

19 Ohio FBLA Members Place Top 10 at National Leadership Conference

Students from Ohio FBLA won top prizes at Future Business Leaders of America, Inc.'s (FBLA) National Leadership Conference (NLC). The event, held in Anaheim, California, from June 24 to July 2, attracted more than 18,000 middle school, high school, and college students, educators, and volunteers from across the country. Students experienced education, competition, and networking opportunities centered on business, and, of course, got to explore the vibrant city of Anaheim!

Students competed in over 100 different events, including business presentations, case studies, impromptu speaking, and computer applications. Each event challenged participants to apply their knowledge and skills in real-world scenarios, with winners advancing to the national stage.

Throughout the conference, attendees had the opportunity to engage in over 200 workshops conducted by industry leaders and educators. Topics covered ranged from entrepreneurship and financial literacy to digital marketing and leadership development.

Members heard from Shawn D. Nelson, the Founder & CEO of Lovesac, who shared advice from his experience as an entrepreneur in a keynote speech.

Participants had the chance to network with professionals from more than 100 colleges, universities, and employers, including CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP), FICO, Fidelity, McGraw Hill, Men's Wearhouse, National Geographic Learning/Cengage, the National Retail Federation, PNC Bank, the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, and U.S. Coast Guard.

From attending meetings to trading pins, Ohio FBLA students engaged in conversations with people around the world.

The conference culminated in an awards ceremony where top performers in each competitive event were recognized. Scholarships, trophies, and other honors were awarded to deserving individuals and chapters for their achievements throughout the year.

Ohio FBLA Recognition

We are very proud of all the finalists and event placers at NLC!

- Symone Bibb, Jacob Boehm, and Alex Boskovic (Thomas W Harvey HS) - 1st in Broadcast Journalism
- Srivarsha Banumukkala (Oletangy Liberty HS) - 1st in Public Speaking
- Alexander Ban and Ella Hu (Toledo Area HS) - 2nd in Financial Statement Analysis
- Jaya Srini (Columbus Academy MS) - 2nd in Career Research
- Maryam Christian (Columbus Academy MS) - 3rd in Career Research
- Manasvi Gurajala (Solon HS) - 4th in Impromptu Speaking
- Cathy Ding (William Mason HS) - 4th in Public Policy and Advocacy
- Missy Shi (Columbus Academy MS) - 6th in Critical Thinking
- Sahaj Datta (William Mason HS) - 8th in Journalism
- Olivia Bashkin and Izabella Rudolph (Hawken HS)- 9th in Business Ethics
- Ian Chang (Columbus Academy HS)- 9th in Insurance & Risk Management
- Taran Batchu (Oletangy Liberty HS)- 10th in Business Law
- Hrishi Kamalachandran and Hermant Raushan (William Mason HS)- 10th in Data Analysis
- Vibha Veerapuram (Dublin Coffman HS)- 10th in Future Business Educator
- Ayush Pai (William Mason HS)- Finalist in Intro to Public Speaking
- Sricharan Bala, Ronith Reddy and Pari Kopparti (William Mason HS)- Finalist in Financial Statement Analysis
- Samantha Stoughton (Columbus Academy MS)- Finalist in Critical Thinking
- Kate Wu and Robinson Zhang (Toledo Area HS)- Finalist in Social Media Strategies
- Ritav Das and Rishi Kolluri (Dublin Jerome HS)- Finalist in Business Management