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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Member of the Month	10 th of the previous month
Online Testing Preview	Jan 30 – Feb 3
Stock Market Game (registration)	Jan 17- Feb 6
School Site Skill Testing (forms due)	Feb 3
FBLA-PBL Week	Feb. 13-17
Adviser Appreciation Day	Feb 15
National Community Service Day	Feb 18
SBLC Registration	Feb 24
State/National Officer Candidate App. Due	Feb 24
Competitive Event Materials	Feb 24
Adviser of the Year	Feb 24
Who's Who Application	Feb 24
Business Honor Society	Feb 24
Administrator of the Year	Feb 24
Business Person of the Year	Feb 24
Chapter BA2	Feb 24
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Chassey Ako Award	March 1
Visionary Award	March 1
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Online Testing	March 13-16
SBLC	March 19-22
100% Class Participation	April 1
Membership Madness/Mania	April 1
Distinguished Business Leader Scholarship	April 1
PBL Membership Deadline	April 15
Data Match Scholarship Application	May 13
Mission LIFT Report	May 15
USC Summer Seminar Scholarship	June 1
PBL IFL	June 23-24
PBL NLC	June 24-27
FBLA IFL	June 28-29
FBLA NLC	June 29 - July 2

On-Line Testing: Our Future Success

Bryan West, State President

Nevada, I am exciting to announce our transformation to online testing! At first I had questions, doubts, and confusion about this process; however, I found that its just as easy as paper testing at state.

After advisers register all of their students. They will receive a list of passwords for their students to use to log in.

When students log in they are brought to a home page with all of their tests listed. They click on the test they wish to take and begin. There is a timer at the top of the screen that allows students to know exactly how much time they have. When the time runs out the test automatically finishes.

Students can have the option to view one question at a time, or to view all the questions at

once. I would recommend students to view one question at a time, because in order to move to the next question they have to push save. This is helpful if the computer shuts down, all the questions have been saved, and if you call the state adviser they can allow the student to refinish the test.

Another cool thing about on-line testing is that if a student chooses to skip a question it automatically goes to the question at the end of the test. If a student is unsure of an answer they can answer, and click mark. By clicking mark, the test will come back to that question as well.

This is convenient for advisers: they will be able to keep track of who takes their tests. All the placings will be scored before the State Business

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Achieving State and National Recognition

I can assure each and every one of you that it is frustrating to work hard and not be rewarded. Don't you agree? However, FBLA members have the opportunity to be recognized for their countless hours of effort by participating in recognition events. This section is dedicated to informing you about new state awards, national programs, and ways to get your chapter in the spotlight! All titles in Dark Red can be found in the Chapter Management Handbook (sent to the National Office); and all titles in light red can be found at the following link: <http://nevadafbla.org/adv.asp?page=0902> in the Back to School Packet (sent to the State Office)!

BA²

Deadline is February 24

The Business Achievement Awards is comprised of four different levels of recognition: Future, Business, Leader, and America. These awards consist of requirements such as listing ten personal goals, running for chapter office, and attending a State Business Leadership Conference. You have probably already completed many of these requirements. Now, get recognized for them!

CBA²

Deadline is February 24

The chapter achievement awards are the premier way to track your chapter's successes! There are three different levels of recognition that your chapter can be rewarded for: Achievement, Excellence, and Outstanding. How many levels can your chapter achieve? Some of the requirements for these awards are: holding to chapter meetings, writing a Program of Work, and recruiting five new members. Your chapter has probably already accomplished the Achievement level.

Administrator of the Year

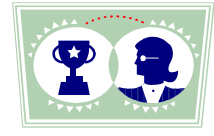
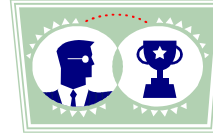
Deadline is February 24

Many people underestimate the power of an administrator, the influence they have, and the work that they do. Administrators are the backbone of the activities you participate in, and the opportunities available to you. These are the men and women who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make things happen well. Nominate an administrator who has helped your chapter unlock its potential.

NV Business Honor Society

Deadline is February 24

Student with a GPA over a 3.5 are eligible to be a member of the Nevada Business Honor Society.



Visionary Award

Deadline is March 1

Does your chapter have members that have innovative ideas and visions for Nevada FBLA-PBL. If so, have them fill out the Visionary Award application with their idea. The top idea will be recognized at the State Business Leadership Conference.

Commitment to Excellence

Deadline is March 1

This is basically the Member of the Year Award. Your chapter can nominate a student previously nominated for a Member of the Month Award, or someone in your chapter who has given a 100% all year long.

Madness/Mania

Deadline April 1

Members who recruit five members are eligible for the Membership Madness Award. Members who recruit ten members are eligible for the Membership Mania Award.

Member of the Month

Does your chapter have that outstanding member who is always hard at work? Would you like to show appreciation and award them? Each month, your chapter can nominate one of your hard working members to become Member of the Month! All you have to do is fill out an e-mail fulfilling the application requirements and send it to memberoft-hemonth@nevadafbla.org.

The deadline is the 10 of each month (If you submit an application before December 10—it's for November Student of the Month)

Online Testing: Our Future Success continued

Leadership Conference. This program is so amazing that it can easily determine tie breakers in seconds, it automatically ranks students in their respective events, it shows what questions students got right, and gives percentages on how many got each question right.

With online testing happening before state, there will be more time for students to tour, attend work-

shops and power sessions, visit state campaign and vendor booths, and attend leadership tracks.

Nevada will have more competition in performance events.

There are so many advantages, and pros to online testing. It's easy to navigate, determines placings in seconds,

and allows more time for members to obtain the full conference experience. If you have any questions please email Glenn Morris (glenn@teamtri.com), Ryan Underwood (ryan@teamtri.com), or myself.

Good Luck!

REMEMBER: eight events (maximum) per student. The first two tests, per student, are free and after that \$5 each.

Achieving State and National Recognition continued**Chassie Ako Award**

**Deadline for nomination is
March 1**

Two years ago, an exceptional young lady walked on stage to accept her "Who's Who in FBLA" award. This young lady dedicated the previous year to improving her community through advocacy and service. Most unfortunately, she passed away this last year while recruiting for a school organization. This young lady was Chassey Ako. She served as Nevada's 2003-2004

Northern Regional Vice President. In her honor, Nevada now offers the Chassey Ako Community Service Award.

The Chassey Ako Award is aimed to recognizing the effervescence of FBLA members who care about their community. A chapter adviser will recognize a member's brilliance, and nominate him/her for this award. Chassey always dedicated herself to helping those in need. She was a positive role model for her peers, friends, and especially FBLA members. This award will be given at this year's State Business Leadership Award at Circus, circus in Reno, Nevada. In honor of Chassey, head out into your community and make a difference.

Chapter Reports

Deadline is March 10

The State Officer Team would like to help your chapter! Has your chapter done a special project this year they would like known?

All your chapter has to do is send an email to State President Bryan West (president@nevadafbla.org). Our state will email your special project to FBLA's National Publication *Tomorrow's Business Leader*, the FBLA National Web site, feature it on the Nevada Web site, and include it in Nevada's State Chapter Business Report!

**FBLA-PBL WEEK: February 12-18**

FBLA-PBL Week is a fun way to recruit more members and increase FBLA-PBL awareness in your school. Chapters should plan a different theme for each day. Examples include blue and gold dress up day, community service project day, and dedicating a day to a March of Dimes fundraiser (mini-walk, selling beanie bears, bracelets, etc). Plan fun social activities: Adviser Appreciation Day, an ice cream social, a pizza party, bowling night, movie night, and much more. Mark FBLA-PBL Week (February 13-17) on your calendars, get set by planning activities, and GO!

Las Vegas Extravaganza

Zhan Tao, Southern Region Vice President



On November 2, 2005, Nevada FBLA and sister organization, Nevada DECA, held the Las Vegas Leadership Extravaganza. Members from chapters all over Clark County gathered for this one day event of leadership, laughter, and learning. The event started with an opening by John Beede and then continued to informational sessions held by each organization's state officer team. From new events to tips and tricks for better teamwork, members learned how to more efficiently prepare their chapters for the exciting, fun filled year ahead. The night continued with an etiquette dinner and dancing based on the hilarious brilliance of the movie *Hitch*. John Beede helped to close the event by revealing the solution to many questions of life, drawing to a conclusion a successful, exciting event.

The golden sun setting between the trees, creating a warm, panoramic picture, sets the mood for business leaders of Nevada FBLA. The Tahoe conference was how we say, short but sweet. Our rooms overlooked the lake, creating a serene surrounding, putting everyone into a relaxed state. The general façade of the members was at ease, making the general consensus that it was time to get down to business. Ryan Underwood and the officers started the opening session with a bang. Everyone got comfortable when Mr. Underwood had them stand up and dance to the musical rhythm of the movie *Hitch*. Everyone received a crash course in dining etiquette and a keynote speaker repelled down from the ceiling. The next day, members had a very entertaining public speaking power session. Afterwards, everyone checked out, goodbyes were said, phone numbers were exchanged, and busses drove off into the sunset; the Tahoe conference had been a great success.

Lake Tahoe Conference

Chris Williams, State Parliamentarian

Virtual Business Challenge/Stock Market Game

Are you tired of feeling you're not doing anything for FBLA? Well, look no further; here's a solution! Get off your seat and show your skills in the Virtual Business Challenge and the Stock Market Game!

Meghan Williams, State Reporter

The Virtual Business Challenge is a simulation of running a business. You use your skills planning the marketing, business, and financial part of your own business. You are scored on your cumulative profit. The top eight teams qualify for the National Leadership Conference. Deadline for this event is **January 9 – February 4**. So get up and go!

How about playing your luck in the Stock Market Game? Use what you know and play the Stock Market, or get professional advice and win yourself a spot on stage at the State Business Leadership Conference. You need a team of three to five people, and a team fee of \$10.95. The registration for the Stock Market Games are **January 17 - February 6**.



A simulation of running a business!



The SMG provides players with real-time prices and updates.

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FBLA-PBL Mission Statement:

To bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs.

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