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Passing the gavel to
Brad Andreassen

"The Only Thing That Is Constant Is Change -" — Heraclitus

As educators we know the above statement cannot be truer. Change is evident as we continue to work towards creating enhanced learning and engaging environments for our students. In order to accomplish this we must be accepting of change.

"Plan to be better tomorrow than today, but don't plan to be finished." - Carol Ann Tomlinson

With change comes learning. Learning new teaching strategies, methods, and tools along with remaining current within your field is essential. Educators need to take advantage of learning opportunities made available to them. The annual Nebraska Career Education Conference is one of the best state conferences to attend in addition to the ACTE Region V Conference and ACTE CareerTech VISION 2013. Your continued professional development will allow you to provide the best education to your students.

"Do not confine your children to your own learning, for they were born in another time." - Chinese Proverb

We often ask our students to get out of their comfort zones, expand their horizons and take risks. As educators we need to do the same. Additional tools to use in the classroom can be learned by attending conferences such as the Great Plains Google Summit, NETA Conference, NNNC Summer Tech Institute, and a variety of other conferences across the state.

"The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn. - Alvin Toffler

Curriculum continues to be updated with new standards and programs of study. Attend the discipline specific workshops offered by the state department in the fall. The educational service units across the state provide a wealth of information, trainings, and any assistance that you ask of them. Keep yourself informed of changes within your discipline area and education in general.

Individual commitment to a group effort-that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." - Vince Lombardi

Thank you for your continued membership in ACTE and ACTEN. I challenge you in the next year to encourage a non-member colleague to join and become more active. Recognize your strengths and interests and identify how they can benefit the organization. By utilizing the strengths of all our members we can become a stronger and more effective organization. Both at the state and national level, many voices are stronger than one voice. Thank you for your leadership and dedication and I wish you a successful 2013-2014 school year!

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Big Changes in the ACTE & ACTEN Awards Programs for 2014

ACTE has made several changes to the awards structure and application procedures. These changes will go into effect beginning January 1, 2014. ACTEN's awards program follows ACTE's program as closely as possible, so these changes will affect ACTEN members who apply for one of the 2014 ACTEN Awards, as well as our 2013 award winners who are eligible to compete for a Region V award next spring. More information on how these changes will affect the ACTEN award program will be shared with ACTEN members as we learn more from ACTE and we begin to integrate their changes to our state awards program.

Some of the changes to ACTE Awards include:

- * The Outstanding Career and Technical Educator Award has been divided into two awards, one for postsecondary teachers and the other for administrators.
- * The Outstanding Teacher in Community Service Award will be combined with the Carl Perkins Community Service Award. ACTE's Task Force found that those two awards overlapped, so they were combined as a member award. In 2014, the ACTE Carl Perkins Community Service Award will be open to all members, not just teachers.
- * The Lifetime Achievement Award was moved to the Member Awards, since it is open only to members. ACTE will ask for nominations for this award to come from the states in 2014. Because this award is new to many at the state level, ACTE will accept any number of completed nominations that are received from each state by March 1, 2014. States will not need to judge this award at the state level in 2014. In subsequent years' competitions, ACTE will only accept one nomination from each state.

The ACTE Image Awards (formerly the Nominated Awards) have also been transformed. Nominees for these awards compete at the national level only and winners are selected by the ACTE Awards Committee and approved by the ACTE Board of Directors.

The new application guidelines have been simplified and should give candidates more flexibility on how to express their qualifications for their award. New Criteria: All member award candidates will be scored based on (a) accomplishments and innovations that exhibit the quality of the candidate for the award and (b) contributions to the CTE community (can include activities within their institutions, communities, ACTE and other organizations). Sections A-D have been removed and replaced with: Letter of Introduction (to provide a brief background/bio of the candidate - 350 words maximum) and Support Information (where the candidate can assert their qualifications for the award as they align with the criteria - 1,000 words maximum).

The biggest change is that on January 1, 2014, ACTE is adopting a new online application process. In the new process, candidates will complete and submit their applications on the new ACTE Awards Portal. The awards portal is a stand-alone website where candidates will enter their applications directly into the website. A link to the portal will be available on the ACTE website. Candidates will first select the award for which they are applying and then select their state. Next they will be instructed to create an account, after which they will be taken to the online application. Applicants will be able to save their applications and return to the portal to continue working at any time until the March 1st deadline. Completed applications that have been submitted will not need to be resubmitted for any other stage of competition.

State award administrators will also have access to the awards portal. Administrators will be able to view and keep track of applications throughout the application process and will assign judges (awards committee members) once the deadline of March 1st has passed. Ronita Jacobsen and Lila Kulwicki will serve as award administrators for Nebraska. Judges will score applications based on a built-in rubric. After the judges have scored all applications, the administrators will assess the scores and promote the winners of the state round on to the regional round of competition.

2013 ACTEN Election Results

Thank you to everyone who voted in the 2013 ACTEN election. Paul Hans was elected to serve as president elect and DeLayne Havlovic was reelected to serve as treasurer. Kathryn Ballobin (administration), Cheryl Gustafson (family and consumer sciences education) and Kelly Christensen (trade and industrial education) were reelected to represent their disciplines. Debra Ziegler was elected to represent the health science technology education discipline and Dave Gee was elected to represent the engineering and technology education discipline.

On September 30th, the ACTEN Board will bid farewell to Jason Speck (past president), Mike Rogers (engineering and technology education representative) and Stacia Weaver (health science technology education discipline). Thank you to each of these valued members for their service to ACTE of Nebraska.

Important Election Update

After NCE Conference we learned that Paul Hans changed schools and had taken on an administrative position at Roncalli Catholic High School in Omaha. Paul informed the ACTEN Board that he would not be able to serve as ACTEN president elect due to his new position and responsibilities. We wish Paul the very best in his new position.

The ACTEN Board contacted Kelly Means and asked if she would be interested in serving as ACTEN's president elect. Kelly accepted the position and the ACTEN Board approved her appointment to the position by electronic ballot. Kelly is the Business Marketing Technology Department Head and Technology Facilitator at Omaha Central High School. She recently finished her term as treasurer of the Nebraska State Business Educators Association. We are pleased to welcome Kelly to the ACTEN Board of Directors.

ACTEN Welcomes New and Returning Members:

Agriculture Education

Ashton Bohling
Bill Chase
Jon Cogdill
Makayla Coufal
Tanner Dunbar
Shane Hennessy
Maile Ilac Boeder
Brandon Grosserode
Kelsie Heusinger
Sam Jensen
Bailey Kobs
Tyler Lay
Morgan Meyer
Maribeth Moore
Dan Mowinkel
Tim Negley
Jill Peterson
Anthony Rahe
Channing Reha
Brad Schott
Kristine Spath
Jamie Stark
Kylie Sweeter
Erik Wilson
Kristin Witte
Anita Wollenburg

Family and Consumer Sciences

Charlene Arens
Carol Eilers
Patricia Kassmeier
Bethanie Miller
Samantha Koehler-Overtton
Tamara Nelson
Kate Pittack
Karen Schardt
Kristin Skorupa
Connie Weiss

Alicia Hoffman (student)
Mckenzie Mortensen (student)

Business Education

Susan Yelinek

Marketing Education

Kari Tunink

Trade and Industrial Education

Joshua Hogrefe

Mark your calendar for the
Nebraska Career Education Conference
June 3-5, 2014, in Kearney, NE!



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2013 ACTEN Assembly of Delegates

ACTEN Assembly of Delegates took place on June 5, 2013, at Younes Conference Center in Kearney, Nebraska. The minutes from last year's meeting and the financial report were approved. Nominations Committee Chair, Jason Speck, announced the results of the 2013 election. Nominations for delegates to represent ACTEN at the 2013 ACTE Assembly of Delegates were accepted and votes cast. In addition to ACTEN President Brad Andreasen, DeLayne Havlovic and Dave Gee will serve as delegates and Cheryl Timm was elected alternate delegate. Rich Katt provided a written report on activities at the Nebraska Department of Education for the delegate folders. Committee chairpersons reported. Budget committee chair, DeLayne Havlovic, gave an overview of the proposed budget for 2013-14 and the budget was approved.

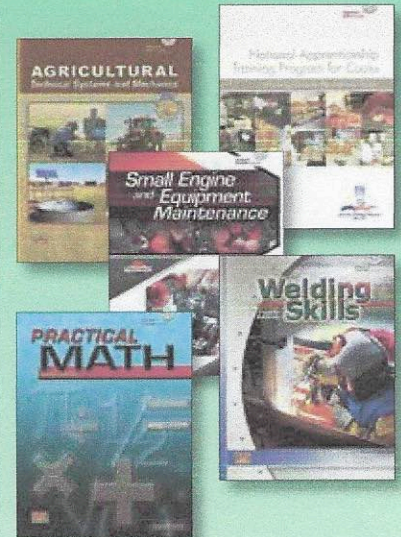
ACTEN was fortunate to have ACTE Past President James Comer in attendance for NCE Conference this year. Mr. Comer was invited to speak at the board meeting and at Assembly of Delegates. He gave an update on activities at ACTE and he spoke about the benefits he has experienced as an ACTE leader. He encouraged members to actively participate in the organization at the state, regional and national levels. Mr. Comer also presented the 2013 Region V Publications Award plaque to Ronita Jacobsen, editor for the issue that won.

President Ronita Jacobsen passed the gavel to Brad Andreasen. Brad shared that he is looking forward to increasing his involvement with ACTEN. He encouraged everyone to enjoy the conference.



James Comer and Ronita Jacobsen

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48 NEBRASKA BUSINESS TEACHERS RECOGNIZED



Forty-eight Nebraska business teachers were recognized by the Nebraska Department of Education at the Nebraska Career Education Conference held June 5, 2013 in Kearney.

Teachers whose professional activities influenced business and marketing education in Nebraska during the past year received BEST — Belong, Excel, Study and Travel — Awards for their involvement in professional associations, community and school activities, professional leadership development and service to the business education profession.

BEST awards exemplify superior qualities, including dedication to students, community outreach and continual classroom improvement efforts. The following individuals contributed significantly to the quality of education in their community and the state:

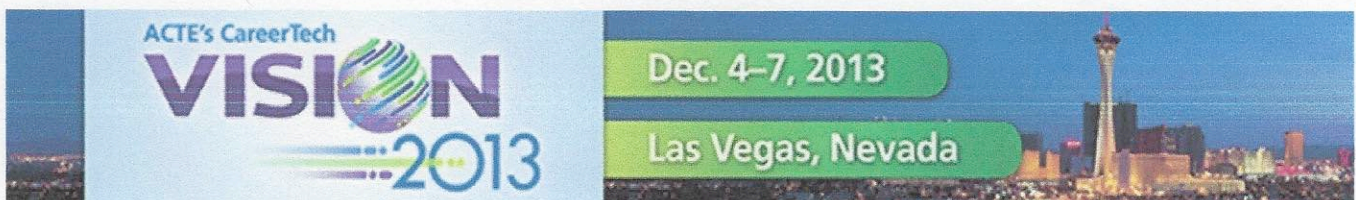
- * 20-year award winners: Celeste Rogers, Sandhills High School and Janet Stalder, McCook Community College
- * 10-year award winner: Lori Anderson of Lincoln East High School, Colleen Lenners of Omaha Central High School and Pat Olson of Blair High School
- * First-year award recipients: Jay Dalton, Omaha Burke High School, Brent Jarosz, Norfolk High School, and Kari Tunink, Columbus High School

Additional award recipients:

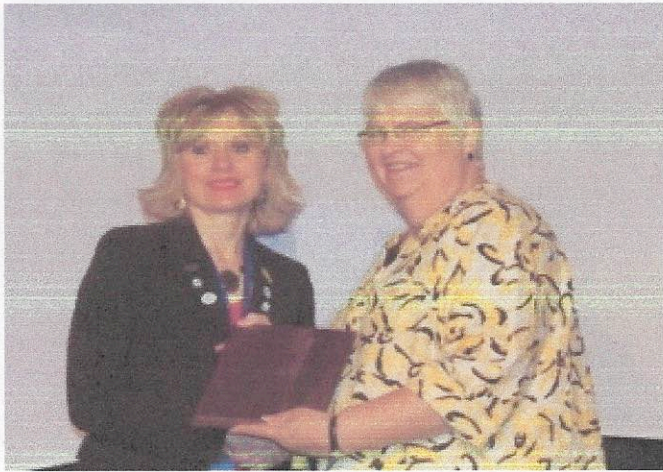
Carol Andringa of Lincoln Public Schools
 Janice Arent of Maywood High School
 Crystal Bolamperti of Westside Middle School
 Brenda Budler of Chadron High School
 Colleen Childers of Lincoln Northeast High School
 Angie Chittick of North Platte Community College
 Jean Condon of North Platte Community College
 Kathy Dobesh of Litchfield High School
 Teresa Feick of Arlington High School
 Lisa Fox of Dundy County Stratton High School
 Dawn Friedrich of Wausa
 Kris Gaebel of Gretna High School
 Tennille Gifford of Kearney High School
 Lori Harding of Wakefield High School
 DeLayne Havlovic of Omaha Public Schools
 Shawna Koger of Arlington High School
 Dennis Krejci of Tri County High School
 Janet Lear of University of Nebraska at Kearney
 Kathleen McCune of Mid-Plains Community College
 Shawn McInay of Bennington High School

Matt Maw of Lincoln Southeast High School
 Kelly Means of Omaha Central High School
 Shelly Mowinkel of Milford High School
 Lorrie Mowry of McCook Community College
 Mickie Mueller of Norfolk High School
 Laura Newton of Elkhorn Valley High School
 Lisa Newton-Hanson of Neligh-Oakdale High School
 Cathy Nutt of Mid-Plains Community College
 Jan Osborn of Sargent Public Schools
 Peggy Parker of Dundy County Stratton High School
 Kim Pickering of UN-L Extension
 Sheryl Piening Keller of Southeast Community College
 in Milford
 Wanda Samson of Metropolitan Community College
 Ramona Schoenrock of Columbus High School
 Kurk Shrader of Elmwood-Murdock High School
 Janelle Stansberry of Cedar Bluffs High School
 Debra Stroh of Gibbon High School
 Cindy Talley of Fillmore Central High School
 Lindsay Tillinghast of Lincoln Southeast High School
 Deb Wolken of Lincoln Northeast High School

Perry Edwards of PKL Software was recognized as providing financial support for the BEST pins, certificates and recognition gifts.



Congratulations to our 2013 ACTEN Award Recipients



President Ronita Jacobsen (on left) presents the Outstanding Member Award to Cheryl Gustafson.



President Ronita Jacobsen presents the Outstanding Teacher in Community Service Award to Kathleen Kennedy.



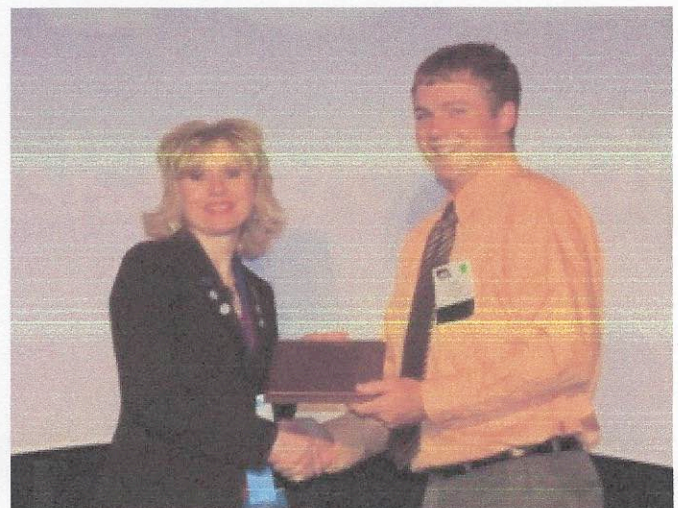
President Ronita Jacobsen presents the 2013 Teacher of the Year Award to Outstanding Business Education Teacher, Lori Anderson.



President Ronita Jacobsen presents the Outstanding Family and Consumer Sciences Education Teacher Award to Cathy Kloch.



President Ronita Jacobsen presents the Outstanding Trade and Industrial Education Teacher Award to Scott Kneifl.



President Ronita Jacobsen presents the Outstanding New Career and Technical Education Teacher Award to Jon Lechtenberg.

Career Education Foundation of Nebraska 2013 Scholarship Recipients



Brenna Wakeley, a recent graduate of Lyons-Decatur Northeast High School, received an Outstanding Secondary Career and Technical Education Student award. CEFN has provided a \$1,000 scholarship for Brenna to continue her career and technical education at Wayne State College where she will pursue her goal to become a radiographer.



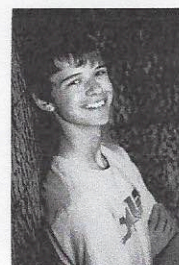
Sally Moore, a recent graduate of Fillmore Central High School, received an Outstanding Secondary Career and Technical Education Student award. CEFN has provided a \$1,000 scholarship for Sally to attend Creighton University to pursue a degree and major in bio-chemistry.



Shandra Rooney, a recent graduate of Ponca Public School, received the Outstanding Secondary Special Populations Career and Technical Education Student award. CEFN has provided a \$1,000 scholarship for Shandra to continue her career and technical education at Wayne State College, where she will pursue a degree in special education.



Justin Dorcey, a recent graduate of Wakefield Community School, received this year's Teacher of the Year scholarship. This scholarship was given in recognition of Kathleen Mitchell, family and consumer sciences teacher and FCCLA adviser at Wakefield Community School, and ACTE of Nebraska's Teacher of the Year for 2012. CEFN has provided a \$500 scholarship for Justin to continue his career and technical education at Northeast Community College.



Aaron Schaecher, a recent graduate of Battle Creek High School, received this year's New CTE Teacher Scholarship. This scholarship was given in recognition of Ms. Angela Mann, family and consumer sciences teacher and FCCLA adviser at Battle Creek High School, and ACTE of Nebraska's Outstanding New Career and Technical Education Teacher for 2012. CEFN has provided a \$500 scholarship for Aaron to continue his career and technical education at Southeast Community College in Milford.

The Career Education Foundation of Nebraska Board of Directors would like to thank ACTEN members for nominating so many qualified and deserving students for a scholarship this year. The CEFN Board also wants to thank everyone for their support for the CEFN Scholarship Program at Casino Night on June 5th in Kearney. We hope that you had a great time. Thank You!

Nebraska FBLA National Award Winners Named

More than 280 Nebraska students and advisers attended the Future Business Leaders of America National Leadership Conference, June 27-30 in Anaheim, CA. Nebraska FBLA members competed in more than 60 competitive events. More than 8,500 members from 50 states, territories and international chapters attended the conference.

Brent Comstock from Auburn High School concluded his term as a national officer where he served as vice president of the nine-state Mountain Plains Region.

Alex Raun of Minden High School was selected to sing the national anthem at the opening session.

Nebraska's Top Ten award winners are:

First Place

Meghan Schildt and Aaron Steckly of Milford High School, Digital Design and Promotion
Trevor Sorensen of Minden High School, Future Business Leader

Second Place

Megan Goesch of West Boyd High School, Database Design and Applications
Sally Moore of Fillmore Central High School, Future Business Leader
Bryant Grimminger of Raymond Central High School, Impromptu Speaking
Cody McCain of Tri County High School, Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure
Amy Chen of Gibbon High School, Dylan Steinkruger of Minden High School, Julia Oestman of Johnson-Brock High School and Mason Holmes of Chase County High School, Parliamentary Procedure

Third Place

Beth Koca of Fillmore Central High School, Accounting II
Michael Forsman of Aurora High School, Desktop Application Programming
Sydney Stadler of Minden High School, E-business
Alex Raun of Minden High School, Electronic Career Portfolio
Katie Ruth of Adams Central High School, Public Speaking I
Gary Ritnour and Jordan Steffen of Elmwood-Murdock High School, Web Site Design

Fourth Place

Allison Braun of Heartland High School, Business Law
Eve Vanderneck of Heartland High School, Word Processing I

Fifth Place

Trevor Lockman and Lindsay Oehlerking of Elmwood-Murdock High School, Partnership with Business

Sixth Place

Abby Cerveny of Aurora High School, Client Service
Lauren Bowman, Cody Brown and Tyler Jones of Elmwood-Murdock High School, Emerging Business Issues

Seventh Place

Zach Goltz, Elizabeth Sanderson and Danielle Titus of Aurora High School, Business Ethics

Eighth Place

Ashli Soukup of Meridian High School, Computer Applications

Ninth Place

Cole Ashby, Emily Braun and Seth Fosket of Aurora High School, Entrepreneurship
Anabelle Abisset and Margo Wilwerding of Westside High School, Marketing

Tenth Place

Samantha Teten of Johnson-Brock High School, FBLA Principles and Procedures
Eric Le and Elizabeth Peterson of Lincoln Southwest High School, Global Business
Justin Aaberg of Stanton High School, Hospitality Management
Paul Weber of Cedar Bluffs High School, Technology Concepts
Rebekah Larson of Heartland High School, Word Processing I

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FBLA National Award Winners, continued from pg 8

Top 15 Finalists

Akshay Rajagopal and Kevin Jia of Lincoln East High School, Banking and Financial Systems
Callie Hensel, Miranda Keeler and Sam Scamfer of Bellevue East High School, Community Service Project
Maggie Grosshans and Alex Schneider of Aurora High School, Digital Video Production
Myan Bhoopalam and Tianye Chen of Lincoln East High School, Global Business
Curtis Karel of Johnson-Brock High School, Help Desk
Elizabeth Milliken, Grant Siekman and Tyler Stansberry of Bennington High School, Marketing
Bill Spilker of Tri County High School, Web Site Design

LifeSmarts Pilot Event

Trevor Koger and Blake Bracht of Arlington High School, sixth place

National Business Achievement Awards—America Level (top award in this four-level program)

Jake Albracht of Arlington High School
Julie Slama of Auburn High School
Tate Jensen of Dundy County Stratton High School
Collin Sears of Kearney High School Trevor Sorensen of Minden High School Taylor Marten of Sandhills High School Kalee Fike of Sandy Creek High School
Kaitlyn Watermeier of Syracuse High School
Jared Knust and Bill Spilker of Tri County High School

Mountain Plains Region Business Achievement Award Scholarship

Collin Sears of Kearney High School

National Recognition Event Winners

Sally Moore of Fillmore Central High School and Brent Comstock of Auburn High School, Who's Who in FBLA
Julie Jensen of Aurora High School, Nebraska Outstanding Chapter Adviser

Adviser Wall of Fame Recognition

Dennis Krejci of Tri County High School
Susan Seeman of Stanton High School

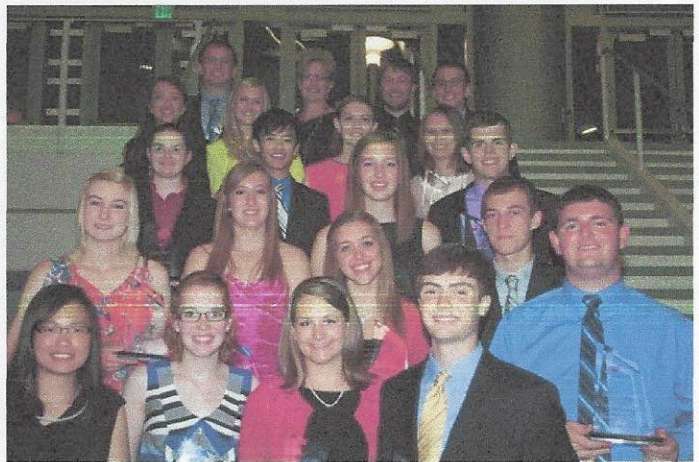
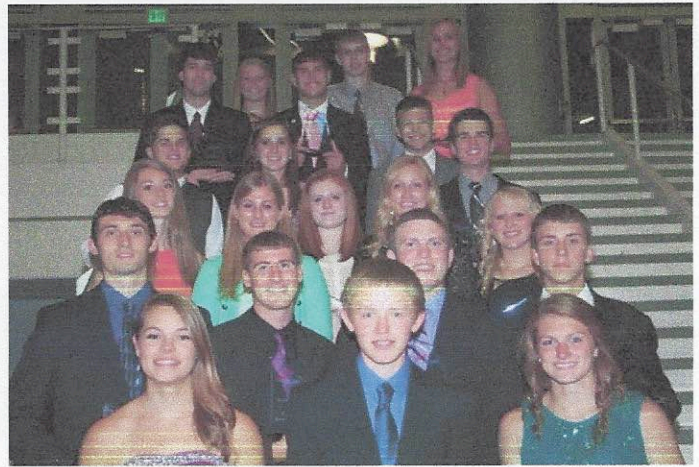
Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit Recipients

Arlington High School, Aurora High School, Bellevue West High School, Blair High School, Centura High School, Chadron High School, Dundy County Stratton High School, Elmwood-Murdock High School, Fillmore Central High School, Gibbon High School, Johnson-Brock High School, Kearney High School, Lakeview High School, Litchfield High School, Lyons-Decatur High School, Minden High School, Raymond Central High School, Sandhills High School, Syracuse High School, Tri County High School and Twin River High School

Outstanding Chapter Award Recipients

Blair High School, Dundy County Stratton High School, Fillmore Central High School, Elmwood-Murdock High School, Johnson-Brock High School, Kearney High School and Raymond Central High School

FBLA Award Winners



Congratulations to all!