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Cocalico FBLA Meets Goal

At the end of the summer of 2004, Kyle Bowers, Cocalico FBLA, formed a committee and organized the collection of 2,000 pairs of quality used shoes or new shoes for people in third-world countries who couldn't afford them.

Cocalico FBLA formed teams and worked with the business community to learn how to collect, organize, package, store, and distribute these shoes—the same basic premise that all businesses follow for any successful project.

Each team was responsible for completing tasks to reach the final goal. We started small and worked at Kyle's basement and garage until our "Partnership with Business" ignited such a response that we had to move the storage part of the project to a business-donated storage unit.

The response from local businesses and large chain

stores and restaurants was amazing. We sent various



Cocalico students stuffing boxes with shoes.

teams to meet with leaders from these businesses to collaborate and get suggestions on how to make this project work.

As the school year progressed we learned a lot about teamwork, compassion, and business approaches to difficult situations. People from the community and nearby communities joined us in meeting and surpassing our goal. By April we had collected over 8,000 pairs of shoes.

We had been working on the distribution segment of

our project for over four months. The weight of these shoes was a problem, and we knew we could not afford to ship them ourselves. Finally, a local church sponsored our effort and 8,000-plus pairs of shoes left Denver and were headed toward Haiti. We had discovered from the church

that Haiti was in desperate need of our collection. They regularly ship items to assist the poor people of Haiti, so they were more than happy to pay the fees to ship the shoes.

There were three major positive outcomes from this project. First, people worked as teams for a cause. Second, we worked with local businesses and learned how to put the pieces together to reach a successful project goal. Third, we promoted positive community service and helped people who were in need.

Garnet Valley & PA Free Enterprise Week



Garnet Valley Students

During the week of July 30, twelve Garnet Valley Future Business Leader of America students attended Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week (PFEW). PFEW is a program that educates high school students about the American free enterprise system through a simulated business experience. Each student-run simulation is in competition with the others. Students had the opportunity to deal with all of the decisions that real executives would have to face. Business volunteers, who served as Company Advisors, mentored each student company. As a supplement to the simulated business, PFEW also provided students with the insight of motivational speakers.

Each simulated company must have a CEO (Chief Executive Officer) to make major decisions for the company. The student who is selected as CEO for each company is put through an interview process. With an estimated attendance of around four hundred students, Garnet Valley was pleased to have Lindsay Farah, Gregory Otto, and Cathy Phan become CEO's. At the conclusion of the weeklong event, student teams were recognized and given prizes based on their accomplishments. Some of the accomplishments of our students are as follows: Gregory Otto: Best Shareholders Re-

port and Best Overall Business

Lindsay Farah: Honorable Mention: Stockholder's Report and Return on Net Assets

Brian Mikus: Best Marketing Report

Cathy Phan: Team Spirit Award

The Best Overall Business Award came with a \$500.00 stock certificate for each member of the team. Congratulations to all members who participated.

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Shippensburg FBLA Chapter Is Busy Again

So far this year, the Shippensburg FBLA chapter has been busy! On October 3, members attended the Regional Leadership Workshop for Region 26 held at Central Pennsylvania College. At the event, members attended workshops about ethics, interviewing skills, career exploration, and heart disease and stroke. Also at the event was a basket raffle that brought in over \$200, which was donated to the American Heart Association. Shippens-

burg's theme basket was junk food.

Recently, the chapter held a hoagie sale. Members and advisors sold over 180 hoagies, which were made by Kathy's Deli in Shippensburg. Proceeds went directly to the chapter's treasury. Also, on October 14, members will hold a Homecoming Flower Sale during lunch at the high school. In addition, officers are getting ready for the State Lead-

ership Workshop, being held on October 23 and 24. At the workshop, a Charity Walk for the American Heart Association will take place. Each officer is asked to obtain a minimum of \$25 in donations to go toward the walk.

This year has been exciting and fun for the Shippensburg FBLA chapter! We are thrilled to continue to work hard at becoming Future Business Leaders of America!



Muncy Sr./Jr. High School



Muncy FBLA members with Mr. Subway the club has increased over 25% from last year. Senior officers, Diana Reinse, Justin Stryker, Jordan Neidig, Keshia Shuck, and Toni Levandoski, set a goal to

bring in more younger members, and that goal was accomplished by having fourteen 9th

After a few years of FBLA at Muncy H.S., the club has consistently grown in size. This year,

grade students join this year. This year's seniors are the last of the members of the "original" MHS FBLA, and they are leaving their mark!

Muncy's members are actively participating in a variety of club functions, such as: the Central Susquehanna Heart Walk at Knoebel's Grove, SLW, a bowl-a-thon, and a variety of fundraisers including: Mr. Sticky's Sticky Buns and Little Caesar Pizza Kits.

"FBLA, along with Key Club, will take part in the AIDS walk..."

Coughlin High School FBLA

This year, the Coughlin FBLA has yet again been gearing up for a busy, but great year. We kicked it off by encouraging new students to join FBLA at the freshmen orientation which was held a week before the start of school. Many students signed up and once school began, more students came out to join the club. Member registration began and each student had to sell one box of candy. The money from this fund-raiser will help finance many of the FBLA's activities, donations, and future trips. On October 6, 2005, the Coughlin FBLA organized the Regional Officer's Dinner at the Waterfront in Wilkes-Barre. Since our very own Jason Woloski is the Regional President and Katie Juskiwicz is the Regional Secretary, they were able to help put together this great event. The night was a success, and it was a great opportunity for the officers

from our region to meet each other and talk about future regional FBLA activities.

On Sunday, October 9, 2005, the Coughlin FBLA, along with the Key Club, will take part in the AIDS Walk at Kirby Walk. This walk is a memorial to Christopher Robinson who was an AIDS patient. He dedicated his life to educate others about this disease, and the walk will be held in his honor. Each FBLA member participating in this walk will try to get sponsors to donate money, and the money will benefit the AIDS Foundation.

The FBLA is also participating in another charitable event. Members will hold a Halloween Bake Sale on October 31 to help raise money for the McGlynn Learning Center in Wilkes-Barre. This center is run by Sister Miriam Stadulis, and it is a place for underprivileged kids to learn and have

fun. Many students from our district's elementary schools attend this center. By raising money through the bake sale, the FBLA members hope to pay for supplies such as calculators, backpacks, umbrellas, and notebooks for the children at the Learning Center.

The Coughlin FBLA is having a great start so far this year. We hope to continue with our success and achieve a lot more things, and we hope all the other FBLA chapters have a great year as well. We are looking forward to future events and plan on making many accomplishments. All of the members of the FBLA are working very hard and we are sure that this year will be a great one.



CHS FBLA Officers at Freshman Orientation

Northeastern Chapter



The Northeastern Chapter of Region 6 has gotten off to a great start! To open the 2005-2006 school year, our local chapter decided to host an event call "Relief from Katrina and the Waves." In order to raise money for the Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Fund, our high school continuously played "Walking on Sunshine" by Katrina and the Waves. The more money individuals would donate, the less the song

was played. The Northeastern School District was extremely successful in raising \$9,218.80 to donate to the American Red Cross for this cause.

Our chapter is also preparing to hold our first Adopt-A-Highway of the year on October 19. It is one of our several community service projects planned for this year.

On November 9, Northeastern will host the Region 6 Regional Leadership

Workshop. Students will cycle through three workshops pertaining to the American Heart Association, Overcoming Communication Barriers, and a presentation by Consolidated School of Business.

Our chapter advisers, officer team, and members are excited for the many new events and opportunities and are looking forward to a great year for Northeastern and Pennsylvania FBLA.

Hatboro Horsham

Hatboro Horsham FBLA is off to a great start this year. So far we have held two club meetings and numerous officer meetings. We have a group of eight students set to hone their leadership at Penn State, and a few more ready for the NFLC in Pittsburg. Our club will soon be participating in a local Juvenile Diabetes Walk-A-Thon on October 30 and is on its way to

a great fund-raising year with Acme receipt collections. We are currently selling our annual Halloween Grams. They are sour skull pops that which students can have delivered to their friends on Halloween. Our members sell them during lunches and at our School Store for \$.75 or 3 for \$2.00. In addition to the Acme receipts and Halloween Grams, our club is pre-

paring for our largest annual fundraiser, Breakfast with Santa. Here we allow parents to bring in their children for a fun-filled morning of Christmas related activities. The children do crafts, make balloon animals, have breakfast, and among other things, get to see Santa.



Pleasant Valley FBLA

As soon as the devastation in Louisiana became known, Pleasant Valley FBLA sprang into action. On Wednesday, September 7, 2005, FBLA members visited every classroom in the 2,000-student high school and solicited flat donations. Many students were incredibly generous, offering cash or bags of change. Next, on Friday, September 9, several of Pleasant Valley FBLA's officers manned

the entrance to the first home football game with their yellow collection buckets. As lines formed to get into the game, the attendees opened their hearts and wallets for their fellow Americans in the South. Finally, on Saturday, September 10, more than a dozen PV FBLA members turned out for a car wash. It was wet, wild, and fun, raising yet more for the American Red Cross's Hurricane Re-

lief Fund. At times, cars lined up across the front of the school, waiting for their vehicles' turn to be washed, and many patrons, hearing the cause, gave hefty tips. Overall, Pleasant Valley FBLA's week-long efforts raising \$2,620.51 for the American Red Cross, to be sent to help relieve the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina.

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Stroudsburg High School



With PA FBLA's 1st Vice President, Azeem Khan, leading the way, Stroudsburg FBLA has started off on the right foot. After our initial membership drive in August, September, and October, our chapter's membership has exceeded last year's total

of 203. With all of these new members, we have been able to dive into several fundraising efforts for the state charity, the American Heart Association.

In addition to continuing last year's fundraiser of selling our custom made "Stroudsburg" Liztech lapel pins, we have added a few new fundraisers. This year our chapter will be selling Pampered Chef kitchen appliance merchandise. We have also scheduled coin drops at our local grocery store and have scheduled dates for setting up a gift-wrapping booth at our local shopping mall for around the holidays. Also, in November, we hold our own Christmas wreath sale.

Not only is our chapter busy fundraising, but we have also been busy

preparing for the State Leadership Conference at Penn State and for the National Fall Leadership Conference in Pittsburgh. Stroudsburg will be sending delegations to each of these conferences, in addition to our local Regional Leadership Workshop. With a strong, experienced officer team and an active group of members, we anticipate lots of success for Stroudsburg FBLA in the upcoming months!

Springdale High School

Recently, the Springdale High School FBLA collected women suits to kickoff the first service project of the year. Our chapter participated in the Dress for Success Pittsburgh Clothing Drive on October 15 at the Pittsburgh Mills

Mall. The clothing drive was to help support women in making a transition into the workforce. The women suits, collected from the drive, were transferred to a place in downtown Pittsburgh. Women, who are in need of

business attire, are able to schedule an appointment and receive a full outfit of professional attire. Springdale High School's first service project was a great success.

Marion Center FBLA

Members of Marion Center filling a "Heart-Smart" basket for this year's SLW

The 2005-06 FBLA year at Marion Center actually started in July when the chapter hosted a summer blood mobile. Fall recruitment brought 74 members into the organization. At the first meeting, the following officers were elected to lead the club through the year's planned activities: President Brianna Robertson, Vice President Whitney Mottorn, Corresponding Secretary Tabitha Yagle, Recording Secretary Mandy Golec, Treasurer Rachel Chichy, and Reporter Hannah Sweet. Mandy will serve as president of Region 3 and Rachel as secretary.

Officers meet every other Wednesday to plan the semi-monthly Wednesday meetings which, because of the size of the group, are held in the high school

auditorium.

FBLA represented itself strongly during the school's October homecoming. All chapter members signed a banner created by Niki Nanni and Rachel Chichy. They chaired a committee



of members who carried the banner while marching in the Homecoming parade. In addition, senior member Sabrina Winslow was crowned spirit queen during the pep assembly and senior member Dan Fleming was selected as Homecoming King at the football game half time.

Three officers, Whitney,

Mandy, and Rachel, attended the SLW at the Penn Stater in October. Members at large who accompanied them were Angela Blystone, Aimee Kemp, Niki Nanni, Amanda Rogerson, and Chelsie Taylor.

Vice President Whitney Mottorn organized the annual fall blood mobile as her graduation project, the chapter had representation at the Region 3 Fall Leadership Workshop on Monday,

November 21, and President Brianna Robertson coordinated with school administration to schedule a December reading day for the elementary schools in the District.

Fund raising projects are being planned in anticipation of the spring trip to Washington, DC, Baltimore, and Annapolis.

Littlestown FBLA

As fall deepens and the leaves begin to display their seasonal beauty, the Littlestown chapter of FBLA prepares to kick the year into high gear.

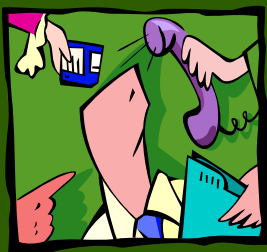
The State Leadership Workshop fast approaches, and the eight members planning to go can scarcely contain their excitement. Littlestown is sending three more students than they sent last year. The eager students hope to absorb all they can from the workshops and look forward to hearing this year's keynote speaker.

Another event approaching with the holidays is our annual Christmas Basket Auction. Last year, with a total of 28 baskets, our chapter raised \$1,035 for the Special Olympics. Baskets for the auction are donated from organizations within the school, local companies and various high school classes. Our basket auction committee oversees the auction. Elected chairperson, Kacie McMaster, has big plans for this year's auction and looks forward to the basket auction season.

Littlestown FBLA is also celebrating the advancement of one of their pioneer members,

Brandon Null, who has appointed to a national level committee position. Last year Null served on the state executive committee as the Central District Vice President. Brandon, our current chapter president, is now a part of the Government Awareness Committee. The Littlestown chapter wishes him the best of luck and much more success in the future.

With eager minds and good intentions the Littlestown Chapter has big plans for this year in FBLA. Newly elected officers and loyal members look forward to making this year both memorable and fun.



Waynesboro FBLA



The Waynesboro FBLA chapter has done numerous things this year. To kick off the year, our chapter handled the paperwork for the teachers in the district to order magazines. August 27 we had our annual fund-raiser which was a huge success. Every year, we have a spaghetti dinner held at the local Elks Club.

We had loads of help and sold over 400 tickets. Another fund-raiser we have is a Bonus Book sale. Each member is asked to sell Bonus Books to help pay for their dues. Finally, our region had a Basket Auction where proceeds will go to the American Heart Association.

On October 3, members of our chapter went to the Regional Workshop in Central Penn. Waynesboro is also sending eight members to the State Workshop on October 23-24. We also have 30 members going to the National Workshop in Pittsburgh.

Our chapter has 108 members, the most members the Waynesboro chapter has ever had. We've completely re-

done our school store, which sells common school supplies and fun knick-knacks. It has a very colorful, vivid, and appealing look to it all thanks to Brittany Koll. Brittany is our school store VP and essentially takes care of anything related to the store and more. She came in during the summer and devoted hours to helping make the store look great.

We've accomplished a lot in the few months that we've been active as a chapter in school. We have big plans for the future and look forward to serving the community this year.

Peters Township FBLA

This November, the Peters Township High School FBLA will be ending two of its major fundraising events; the annual Teacher Costume Madness and the Sarris Candy Sale. In the following month, December, the group will start the yearly Candy Gram Sale. This event is a week-long sale of candy canes that students personalize with a message and may send to a friend or 'special someone.' The money raised in this event will be

(donated to the American Heart Association our PAFBLA State Project). The Future Business Leaders of America is hoping for successful fundraising to create more opportunities to give service.

In addition to fundraising efforts, the group will be reaching out to the community by sponsoring a special social event for the residents of Manor Care, a local nursing home. The FBLA will or-

ganize a Thanksgiving dinner to create an opportunity for the residents of the nursing home to enjoy a wonderful dinner, play games, win prizes, and interact with students. Students are now planning for this Care and Share Thanksgiving Dinner on November 12, 2005.

Spring Cove FBLA

Central FBLA and Central SADD sponsored a Penny War to benefit the survivors of Hurricane Katrina. The goals of this project were to develop feelings of empathy, compassion, and citizenship. At the end of the Penny War, the sophomores edged out the seniors by a mere \$3.70. The winning grade received a pizza

party sponsored by local businesses.

All proceeds from the Penny War benefited the American Red Cross. With the cooperation of all students, staff, and teachers, a total of \$1707.60 was raised.

Students learned that they do have the power to make a difference!



Bishop Canevin FBLA



With only a few weeks of school under our belt, the Bishop Canevin chapter of FBLA is already in full swing. Led by newly elected officers, this year promises to be yet another successful one for our chapter. New chapter officers include Sarah Bobby as president,

Michael Midgely as vice president, Erin Kelly as secretary, Patricia Kaczmarek as treasurer, Maria Martin as community service coordinator, and Gabrielle Langmann as reporter. Bishop Canevin students also lead Region 10 of PA FBLA, with Meghan Stubblebine as region president, Erin Kelly as region secretary, and Christina Rosati as region treasurer.

Bishop Canevin was honored with a national award this past year at the Na-

tional Leadership Conference. We received 2nd place in the Eastern District Market Share Award. Despite Bishop Canevin's small size during the last school year, we had 120 students actively participating in the FBLA organization. One of our goals this year is to expand our FBLA chapter by recruiting many new members from the freshman class.

Fundraising plans for the 2005-2006 PA FBLA state project, the American Heart Association, are already in the works. We plan to host a dodgeball tournament, an event that met great success last year. Also, our chapter officers have decided to bring back the Dance Marathon, an all-night dance-a-thon which, in past years, has brought in thousands of dollars for the FBLA state project. This

will take place in early December.

As in past years, Bishop Canevin will be hosting the Region 10 Leadership Conference in January 2006. Representatives from our chapter will be attending the Regional Leadership Workshop at Keystone Oaks High School and the State Leadership Workshop in State College, PA from October 23 to October 25. Seven of our students will be representing Bishop Canevin at this workshop. We also plan to send many competitors to the State Leadership Conference in its new locale, Hershey, PA.

Stay tuned for more FBLA happenings at Bishop Canevin during this busy and promising new school year!

Pine Grove FBLA

The Pine Grove FBLA has had a great start to the 2005-2006 school year. We have gained many new members, and our officers are very helpful and excited to start all the activities planned for this year.

To begin our year, we did several activities. We started this year by sending letters before school started to each of the freshmen to inform them about what FBLA is all about. Many of them came to check it out at our first meeting. To start the year off with some fun, the social committee planned an

outing to the Outback mini-golf center. The group that went had a terrific time and look forward to the next planned outing. We also did our first community service activity to beautify our school. We planted some mums outside our school, in of course, our school colors. They truly add a great pizzazz to our school.

Our homecoming weekend just came and zoomed by. We had to have our homecoming carnival inside our elementary gym due to the rain, but the fun was not dampened. The FBLA provided a "Dart Throw to Pop the Balloon" stand and we made a profit of over \$100, of which will be donated to the American

Heart Association. During the weekend we also had a Chicken Barbeque to help with membership dues that proved to also be very successful.

The members are looking forward to what the upcoming has planned. We will start to plan for our regional conference and the officers are planning to attend the SLW. All are looking forward to each of the activities.

All the members at PGAHS are looking forward to a great year of fun, getting to know each other, and a successful year for the Pine Grove FBLA.

Western Wayne FBLA

Seventeen members of Western Wayne High School's Future Business Leaders of America chapter (FBLA) were among the nearly 6,000 members and advisers who recently attended the organization's annual National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Leading the largest Pennsylvania delegation to ever attend an NLC was junior Emily Butler, the Pennsylvania FBLA Vice President-at-Large. Throughout the conference, Emily had numerous responsibilities including serving as a local voting delegate, attending informative workshops, and continuing to plan the program of work for Pennsylvania for the upcoming year.

In addition to Emily, seven members were recognized for their outstanding performances in the national competitive events program.

Recent graduates Erika Batzel, Wendy Hollendonner, and Jordan Osecki placed third in the Multimedia Presentation team event. Using text, audio, video and graphics, the students prepared a four-minute slide presentation according to a specific topic which was given in advance. New to this competition this year was an oral

presentation in which the students had to explain how they developed their theme, designed their program and incorporated the various media into their presentation. Only the top 15 teams were eligible to participate in the oral part of the competition. All three students began their college careers at Bucknell, Clarion and Drexel Universities, respectively.



Sophomore Mitchell Vitovsky received fourth-place honors in the FBLA Principles & Procedures event—an event in which the competitor needs to know everything there is about FBLA including its history, programs, competitive events program, etc.

Anna Sawyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sawyer, captured a fifth-place award in the Public Speaking I event. In this event, each participant delivered an original speech of 4 minutes to a panel of judges

and spectators.

A sixth-place award in the Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure was won by Matt Vitovsky, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Vitovsky, Waymart; and Cassidy Clauss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Clauss, Lake Ariel, captured a seventh-place award in the same event. In all, Pennsylvania FBLA received 33 total awards. The Western Wayne chapter captured more awards than any other chapter in Pennsylvania.

The Western Wayne chapter also received the Gold Seal Award of Merit, the highest award a chapter can receive on the national level. This is the 26th consecutive year that WW FBLA has received this award.

Other members who competed at the national level were Nathan Gillow and Jeff Gruber, Accounting I; Jaymes Fairfax-Columbo, Business Procedures; and Brent Hollendonner and Mitchell Vitovsky, FBLA Principles & Procedures.

Also attending the conference were Dennis Beck, Veronica Clauss, Sarah Davis, Samantha Greenwood and Edward Howell.

Accompanying the students to the conference were chapter adviser, Fran Vitovsky, and guidance secretary, Mrs. Nancy Hollister.

Chestnut Ridge FBLA

The Chestnut Ridge Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America spent the summer touring local attractions.

The chapter toured the Historic Bedford Springs Hotel to learn about Bedford County's history and economic redevelopment. The hotel has been a part of the town's history since the 1800s and has hosted many U.S. presidents. Since falling into disrepair, the hotel has faced numerous obstacles and owners. The chapter was invited by Senator Jubilier's office to tour the business and learn about recent economic redevelopment plans.

The members and advisers toured the

historic building and grounds, learned about the property's historical value,



and examined the obstacles faced by the current property owner. In the weeks following the tour, the announcement was made confirming the

implementation of the redevelopment.

Members participating included Brandon Leonard, Leandra Eckman, Joey Bischof, former member Jessie Mitchell, Jennifer Hoover, and Matt Claar.

Members and advisers also visited the Flight 93 Memorial and the Quecreek Rescuers' Memorial to pay tribute to the heroes of both events. FBLA members who participated in the tour included Kat Lynerd, Joey Bischof, Matt Claar, Brandon Leonard, Brady Schade, Leandra Eckman, Jennifer Hoover, and former member Jessie Mitchell. Advisers who attended were Melissa McDonald and Mary Lou Smith.

05-06 State Officer Team



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