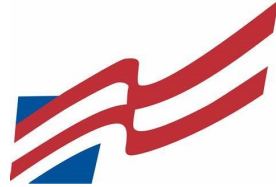


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Hello SD FBLA! Welcome to the monthly FBLA Newsletter! Every month I will be publishing this Newsletter and, with help from local chapters, this newsletter will be packed with what is happening in SDFBLA! Local chapter reporters and historians have 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 Northwestern chapter in Mellette, 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 the local reporter for Northwestern, Mitchell VanderWal.

On November 25, the Northwestern Area Future Business Leaders of America chapter hosted a local blood drive in the Northwestern Area School gym. Held on a breezy Monday morning, several chapter members were rather skeptical of how the weather might affect the volunteers flowing into the donation bank. However, the colder temperatures did not harm the tremendous success that the blood drive accomplished! Between the hours of 9 A.M to 1 P.M, the gym was constantly moving volunteers in and out to donate blood to a needy cause. "I was a little surprised when I walked in and saw the large number of generous volunteers in there donating blood. It helped me feel like I wasn't alone in my donation," Northwestern Area FBLA member Hunter Schipke expressed. Several volunteers at the Northwestern Area blood drive are high schoolers who are involved in FBLA. However, a substantial chunk of volunteers are members of the community, teachers, and high schoolers who are not involved in FBLA. "This is my first year donating blood. After seeing how much potential I have in doing great things in FBLA, I am majorly considering becoming a member and learning more about this organization," Northwestern High schooler Cody Rausch explained. All in all, the Northwestern Area FBLA local blood drive not only benefited the recipients of the blood, but the volunteers had a great sense of accomplishment while supporting the FBLA.

The next day, members of the local chapter traveled to a local nursing home to deliver cookies and cards made by the members of Northwestern FBLA. Several members were thrilled to visit the residents. "I love seeing the bright looks on the residents faces when we handed them their cards and cookies," Northwestern Area FBLA Parliamentarian Talley Sparling proclaimed. Visiting the elderly of the community not only benefits the welfare of the older residents themselves, but helps the younger members reach out to the older generations.

Member Highlights



Colby Oetken

“This is my first official year in the Mitchell FBLA Chapter as I joined half way through last year. Once I decided to have a career in business, I knew I had to join right away to get the experience I wanted and I’m so glad I did! Since joining this organization my biggest achievement has been creating a website that is informative for those interested in what FBLA is and a place to find appropriate documentation our chapter frequently uses. I am the Reporter and I am also the Co-School Store Coordinator for my local chapter. These two positions have allowed me to mock reality with knowing how to run a successful business, but then also learning how to run the advertising and promotional aspects a business comes with. I have helped improve our school’s opinion about this organization by recruiting new members and being active in events that my FBLA Chapter puts on for our community.”

@colbyoetken

I have been involved in FBLA since my freshman year. The past 3 years I have attended The National Leadership Conference and hope to qualify for this year as well. I am our local chapter president. My favorite competitive events are Graphic Design and Publication Design. Things I enjoy in our local chapter are hosting community events like last year’s Abel event, in which we raised \$22,000 for a little boy in our school. FBLA has help me gain better leadership skills and new friends across the state.

@hannahparry01



Hannah Parry

Officer Reports



President Liz Fossum

Hello! I hope your FBLA year is going well! The next event on the FBLA schedule is the Officer Leadership Institute in Sioux Falls. The state officers and I have been working to create the best program for the members. Some of our presentations will include an Introduction to Competing, How to Facilitate an Activity and even an FBLA Jeopardy session. Along with those workshops, the state officers and I will also be presenting on our officer positions. If you are at all interested in a state officer position, these sessions are a great way for you to find out more information! We hope to see you there!

@liz_fossum

At the end of June, seven of the state officers attended the Institute for Leaders Conference in San Antonio, Texas, in conjunction with the National Leadership Conference. We listened to several different speakers and attended a couple different workshops. We all learned valuable skills to improve our communication and social media involvement. IFL and NLC were both great experiences and all who attended had a great time and made lots of memories! We are happy to report we have gained four new chapters and ten new advisors. As for social media—South Dakota FBLA has 232 Instagram followers, 533 twitter followers, and averages 50-60 views on snapchat stories. Don't forget to register on the National Webpage.

@hailey_Boekelheide



**North VP Hailey
Boekelheide**

Officer Reports

FLC was a great success. We had our official fall meeting and we participated in some leadership building activities. I reported on our website (which is coming along greatly!), our team hopes to have the website up and running by OLI in December. I also reported on social media at FLC. Our social media accounts have gotten many more followers and likes per post since the conference. Make sure to check out our “meet your officer” posts to get to know your officers on a more personal level!

@natvigcatie



South VP Catie Natvig



Secretary Tessa Kilber

This month I have been busy getting ready for Officer Leadership Institute. My fellow officers and I have been planning all sorts of different activities for our members such as jeopardy, team building, and so much more. Also, as state secretary I will be giving a presentation on what I do and answering any questions you guys might have. In addition to that I prepared and finished the minutes from Fall Leadership Conference and sent them out to all of our chapter’s advisors. It has been a fairly busy month filled with conference calls, preparation, and lots of fun.

@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 November, the state officer team has been working hard in preparation for the Officer Leadership Institute in Sioux Falls. We've lined up guest speakers and workshops, and there will be an opportunity to talk to each state officer about their position and what it entails. We look forward to seeing you all there! 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 November, my roles as Parliamentarian included preparing for the different conferences we have been coordinating as a team. I've been monitoring the chapter at my own school, and helping students prepare for the spring convention. I've met with my officer team, and brainstormed ways to make your FBLA experience the best it can be.

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 18, 2020
State 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!