an experience no state officer will ever forget and even more so in this case. The team celebrated their accomplishments, previewed the Grand Sierra Resort, and began preparations for the second half of the FBLA fiscal year. Bring on 2008!

Winter Summit Pictures!!!



Jennifer at Johnny Rocket's



The team at breakfast



Team playing Laser Tag!!!



Bowling!!!



The entire team filming for the 2008 SBLC



Eric and Mitchell enjoying their lunchtime sandwiches

Rocking Out the March for Babies

By Jennifer Giraudo, Nevada FBLA State Treasurer

Las Vegas, NV—As we embark upon the second half of our year in FBLA, it is proper that we take a moment to look back at what we have accomplished and also to think about what we can do in the future. As a state we are off to a fabulous start on our journey towards accomplishing our goals for the March of Dimes.



All across Nevada, chapters have been raising money and awareness for this worthy organization, and this work has not gone unnoticed. It is great to see that chapters are working harder than ever to meet and exceed the goals that have been set for them. On this note, you can ask yourself a question: “What can I do to push my involvement with the March of Dimes to the next level?” While the obvious answer may be to simply raise more money, a newer and more physical answer has become available. This opportunity is to walk in the **March for Babies**, formerly known as WalkAmerica. This is the single most effective way to speak volumes about FBLA’s commitment to saving babies. The saying “Actions speak louder than words” pertains here because a large turnout of walkers will say more about Nevada FBLA than just a monetary contribution. There will be March for Babies events in **Carson City, Reno, and Las Vegas**. You can count on an inspiring day filled with fun and all in the name of preventing premature birth. Now, if you or your chapter is unable to attend the walk, don’t feel discouraged.

The act of promoting awareness and raising funds is just as vital. In fact, since our state goal raised \$3,000 from the past year to **\$20,000**, Nevada FBLA needs your efforts more than ever. Should your chapter rock out this year and raise huge amounts of money, there will be incentives awaiting you at state. There are also prizes for the individual members that take initiative and push themselves to the extreme. The opportunities are out there for the taking. The only question now is: “How far will you go?”

Entrepreneurship Week 2008

By Christian Talavera, Nevada FBLA State President

Reno, NV—As future business leaders, entrepreneurship is in our blood and it is important to celebrate the spirit that drives us to become successful, and to look ahead to what is to come for the market and the world around us. The **Nevada Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology (NCET)** is sponsoring entire week of entrepreneurship celebration. There will be two different dates, one for Northern Nevada and the other for the Southern Nevada.

Las Vegas eWeek > February 23 - March 2, 2008

In the south, you can join Eric Kral and the Southern Region Action Team at the entrepreneurship expo in Las Vegas, Saturday, March 1, 2008 at the Palace Station Hotel from 8 AM to 3 PM.

Greater Reno-Tahoe eWeek > March 8 - 16, 2008

If you’re in the Reno area, please join Chris Williams, Austin Smith, and myself on Saturday, March 15, 2008 at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center from 9 AM – 5 PM.

For more information please visit the website www.ncet.org/entrepreneur, or contact any officer.

New Year, New Name, Clear Mission

FBLA's national community service partner, the March of Dimes, is excited to announce it has changed the name of its signature fundraising event. WalkAmerica is now the March for Babies. The name change strongly ties to the name of the organization and clearly states what we're walking for all babies - those born healthy and those that need help to survive and thrive. Although the name of the event has changed the mission will not. March of Dimes will continue to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality.

Nevada FBLA has generated tremendous momentum in recent years with its March of Dimes fundraising efforts. You are a champion for babies by raising funds needed for research and programs that make a difference in the lives of babies and their families.

Your State Officer Team has set a goal that can keep Nevada FBLA in the top rankings in the nation. You should all be very proud of your achievements last year and marching towards the top 5 in 2008!

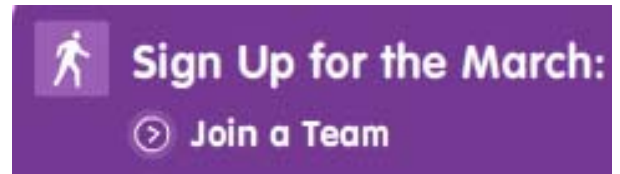
| Rank | 2006-2007 FBLA | Amount |
|------|-----------------|----------|
| 1 | Georgia | \$48,089 |
| 2 | Tennessee | \$30,078 |
| 3 | Arkansas | \$28,813 |
| 4 | New Jersey | \$21,913 |
| 5 | Missouri | \$20,524 |
| 6 | Washington D.C. | \$17,240 |
| 7 | Alabama | \$16,792 |
| 8 | Nevada | \$16,363 |

How do we get to \$20,000 . . . Get registered at www.marchforbabies.org

Nevada March of Dimes will give special recognition at the SBLC to chapters and members who register and raise funds with their online tools. Members who register and raise \$100 online will be recognized as members of the "**Nevada March for Babies \$100 Club**" with a special pin. Chapter recognition will also be given based on % of members registered online.

Register today:

- Go to www.marchforbabies.org
- Select "Join a Team"
- Enter "FBLA" in the search box, or select FBLA-PBL from the list of teams
- Pick your division (FBLA, FBLA-ML, PBL)
- Narrow your search by state by picking "Nevada" from the drop down box.
- Select your chapter and submit your registration to start fundraising today
- Send out your link to family, friends, and neighbors and you'll be a member of the \$100 club in no time!
- Promote your personal page with banners and logos that can be found at www.marchforbabies.org/spreadtheword



The amounts raised online will contribute towards your chapter fundraising total and could be the source of some fierce competition for the top spot. The competition was tight last year with these great results:

One day, all babies will be born healthy, but we'll have to walk to get there.

See you at these Nevada 2008 March for Babies locations!

- Las Vegas April 26th UNLV
- Reno April 26th Sparks Marina
- Carson City May 3rd Capital Grounds

Las Vegas Fundraising Partner:

If your school is nearby a **Jersey Mike's Sub shop**, they would be happy to provide **sandwiches** you can sell for \$4 with \$2 going to March of Dimes and \$2 going back to the local store.

| Rank | 2006-2007 Nevada FBLA | Amount |
|------|-----------------------|------------|
| 1 | Basic HS | \$3,150.00 |
| 2 | Galena HS | \$3,000.00 |
| 3 | Green Valley HS | \$2,027.11 |
| 4 | Spring Valley HS | \$2,000.00 |
| 5 | West Wendover HS | \$1,418.89 |

FBLA's Got Skills...Conferences!

By Eric Kral, Nevada FBLA Southern Region Vice President

Las Vegas, NV—It is that time of year again; the State Business Leadership Conference is nearly here. As the April 20th date creeps closer, Nevada FBLA's State Officer Team is planning three conferences to help prepare you for the exciting event. For the last few months your Region Vice Presidents have been creating plans, inviting chapters, and preparing exciting speakers for these events.

The purpose of these events is to prepare all competitors for their events at the State Business Leadership Conference. The Region Vice Presidents have prepared an exciting day of competition preparation, practice performance events, and of course some leadership development! This will be your opportunity to test your knowledge of FBLA procedures, accounting, public speaking, and many more. For more information contact your regional vice president.

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We hope to see each of you at this spring's Region Skill Conferences!

How Not to Get Lost at the Grand Sierra Resort

By Mitchell Roach, Nevada FBLA Eastern Region Vice President

Reno, NV—If you have attended any past conferences in our organization, you know that our hotels are always the best of the best. I do not know about you, but I easily lose my sense of direction in these palatial locations. This year we are lucky enough to be at the glamorous **Grand Sierra Resort (GSR)** for our **2008 State Business Leadership Conference**. And I am going to provide some tips to help you better navigate around the GSR.

Almost all conference related locations can be found on the lower level. On this level you will find all the Nevada Rooms, where workshops, Leadership Village, and competitive events will take place. Our main sessions will be held one floor above (the main floor). On these two floors you can also find **laser tag**, **bowling**, **\$3 movies**, an **arcade**, and **go-carts**. So if you get any extra time while you're there, head down for some fun!

On the main level there are also many varieties of restaurants, including the ever-popular **Starbuck's**. Conference headquarters will also be on the main floor in the conference suite.

With these few tips you should be able to find your way around. But worst case scenario, if you still cannot find your way around, do what I do. Get one of your quick adapting friends to help you around. Or better yet, find a state officer to help you get where you're going.



Competition is in the Air

By Taylor Damon, Nevada FBLA Parliamentarian

Las Vegas, NV—Nevada FBLA... Are you ready for the State Business Leadership Conference? Your state officer team has been working extremely hard to make sure that their members will have a very memorable time at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno. We know that you will rock out the conference and nail your competitions. Remember that SBLC is just around the corner and is approaching fast, so study hard, and be prepared for the experience of a life time! Nevada FBLA, the time is now to... PUT YOUR LEADERSHIP IN ACTION!

Here are some tips to help you succeed at the 2008 SBLC:

1. Ask your teachers for textbooks and practice tests in the field of your competitive event.
2. Organize study parties with your friends.
3. Dedicate a small amount of your daily time to studying.
4. Talk to business leaders in your community and receive their input and support.
5. Have faith in your abilities: you'd be surprised what you know.
6. Pay special attention to the last ten questions of your event; they are used in determining a winner in the event of a tie.
7. Seek those members who have participated in the event that you are planning to compete in.

Preparing for Battle

Don't forget to start preparing now for the Nevada FBLA Battle of the Chapters competition at the 2008 State Business Leadership Conference in April. Here are some sample questions for the event:

1. Name the National Board of Directors Member from the Western Region.
2. The original idea behind FBLA was proposed by whom?
3. In what year did Dr. Forkner share his concept of FBLA?
4. What is the title of the program that represents the long-standing relationship between the March of Dimes and FBLA-PBL?
5. What is the title of the resource book mailed to chapters?
6. Who is the current president of Mexico? (or any country, current events category)
7. *What is significant about February 3, 1942?*
8. *Where is Boeing's international headquarters located?*
9. *Where was the second local chapter of FBLA formed?*
10. *What is the FBLA-PBL, Inc. toll-free number?*



Answers: Doris Lowe from California; Dr. Hamden L. Forkner; 1937; Mission LIFT; Chapter Management Handbook; Felipe Calderón; First FBLA Chapter in Johnson City, TN; Chicago, Illinois; St. Albans, West Virginia; 1-800-FBLA-WIN

Help Lead Nevada FBLA as a State Officer

By Christian Talavera, Nevada FBLA State President



Las Vegas, NV—One of the best ways to showcase and put your leadership abilities into action is to run for state office. As members of a student-led leadership organization, you have an amazing opportunity to make a difference for many people. As a state officer, your potential to make a difference grows tremendously and affects all the members of the state. As a state officer I've had the opportunity to meet many of you and participate in numerous events representing Nevada FBLA.

Running for office is something I would do over again in a heartbeat; it is an amazing opportunity.

As a Nevada FBLA state officer you'll have the opportunity to visit chapters, get to know members from all around the state, plan and host the fall and state conferences, and last but not least, represent Nevada FBLA and all of our members to business and community leaders outside our great organization.

To get started make sure to visit the state web site www.NevadaFBLA.org and download the officer candidate guide and candidate application. Follow the guidelines on the application packet and prepare for an amazing time at state, and if you are elected, an amazing 2008-2009 membership year.



The 2007-2008 Nevada FBLA Officer Team outside the grand Sierra Resort during the Winter Summit.

Visit Nevada FBLA Online!

- **Nevada FBLA Website**
www.nevadafbla.org
- **MySpace.com**
www.myspace.com/nevadafbla
- **Facebook.com**
www.facebook.com
Friend ID: Nevada Fbla



Wanted: FBLA Chapter Pictures
See your chapter's faces at SBLC!

Submit your chapter pictures to nevadafblapictures@gmail.com for the "Year in Review" slideshow that will be shown at the 2008 SBLC. We look forward to receiving your pictures!

Don't Miss the Upcoming FBLA Opportunities

By Taylor Damon, Nevada FBLA Parliamentarian



Las Vegas, NV—Greetings Nevada FBLA! The state is off to a great start this year but there is even more to come. From now until nationals this summer in Atlanta the FBLA schedule is packed with very exciting events! In order to participate in these events, there are several dates and deadlines that you will want to be sure and take note of. Here are the dates and deadlines you need to keep in mind in order to participate:

February 21: Requested deadline for School Site Testing Materials for the following events: Accounting II, Computer Applications, Database Design and Applications, Desktop Publishing, Spreadsheet Applications, Word Processing I & II

February 23 - March 2: Las Vegas Entrepreneurship Week

March 1: National Deadline for Business Achievement Awards, 100% Class Participation, Membership Madness & Mania, and Distinguished Business Leader Scholarship.

March 14: Nevada FBLA State Business Leadership Conference Registration Due

April 25: National Leadership Conference (NLC) Intent to Complete Forms Due with Nonrefundable \$100 Deposit.

May 2: All NLC Registration Forms and Pre-Submitted NLC competition materials, March of Dimes Mission L.I.F.T. Activity Report Due, and Community Service Hour Report Due to Nationals

March 8-16: Greater Reno-Tahoe Entrepreneurship Week

May 9: School Site Tests Due

May 23: Remaining Balance Due for NLC Registration & Travel

June 23-30: FBLA National Leadership Conference

For a more detailed calendar be sure to check out the Calendar of Events on the state web site, www.nevadafbla.org!



Hyatt Regency Atlanta: the host venue for the 2008 National Leadership Conference.

We look forward to seeing you in the future and we would like to wish you the best of luck in your competitive events and endeavors.

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Upcoming Dates

- FBLA-PBL Week
February 11-16, 2008
- Adviser Appreciation Day
February 13, 2008
- Requested deadline for School Site Testing Materials
February 21, 2008
- National FBLA Membership & Recognition Event Deadline
March 1, 2008
- 2008 SBLC Registration Due
March 14, 2008
- 2008 Institute for Leaders
June 24-26, 2008 (Atlanta)
- 2008 National Leadership Conference
June 26-29, 2008 (Atlanta)

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2008 State Business Leadership Conference!!!

April 20-23, 2008

Grand Sierra Resort, Reno

FBLA-PBL 2007-08:

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