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Lynden High School FBLA Take Top Honors at State

Local FBLA Members Qualify for National Competition

Spokane, WA— April 19-22, 2023 — Lynden High School’s Future Business Leaders of America chapter won four statewide honors at the Washington FBLA State Conference in Spokane on Saturday, including 2023 Outstanding Local Chapter of the Year. In addition to taking the prize as the top chapter in the state, Lynden FBLA won Gold Seal honors, second place in Community Service Project category, and first place in the Local Chapter Annual Business Report competition.

“It’s rare to see a small chapter go to state and win top honors against larger chapters which exceed 200+ members,” said Jody Bogues, FBLA Advisor and Teacher at Lynden High School. “Lynden High School chapter’s president, Cooper Graddon, and vice-president, Mason Namminga, led the way with outstanding passion, dedication, and compassion.”

“These amazing students work to make Lynden a better community every day,” said Bryan Miller, LHS Teacher and Advisor to the Lynden Lions’ FBLA group. “Over the past two years, their community service projects have helped some of the most vulnerable people in our community—senior citizens and young children in need.”

Gold Seal & Outstanding Chapter Honors

The Lynden FBLA chapter made it a priority to work towards earning the recognition of being a Champion Chapter. This is a national competition in which FBLA members are given a huge list of activities to plan, execute, record, reflect on, and submit evidence of completion. They started in August of 2022 with fundraising, officer training, and community service

planning--to name a few projects--and continued until they competed this last weekend at The Davenport Grand Hotel in Spokane. Lynden was one of ten high schools recognized for their Champion Chapter work in their respective communities. Of these ten exceptional chapters, Lynden FBLA was awarded the top prize as Outstanding Local Chapter of the Year for Washington State for exceeding the criteria for every metric tracked by FBLA.

Next Up: Nationals in Atlanta, Georgia

Lynden High School FBLA is now preparing for the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, in June—if they can raise funds to pay for it. The cost per person for the trip to nationals in Atlanta is approximately \$2800. Lynden FBLA plans to present their award-winning presentations to local groups to help fundraise for the opportunity to represent Lynden at FBLA Nationals.

If your organization would like to support this team and have them speak to your group, please feel free to reach out to advisor, Jody Bogues.

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