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STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Colorado FBLA!

I am pleased to welcome you to the 2023-2024 membership year! I am Madinatou Kouanda, and I will be serving as your State President. Your involvement in FBLA demonstrates your commitment to excellence. I hope you are inspired to become a leader and are prepared to make a positive change!

One of my favorite things about FBLA is that it offers something for everyone, whether you are interested in business fundamentals, technology, or healthcare. Our shared passion for service, education, and progress cultivates a diverse community of individuals ready for growth. To foster learning from one another and to build a strong network, I am excited to introduce our theme for this year: **Connect for Success**.

To facilitate connections, you will have various opportunities to interact with and learn from fellow members. These opportunities start with our monthly membership meetings where, each month, we will be hosting an interactive and informative session focused on a specific topic. The first meeting, aimed at tackling chapter recruitment, will be on August 28th. Additionally, on October 20th, we will be hosting the Colorado Fall Leadership Conference. This conference will provide you with an opportunity to enhance your leadership skills through comprehensive workshops. And, of course, there will be opportunities to compete and network at our District, State, and National leadership conferences!

In commitment to your success, our state officer team developed a program of work over the summer, aimed at making this a memorable year. Our major goals include providing leadership lessons, networking support, and community outreach toolkits. These are just a few highlights of our plans. You can find a more detailed version on the Colorado FBLA website. Please also look out for leadership opportunities provided by Colorado FBLA and the National Association. Whether it's applying for a district officer position, joining the President's Council, or a National Officer Council, these experiences will provide valuable learning opportunities and propel your success as a leader.

If you ever need any assistance throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact our state officer team. We are here to support you and are always available to help. Let's make this a memorable year, inspire one another, and cultivate a vibrant FBLA community in Colorado, because together, we achieve.

Sincerely,



Madinatou Kouanda
Colorado FBLA State President



MEET *THE* STATE TEAM 2023-24



Madinatou Kouanda
STATE PRESIDENT

"Colorado FBLA, I am truly honored and humbled to be serving as your state president for this upcoming year. Transitioning into this role, I reflect on my favorite FBLA memory: my first State Leadership Conference. Attending my first SLC, surrounded by motivated and like-minded members, empowered me to embark on a growth journey. Throughout this year, my goal is to embody the inspiration aspect of the FBLA mission by fostering a stronger sense of community within our state and cultivating pride in our brand to inspire fellow members. A little bit more about me: I am originally from Burkina Faso, a country in West Africa, and have been living in Aurora since I was 8. I love listening to K-pop and Afrobeats, and in my spare time, I enjoy watching documentaries. I currently attend Vista Peak Preparatory, and apart from FBLA, I am actively involved in Policy Debate and serve on the Colorado State Youth Council. As a senior, attending college is a major goal of mine, and I plan to pursue a degree in business administration.

I look forward to this wonderful year full of potential and to connecting with all of you!"

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Samantha Heath
VP OF SERVICE


"Hi everyone and welcome to another exciting year with Colorado FBLA! My name is Samantha Heath and I am serving as your Vice President of Service this year. I am currently a senior at Idalia High School and planning to continue my education at Oklahoma State University with a focus in marketing. In my free time I enjoy playing with my dog, hanging out with friends, working on my family ranch, or embracing my creative side. I am involved in the National Honor Society at my school, 4-H, and the Colorado Gifted and Talented Student Board. Some of my favorite things are Kendrick Lamar, Zach Bryan, and Outer Banks. My favorite FBLA memory is from the CTSO Leadership Kickoff last year when the state officer team welcomed everyone in and cheered for them. I am excited to serve each and every one of you and kick off a fun year with you all!"

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Gabriel Hankins
VP OF EDUCATION

"Future Business Leaders of America is an association of promise, opportunity, and growth. I am honored to serve you, Colorado FBLA, as we discover and pursue our passions. As Vice President of Education, I strive to innovate new initiatives and support your ambitions. Most of all It is my personal promise to make this a more than memorable membership year, as we Connect for Success! Attending Vista Peak Preparatory as a junior, I proudly head our enterprise initiatives and FBLA chapter. Outside school, I love spending time with my siblings, listening to Frank Sinatra and Taylor Swift, graphic design, and fixing motors with my dad. I spend Saturday nights playing bingo and eating pineapple pizza. From now until April I will be working to make a better membership experience, because the most moving thing in my life has been joining this organization. Joining a family to laugh, cry, and grow with. More than a state officer, I want to be a friend. Reach out with ANY questions or need for support, and I'll see you soon, Colorado FBLA!"

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Kyndal Richards
VP OF PROGRESS

"Colorado FBLA, I'm thrilled to be your VP of Progress for another year! I hail from Idalia, a small town near the Kansas border. As a senior, I'm ready to tackle volleyball, FBLA, and track. In my free time, you'll find me hanging out with loved ones, traveling, playing sports, and watching All American. I have a passion for the color pink and Stanleys. One of my cherished FBLA memories is organizing last year's SLC conference with my close friends. FBLA has provided me with countless opportunities and connections. Although my favorite event is Job Interview, I'm eager to explore something new this year. Collaborating with a team to achieve outstanding results and create lasting memories is something I truly enjoy. As a people person, I can't wait to meet all of you this year. We have an exciting lineup of activities planned for the 2023-2024 school year, and I'm thrilled to embark on this journey together."

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Yaelyn Chavez
D1 STATE OFFICER

"Hello Colorado FBLA! I'm honored to introduce myself as your new District One State Officer, Yaelyn Chavez. I'm a junior at Roosevelt High School in Johnstown. Growing up with Mexican culture through my parents has given me a unique perspective and appreciation for traditions like quinceaneras and telenovelas. In my free time, I enjoy playing with my maltipoo puppy, Taki. My passion lies in both business and healthcare, and I aim to pursue a career as a healthcare administrator after college. FBLA has been a significant part of my life, and I've competed in Introduction to Event Planning for the past two years. Attending Nationals in Atlanta stands out as a favorite memory. I'm thrilled to represent Colorado FBLA as your District One State Officer and eager to connect with you, listen to your ideas, and receive feedback. Thank you for the opportunity to serve, and I look forward to an amazing year ahead!"

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Jacob Bowen
D2 STATE OFFICER


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"Colorado FBLA, I am looking forward to beginning this year with you. I am honored to lead District 2. I live in Littleton, Colorado, and will be a senior this year. Besides FBLA, I am in Key Club, Bagging for the Homeless club, and a DECA chapter officer. This summer, I interned with Northwestern Mutual and volunteered at Littleton Hospital. In my free time, I hang out with friends and family, travel, and go hiking. My favorite FBLA memory was helping lead the district last year with a wonderful officer team. FBLA has provided me with confidence and opportunities. My event in FBLA is International Business, and I hope to continue competing in that this year. I love communicating with people and making connections, so I am looking forward to meeting all our members. I can't wait to see what the 2023-2024 school year will bring. It will be an amazing experience for us all."



Carley Hase
D3 STATE OFFICER

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"I am honored to be your new District 3 State Officer! I am an incoming junior at Akron High School this year and can't wait to participate in volleyball, pom, golf, FBLA, and FFA! In my free time you will find me spending time with friends and family, going to the lake, and taking care of my three dogs. I have an obsession with participating in FBLA and networking with all of the wonderful members in Colorado. My favorite memory would have to be getting installed as a state officer this year at SLC. The competition you will find me in is Local Chapter Annual Business Report. I have competed in this competition for the last two years, both years qualifying for Nationals, and have absolutely loved it! I am so excited to meet you all and cannot wait to kick off the year. The 2023-2024 state officer team has so many new things in store for you! I hope to meet you soon and good luck in all of your FBLA endeavors!"



Ben Kleve
D4 STATE OFFICER

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"Colorado FBLA, I'm thrilled to have the chance to give back to an organization that has given me so much. I'm honored to serve as the 2023-2024 District 4 State Officer. I hail from Holyoke, a small town near Nebraska, and I'm deeply involved in various activities like Golf, Track, FFA, Theater, and, most importantly, FBLA. In FBLA, I've achieved the first three levels of the BAA's and participated in Introduction to Business Concepts at NLC for two years. During my downtime, you'll find me playing golf, spending time with cattle, or simply taking a nap. Nature and music are my obsessions. My favorite FBLA memory is making new friends at NLC and forming lifelong connections over the past year. Our officer team has exciting plans for the coming year, and I'm grateful to serve alongside such amazing individuals. I can't wait to dive right into this membership year with all of you!"



Amy Gao
D5 STATE OFFICER

"Colorado FBLA, what a journey lies ahead. We're here to develop our sixth sense for business and be part of an enthusiastic community. The entrepreneurial journey is captivating, offering a customized learning experience beyond typical high school courses. As a junior at Cherry Creek High, I'm proud to have placed in finals at Nationals in Parliamentary Procedure during my FBLA journey. Change is inevitable, but one thing remains clear: FBLA will always be a home, a place to make things happen through conferences, networking, and volunteering. Personally, with valuable FBLA experiences and confidence, I've interned at a poverty-focused NGO, served as Vice President of UNICEF, and represented Vice President Olympic International on the National Board for synchronized swimming. These experiences have strengthened my passion for poverty alleviation and fueled my thirst for diverse experiences. Today, I'm excited to share my insights and aspirations with you all as we explore endless possibilities in business and entrepreneurship in 2023-2024."

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Naisha Naik
D6 STATE OFFICER

"Colorado FBLA I am so honored to serve as your District 6 State Officer. I'm going into my senior year at Discovery Canyon Campus in Colorado Springs. Aside from FBLA you can find me in clubs like DECA, No Place For Hate, and Speech and Debate. During the summer I intern at USAFA, but when I'm not working I love to go on hikes, boba runs, and watch movies with my friends. I also love to listen to music, and will listen to anything and everything. My favorite FBLA memory was getting to attend NLC in Chicago in 2022. I had an amazing time competing and networking with people there. I am so excited to serve all of you and see what the 2023-2024 year has in store for all of us in Colorado FBLA!"


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Brisa Zubia
D7 STATE OFFICER

"Colorado FBLA, I am beyond delighted and eager to serve as the new District 7 State Officer. I will be starting my senior year at Granada High School. Alongside FBLA, you can find me participating in volleyball, NHS, and FCA. In my free time, I enjoy being with my family, friends, and the people I love the most. You may also catch me playing tennis from time to time, although I am still practicing and not the best at it. Additionally, I work part-time at Walmart. One of my favorite FBLA memories was being installed as the District 7 State Officer at the 2023 State Leadership Conference. This moment will play a significant role in my FBLA journey and turning my dream into a reality. The 2023-2024 state officer team has bonded well, and we are excited to share our plans with everyone. I am eager to give back to this organization as it has provided for me. I look forward to creating great memories and forming valuable connections along the way."

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KayleeAnn Martinez
D8 STATE OFFICER

"Colorado FBLA, I would like to start off by saying just how thankful I am to be serving as the District 8 State Officer this year. I come from a small town just 30 minutes away from the Great Sand Dunes National Park called Hooper. I am a current senior at Sargent High School who is eager to continue my passions in track, cross country, FFA, 4H, and most importantly, FBLA. In my free time, you're most likely to see me with friends and family, watching movies, playing with my dogs, reading, coloring, and even working with my pigs or my rabbit. I am excited to be able to meet all of you and have a great year in FBLA."

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Brailey Angelovich
D9 STATE OFFICER

"Hello, Colorado FBLA! I'm Brailey Angelovich, your 2023-2024 District 9 State Officer. As a senior representing the western slope region, I'm grateful for the chance to dedicate my final year of high school to this role. Coming from North Fork High School in Hotchkiss, a rural agricultural town, running for state office was unexpected, but it has truly transformed my life. My goal this year is to unite chapters statewide and inspire individuals to embrace life-changing opportunities. I firmly believe that with determination, you can accomplish anything you set your mind to. Remember, success is defined by you alone. Embrace your uniqueness, never cease striving, and surpass your own expectations. You possess the ability to turn your dreams into reality. As Bryant Collier once said, "Introduce yourself to the space!"

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Kaylin Trent
D11 STATE OFFICER

"I am excited to serve as your District 11 State Officer for Colorado FBLA. I will be a senior at Rock Canyon High School. Not only am I a member of FBLA, but also DECA. I work two jobs and enjoy weightlifting and spending time with friends. I love dancing around and maintaining a positive attitude. However, above all else, I value getting a good night of sleep. My favorite FBLA memory was the State Leadership Conference that took place this year. I had a lot of fun spending time with my chapter and going through the state officer process. I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to meet new people and I believe that 2023-2024 will be a fantastic year for Colorado FBLA!"

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Introducing Colorado FBLA's new state theme: **Connect for Success!** Emphasizing collaboration, networking, and the power of meaningful connections, this theme pushes members to thrive together. Through service, education, and progress, we'll bridge gaps and unlock limitless possibilities.

Why Infinity?

With an unwavering commitment to growth and exploration, we aim to exceed expectations and redefine what is possible in the world of business. Infinity represents our limitless potential to make a lasting impact on the future.

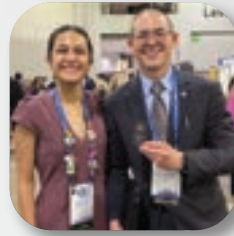
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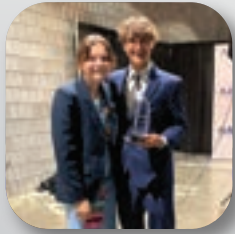
Annabelle Rusco

Annabelle Rusco received her star member award at Nationals as a Capstone Finalist, previous middle level champion in Community Service Project, and a former District 1 Officer! Congratulations to Roosevelt High School and Annabelle!



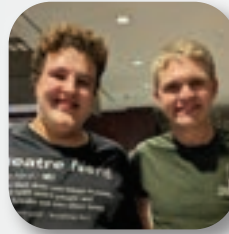
Richard Bosch

Meet Richard Bosch, a student from Liberty Common High School. He was chosen as a star member because of his enthusiasm and passion for FBLA at the National Leadership Conference. Congratulations, Richard!



Trevor Rund

Trevor Rund was selected for a star member award because of his vital participation in coordinating the 2022 District 9 DLC, as well as his recent state championship and ninth placement at NLC in Help Desk. Congratulations to Trevor Rund from Palisade High School!



Brayden Sasse

Brayden Sasse received a star member award for his dedication to Colorado FBLA. He has served on the selection committee twice and raised \$1000 for March of Dimes. Not to mention is also setting up an FBLA Collegiate chapter at Front Range Community College. Congratulations to Brayden Sasse from Valley High School!



Aug. 1st - Sept. 28th

SUMMER STARTER 1700 Points

Focuses on chapter building and membership strategy. Summer Starter tasks are designed to help chapters set the foundation for a successful membership year including: election chapter officers, developing a student-led program of work, setting goals, and mapping out the year.

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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Join the state officer team this 28th, and every month after for insight on new initiatives, conferences, and chapter management!

This month our team is taking a dive at chapter recruitment, making sure you kick off the 2023-24 membership year in full swing!

[Meeting Link](#) ➔

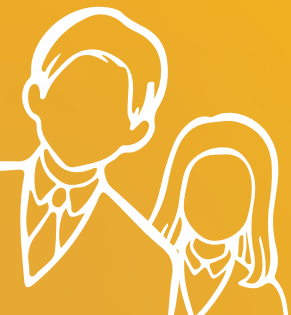
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2023 National Leadership Conference

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