

KHS dominates at FBLA conference

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Debra Hipes, a teacher at Kaiserslautern High School and president of the board of advisers for Future Business Leaders of America-Europe, took 16 KHS students to the annual FBLA State Leadership Conference to compete in a variety of events, and much to her credit, every student who participated and competed brought home a medal.

In total, KHS brought home 37 medals, 19 of which were first place gold medals.

Brittany Lorish and Jana Cain, who were on the FBLA state board, also played key roles helping organize the entire conference.

The annual leadership conference, which is held at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, fosters the development of basic business skills. It will help students interested in studying business succeed in college and future careers.

The competitive events range from individual skills, such as public speaking, business ethics and interviewing, to larger team events, such as developing a business plan and the Virtual Business Challenge.

Bringing home the most medals for KHS was Jessica Fry and Danielle Holland with five medals,



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Kaiserslautern High School's Future Business Leaders of America team poses for a photo.

followed by Joey Giorgi with four medals. The honor of most first prize medals went to Chris Jastrab and Danielle Holland, who brought home three gold medals.

FBLA is open to all KHS students. Participating students attend meetings, fundraise, participate in club activities and, of course, prepare for the annual state leadership conference.

KMS students win big at FBLA conference

Kaiserslautern Middle School students recently returned from the 2011 Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference, held at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, wearing smiles and carrying awards.

KMS students were the dominant middle school in awards. The 22 students walked away with 18 awards in business and community ventures. In total, 220 middle and high school students throughout Europe attended the conference and 57 middle school students from six campuses competed in the more than 50 contests conducted, ranging from accounting to public speaking.

Here is a list of the KMS winners: Nicholas Tremaglio, first place, middle school business English; Dakota Galley, second place, middle school business English; Tristan Walker, first place, middle school business math; Jason Lomsdal, second place, middle school business math; Tyler Bernard, first place, middle school business ethics; Dakota Galley, first place, middle school business ethics; Dakota Galley, Tyler Bernard, Cyera Sanchez and Ana Walker, first place, middle school community service project; Reshan Fudul, Tierra Penn, Meghan Ries and McKenna Roden, third place, middle school community service project; Ana Walker, third place, middle school FBLA creed; Natalia McFadden, second place, middle school public speaking; Tristan Walker, second place, middle school spelling; and Latoni Atuhaamago, third place, middle school spelling. The KMS adviser was Iris Abbott, business enterprise teacher.

Across the U.S., more than 250,000 students, educators and professionals are members of FBLA, assisting students to prepare for a business career. Jim Straka, a para-educator at the school, served as the conference's keynote



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Kaiserslautern Middle School Future Business Leaders of America members pose together for a photo during the 2011 Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe FBLA State Leadership Conference, held at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.

speaker. A former Disney marketing manager, Mr. Straka spoke to the students using the Disney concept of "DREAM:" Dedication, Responsibility, Education, Attitude and Motivation. He also spoke to them about the use of technology in business.

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