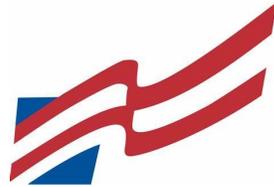


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Hello SD FBLA! Welcome to the monthly FBLA Newsletter! Every month I will be publishing this Newsletter and, with help from local chapters, this newsletter will be packed with what is happening in SDFBLA! Local chapter reporters and historians have a deadline of the 15th of every month to get their photos and newsletters emailed to Andrew Cypher at ac3711@k12.sd.us! Thank you and have an amazing month!

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Chapter Chatter

This month's *Chapter Chatter* comes from the Ipswich chapter in Ipswich, SD. Your chapter is encouraged to write and send in stories for the newsletter, as well as pictures of your chapter's activities! This piece was written by Ipswich member and state secretary, Tessa Kilber.

Our last FBLA meeting was on October 7th, and our next meeting is scheduled for November 11th. Our last meeting was our ice cream sundae party. The officers brought ice cream, toppings, and brownies for our members. Our chapter has been very busy fundraising for SLC. We did a Mrs. Fields fundraiser where we sold cookie dough, cheesecake, etc. We also provided concessions for the Halloween carnival and raised around \$300. We also sold BOO Grams. These are packets of candy that students can buy each other to put in their locker on Halloween with a note personalized by them. Our chapter was unable to attend FLC because the time and location did not work out for our school, but our local chapter officers plan on attending OLI in December. We hope to see other chapters there!



Member Highlights



Sawyer Bicknase

“Being in FBLA for three years has had a bigger impact on my life than I thought it would. I was always that shy quiet kid sitting in the back, but FBLA has made me more confident. I have become the person I have always wanted to be. Though I am still working on it and love my small group of friends, I am no longer afraid to reach out and talk to new people. I am now a part of multiple friend groups instead of just one, and it has also helped me in getting my first job. I was confident enough to speak clearly and I wasn’t nervous about the interview. Without FBLA I definitely wouldn’t have gotten the job, and I don’t even know if I would have applied. I am going to continue being involved in FBLA as much as I possibly can in the next year and a half of high school. It continues to push me to improve my people skills so I can be prepared when I need them later in life.”

Leave Your Mark on South Dakota FBLA by designing our 2020 T-shirt!

The Guidelines for the design are:

- The National FBLA Logo
- The slogan “A World of Opportunity”
- The Words “ South Dakota FBLA FLC”
- Limit of one or two colors

Email Your design to Hailey Boekelheide at hb3228@k12.sd.us by March 4th!



Officer Reports



President Liz Fossum

Hello FBLA Members! We are halfway through our FBLA year. This month the officers and I hosted the Officer Leadership Institute. We hope that everyone who attended had a wonderful time! If you have any recommendations for next year, email me (EF3126@k12.sd.us) or another officer with your ideas. Happy Holidays!
[@liz_fossum](#)

Social media has been pretty active! We posted another member highlight, I haven't been receiving many Member Highlight nominations so I am considering reaching out directly to chapters to try to gather a few more up. Other than that, I've posted a handful of Instagram and Snapchat stories to stay active.

[@hailey_Boekelheide](#)



**North VP Hailey
Boekelheide**

Officer Reports

The FBLA website is online and ready to go! The URL is sdfbla.wixsite.com/website-2. This website is the one-stop-shop for all things SDFBLA, and it's where you can find published newsletters, forms, event details, and more. Our social media continues to grow as well, so make sure to follow us on Twitter and Instagram. Thank you!

@natvigcatie



South VP Catie Natvig



Secretary Tessa Kilber

Unfortunately due to weather conditions this month I was unable to attend Officer Leadership Institute. From what I heard it was a big success and everyone had a lot of fun. This month I have been keeping up with the minutes taken during our conference calls and started to think about our upcoming events. I sent out a letter to legislator John Lake asking if I can shadow him for Legislative Shadow days this February. Also, my fellow officers and I started discussing new ideas we have for Spring Leadership Conference. We have lots of fun ideas and I am very excited to see everyone there!

@tessakilber

Officer Reports



**Treasurer Chrissie
Stoltenberg**

The beginning balance for the FBLA checking account as of December 1, 2019 totaled \$11,779.29. The total income amounted to \$2,095.10 and the total expenses amounted to \$169.52. This gives us a net increase of \$1,925.58 for the month of December, putting the current balance at \$13,704.87.

Pictures are still needed for the slideshow at Spring Leadership Conference. We wouldn't want your chapter to be left out. It could be a group picture, an event put on by your local chapter, or just members hanging out. We will need as many pictures as we can get, so the more the better. Thank you!



Historian Regan Bollweg

Officer Reports

In the month of December, the state officer team has been working hard in preparation for the Spring Leadership Conference and the March budget meeting. We're preparing loads of interesting workshops and presenters, and we can't wait to see who the next round of state officers will be! As always, If you have anything you would like to see in the newsletter, you can email me at ac3711@k12.sd.us. Thank you!

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Reporter Andrew
Cypher



Parliamentarian Veronica
Knippling

During December, my roles as Parliamentarian included helping my local chapter elect new officers and count votes. Our officer team has been busy preparing for the Spring Leadership Conference, for which we have a ton of fun planned. We will have giveaways, contests, and speakers for all attendees to enjoy. We can't wait to see you enjoy your time at the conference this year!

@veronicaknippling

Upcoming Events

Officer Leadership Institute	December 11, 2019
SLC Registration Deadline	February 7, 2020
Legislative Shadowing	February 4th & 5th, 2020
Pre-Judging Submissions Due	March 1, 2020
Pre-judging Occurs	March 8-22, 2020
Online Testing Window	February 24—March 22, 2020
State Officer Candidate Intent Forms Due	January 31, 2020
Scholarship Applications Due	March 1, 2020
March Budget Meeting	March 4, 2020
Spring Leadership Conference	April 6-7, 2020
National Leadership Conference	June 29—July 2, 2020

OLI will be at the Ramkota in Sioux Falls.

Legislative Shadowing and SLC will both be in Pierre.

The March Budget Meeting will take place in Huron.

The National Leadership Conference will be in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Thanks For Reading! See you all next month!