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ALABAMA'S FBLA-PBL STUDENTS EARN MORE THAN 15 DIFFERENT TOP-TEN AWARDS AT NATIONAL CONTEST IN FLORIDA

Montgomery, Ala. – This summer, 250 Alabama high school students, college students, and their teachers traveled to Orlando, Florida, to participate in exciting national competitions and advanced leadership workshops at the *2011 Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL) National Leadership Conference*. Since its founding in 1942, FBLA-PBL has dedicated its efforts to preparing students for successful business-related careers.

“We had over 100 students representing our state in the national competitions this year,” says State FBLA-PBL Adviser, Lisa Weeks. “This event was such an exciting opportunity for our students. They participated in exciting leadership workshops, showcased their skills, and networked with peers from across the country. To compete at the national competition, students *had to first win at the state level*. Nearly 3,000 students from across the country advanced to the national competition.”

Examples of some of the competitions held this year are Business Communication, Computer Concepts, Cyber Security, Digital Video Production, Hospitality Management, Job Interview, and Sports Management. *Alabama's 2011 national award winners are:*

- **Haleyville High School** - Elizabeth Tyson (Public Speaking 2 – *Finalist*)
- **Lincoln High School** – Darrin Lett (FBLA Outstanding Adviser)
- **Sylacauga High School** - Maya Williams (Public Speaking 1 – *First Place*)
- **Sylacauga High School** - Shannon House (Business Ethics – *Tenth Place*)
- **Sylacauga High School** - Tyler Razer (Business Ethics – *Tenth Place*)
- **Sylacauga High School** - Melissa Huynh (Introduction to Business Communication – *Third Place*)
- **Sylacauga High School** - Chelsey Woods (Digital Design and Promotion – *Eleventh Place*)
- **Sylacauga High School** - Shannon House (Digital Design and Promotion – *Eleventh Place*)
- **Sylacauga High School** - Keshia James (Who's Who Competition)
- **Pell City High School** - Alex Hartley (Job Interview – *Finalist*)
- **University of North Alabama** - Christopher Wendt (Financial Analysis and Decision Making – *First Place*)

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- **University of North Alabama** - Joshua Butler (Management Concepts – *Seventh Place*)
- **University of North Alabama** - Donna Yancey (PBL Outstanding Advisor)
- **Lawson State (Birmingham)** - Faron Young (Management Analysis and Decision Making – *Second Place*)
- **Lawson State (Birmingham)** - Breona Jackson and Terrick Pugh (Business Ethics – *Tenth Place*)
- **Lawson State (Birmingham)** - Hawkins, Jackson, Peagler, and Walton (Parliamentary Procedure – *Ninth Place*)
- **Lawson State (Birmingham)** - Waleda Young (Sales Presentation – *Tenth Place*)
- **Lawson State (Birmingham)** - Darrelyn Walton (Who's Who Competition)
- **Lawson State (Birmingham)** - Faron Young (Digital Video Production – *Seventh Place*)
- **Lawson State (Birmingham)** - Michela Paige, Dequita Reeves, and Walidah Young (Free Enterprise Project – *Ninth Place*)
- **Southern Union** - Suzanne Kloss (Business Communication – *Ninth Place*)
- **Southern Union** - Alicia Gants, Noey Gragg, and Susanne Kloss (Business Decision Making – *Eighth Place*)
- **Southern Union** - Noey Gregg (Sports Management – *Ninth Place*)

Also this year, Alabama had over 130 students to earn the prestigious national FBLA-PBL *Business Achievement Award*. This special award focuses on student leadership and academic success.

Alabama's career and technical education (CTE) programs offer students opportunities to participate in seven different student organizations including FBLA-PBL. Currently, *two out of every three high school students* in Alabama participates in CTE programs.

There are more than 250,000 FBLA-PBL members in chapters throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. **Alabama has one of the largest memberships in America, with over 14,000 members.**

To learn more about Alabama's FBLA-PBL organization, contact State Adviser, Lisa Weeks, at (334) 242-9109, or visit the national FBLA-PBL website, www.FBLA.org.

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