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**Nevada Future Business Leaders of America Win National Membership Award**

Portland, OR--The Nevada Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) accepted national recognition for outstanding membership achievement during the FBLA National Fall Leadership Conference held November 2-3 in Portland, Oregon. Cesar Luna, Nevada FBLA State Reporter accepted the Largest Percent-Increase in FBLA State Chapter Membership award on behalf of Nevada FBLA during the closing session held Saturday evening. Nevada FBLA has experienced a 267% membership increase since this time last year.

In addition to accepting this national recognition on behalf of Nevada FBLA, the 80 Nevada delegates attending the National Fall Leadership Conference were able to support the National Service Project benefiting the March of Dimes, tour Portland area businesses, and attend leadership workshops and dynamic general sessions.

Membership in Nevada is increasing as the state management team, state officers, and local area advisers work together to encourage students to participate in FBLA to help students be better prepared for their futures as business, entrepreneurship, management and technology leaders. "What FBLA strives for is the transition from interested students to involved members. It's the student engagement that makes FBLA such a powerful contributor to a positive school and educational environment," says Ryan Underwood, Nevada FBLA Executive Director. "FBLA has a 65 year tradition of building leaders and changing lives. This early membership increase shows what a positive difference administrators, advisers, and officers can make when they train,

promote, and build strong programs. We're excited and will work to continue the trend."

FBLA is nonprofit 501(c)3 and the premier organization for student leaders preparing for careers in business, management, entrepreneurship, and technology. For more than 60 years FBLA has been the place where 10 million students have found the keys to unlocking the doors to career success, personal achievement, and business leadership. Along with the Middle Level and Collegiate Division, FBLA is the place where business and education comes to life for students! Through FBLA's motto of SERVICE, EDUCATION, and PROGRESS more than 250,000 students participate in innovative leadership and career development programs that bring together members on the local, regional, state, national, and international levels.

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