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## WELCOME BACK, COLORADO FBLA!

Hello Colorado FBLA!

My name is Makynna Hollis, and I am the 2022-2023 Colorado FBLA State President. I would like to thank everyone who made this past year, our first year back from the pandemic, an amazing one. We were able to see in person events and conferences once again, including our first in person state conference after two years online. Colorado FBLA proved that the passion and excitement we have for our outstanding organization is stronger than ever.



The Colorado State Officer Team has been hard at work preparing and planning for the upcoming year. Our Program of Work includes goals to improve on items from previous years as well as new ones to make this year even better. A few of our plans for the year include promoting classroom activities, increasing recognition and advocacy, and highlighting the wide span of opportunities that FBLA provides for our members. This is just a small glimpse of what Colorado FBLA has in store for the next year. For more details you can visit the Colorado FBLA website to view our full Program of Work. An easy way to keep up with all things Colorado FBLA is to follow of us on any of our social media platforms: Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, and TikTok for reminders, updates, and announcements throughout the year.

I am beyond grateful for the opportunity to serve this organization that has offered me so much throughout the years. I look forward to meeting as many members and advisers as possible as I am very excited to see what this year has to hold for everyone! Please feel free to contact me or any of the other state officers throughout the year. Good luck to everyone; I hope this year is everything you want to it to be!

*Makynna Hollis*

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Colorado FBLA State President

## MEET THE 22-23 COLORADO FBLA STATE OFFICER TEAM

### Makynna Hollis- President

Makynna is a senior at Platte Valley High School in Kersey who has been involved in FBLA since eighth grade. She is a second-term state officer that served as the Vice President of Progress last year. Makynna is also involved in FFA, NHS, FCCLA, and 4-H. She enjoys running both indoor and outdoor track, running cross country, and playing softball for Platte Valley. Makynna also shows and raises market goats in Weld County. In her free time, she loves going to the lake, mountains, and concerts. She enjoys spending quality time with her friends and loved ones. Makynna plans to attend college to get her Bachelor of Science in nursing and hopes to one day work in a neonatal intensive care unit. She is beyond excited and grateful to be serving as your state president this year and cannot wait to experience all this year has to offer alongside Colorado FBLA members!

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### Hunter Donovan- Vice President of Service

Hunter is a second-term state officer from Fleming High School. She has been involved in FBLA all four years of high school and was also involved in FBLA-Middle Level. When Hunter is not working on her FBLA duties, you can find her competing in livestock judging, volunteering at her local thrift store, or spending time with her family and friends. Hunter is also involved in FFA, National Honor Society, Knowledge Bowl, 4-H, and yearbook. In the future, she hopes to continue her educational career and hopefully do livestock judging at the collegiate level. After college, Hunter plans to become an environmental or social justice lawyer or be elected to serve in the National House of Representatives.

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### Samantha Packard- Vice President of Education

Samantha is currently a senior at Chatfield Senior High School and is involved in her fourth year of FBLA and her school's National Honors Society where she does community service and tutoring for underclassmen. Some of Samantha's interests include guitar, piano, creative writing, the study of languages, long-distance running, Marvel movies, The Hobbit, and painting. She can often be found playing badminton with her two brothers or on the trails with her Husky, Nanuk. In the future, Samantha hopes to further her education with a degree in Business Management and Leadership as well as International Commerce. Her childhood dream is to become the CEO of Disney.

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## Kyndal Richards- Vice President of Progress

Kyndal is a junior at Idalia High School. She is involved in many things other than FBLA such as NHS, IYCS (Idalia Youth Community Service), FCA, and Student Council. She enjoys playing volleyball for Idalia High School and club volleyball for X-Statix Club. In the spring Kyndal can be found running track and doing pole vault. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, working at the daycare, and working out. She loves traveling and some of her favorite places to go include the mountains, the lake, and Arizona. Kyndal plans to attend a college in Arizona and study human services after high school. She is a very outgoing person and is ready to see what this year brings and to meet and interact with you all!

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## Anushka Udesi - District 2 State Officer

Anushka is a senior at Stargate High School in Thornton. She is the recipient of honors such as attending the Yale Young Global Scholars program and the Wharton Leadership in the Business World Program. As a global citizen, based on her origin and travel experiences, she has the fantastic experience of interacting with people worldwide and building her worldview. In her high school, she is also involved with Red Cross Club, National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, and Mock Trial. This summer she is completing an Internship in her State Governor's office dealing with community engagement and logistics. In her free time, she enjoys staying up to date on social issues as well as listening to music and playing volleyball. She is excited for her second year as a state officer and is honored to serve Colorado FBLA!

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## Samantha Heath - District 3 State Officer

Sam is a junior at a small rural town called Idalia. She is a member of the knowledge bowl team, gifted and talented, National Honors Society, and her local community service club. Sam is also a dual-enrolled student at Morgan Community College. In her free time, she can be found painting, reading, or playing with her dog. Sam can also be found raising cattle on her family farm. In the future, Sam hopes to earn a degree in Marketing and open her own business.

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## Brayden Clark - District 4 State Officer

Brayden (aka Brad) is a senior from Haxtun High School in the Northeastern corner of Colorado. When he's not fulfilling his state officer duties, you can find him managing basketball for the Haxtun Bulldogs, shooting hoops at the local courts with his friends, traveling, shopping, and working in the kitchen at Haxtun Health. He is also involved in Haxtun's FFA chapter, the National Honor Society, Student Council, Class Government, Red Cross Blood Services, and Gifted and Talented. In the future, Brad plans to get a degree in Computer Science to become a software engineer. He is so excited to be serving as the District 4 State Officer.

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## Cooper Druck - District 5 State Officer

Cooper is a rising senior at Cherokee Trail High School in Aurora. He is working towards a career relating to medicine, with an emphasis in research. Within his school, he is also involved in DECA, HOSA, Model United Nations, and Speech and Debate. This summer he was working at an internship on Research of Infectious Disease. In his free time, he enjoys skiing, reading a good book, or keeping up with the rest of the world, whether it be news, music, or the latest TV show. He is looking forward to the coming year and is excited to be able to serve Colorado FBLA!

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## Breanna Wilson - District 7 State Officer

Breanna is from Eads High School. A junior, she is excited to begin her 3rd year in FBLA, taking on her second term as a chapter officer. Outside of Breanna's time spent serving Colorado FBLA, you can find her drawing, reading, writing for her local paper, working at her local grocery store, or spending time with her dogs, cats, and her friends and family. In addition, she is involved in Student Council, National Honor Society, Volleyball, Cheer, GLEE (Great Lunar Expedition for Everyone, a STEM program), and Knowledge Bowl. In the future, she hopes to enter a career in STEM, with her dream school being Stanford. Although, if that doesn't work out, she hopes to go to Colorado School of Mines.

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## Jane Griffin - District 10 State Officer

Jane is a senior at Arapahoe High School in Centennial. At school, she is also involved in National Honor Society, Key Club, DECA, and varsity swimming. In her free time, she can be found reading, knitting, playing the piano, swimming, gardening, or walking in nature. Jane plans to either pursue a degree of applied mathematics or double major in business and psychology. She also hopes to pursue a career in either private equity or industrial-organizational psychology, and eventually apply her FBLA knowledge to start her own business. Jane is eager to serve Colorado FBLA and District 10 and get to know FBLA members across the state and her district!

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## Charitha Kunapuli - District 11 State Officer

Charitha is a senior at Rock Canyon High School which is located in Littleton. In school, she is a member of DECA, UNICEF, Science National Honor Society, Rho Kappa Honor Society, and more. In her free time she enjoys dancing, reading, cooking, doing puzzles, and volunteering at her local library. In the future, she wants to pursue a career involving finance and hopes FBLA can help her in doing so. She is very excited for the upcoming year and cannot wait to make so many memories as an FBLA State Officer!

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### Monthly Newsletter

The Colorado FBLA Today newsletter is going monthly. Show off your chapter and submit FBLA articles to the link below.



[https://form.jotform.com/Colorado\\_FBLA/co-fbla-today-article-submission](https://form.jotform.com/Colorado_FBLA/co-fbla-today-article-submission)

### Upcoming Colorado Events

8/8: Membership Mtg. Virtual (7-8 pm)  
 8/24: Adviser Meeting (Sterling)  
 8/25: Adviser Meeting (Delta)  
 8/26: Adviser Meeting (Durango)  
 8/29: BAM New Teacher Mtg. (Denver)  
 8/30: Adviser Meeting (La Junta)  
 8/31: Adviser Meeting (Colorado Springs)  
 9/1: Adviser Meeting (Denver)  
 9/2: Adviser Meeting (Ft. Collins)  
 9/2: CTSO Leadership Kickoff  
 Registration Deadline  
 9/8: BAM Teacher Back-to-School Meeting, Virtual (3:30-5:30 pm)  
 9/12 or 13: CTSO Leadership Kickoff  
 9/19: Membership Meeting, Virtual (7-8 pm)  
 9/20: Adviser Q&A, Virtual (4-5 pm)  
 9/22: Business of Baseball, Coors Field  
 9/30: Summer Starter Deadline  
 9/30: Business Battle Reg. Deadline  
 9/30: Peak **Leaderboard** Submission