Students Ignite Innovation
UNL students receive top honors at PBL national conference

Fourteen UNL students attended the FBLA-PBL National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Anaheim, California from June 22-25 and took home a total of eleven awards.

Future Business Leaders of America – Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL), the largest and oldest student business organization, is a nonprofit education association with a quarter million members and advisors in 12,000 chartered middle school, high school, and college chapters worldwide. Its mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. Students from around the nation attended NLC and spent four days attending workshops and competing in over 50 different competitive events. UNL FBLA-PBL made a strong showing and did not come home empty handed. Award winners include:

Individual Event Award Winners -
• Sierra Koehler, sophomore International Business and Economics major from Minnetonka, Minn. - 6th in Business Presentation
• Brandon Starosck, senior Political Science and History major from DeWitt, Neb. - 5th in Cyber Security
• Amy Chin, sophomore Economics and Political Science major from Columbus, Neb. - 1st in Computer Applications
• Brooke Sullivan, senior Management and Psychology major from Lincoln, Neb. – 3rd in Computer Applications
• Daniel Kistler, senior Finance and Accounting major from Grand Island, Neb. – 4th in Financial Concepts
• Kevin Thor, junior Management, Leadership, and Communications major from Stanton, Neb. – 8th in Public Speaking
• Tiffany Mewes-Dunn, senior International Business and Psychology major from Wymore, Neb. - 5th in Justice Administration

Team Event Award Winners -
• Kistler and Tyler Wellman, junior Finance and Accounting major from Syracuse, Neb. - 1st in Financial Services
• Wellman and Chin – 8th in Emerging Business Issues
• Mewes-Dunn, Sullivan, and Marilyn Buresh, recent Management graduate from Lincoln, Neb. - 8th in Human Resource Management
• Buresh and Tosha Skinner, junior Management major from Hay Springs, Neb. – 9th in Business Ethics

Josiah Hood, junior International Business and Finance major from Bellevue, Neb., Lacey Uden, sophomore Agribusiness major from Juniata, Neb., Jena Gangwish, junior Nutrition and Exercise Science major from Hastings, Neb., and Ronicka Fairchild, Business Administration graduate
from Omaha, Neb. were also in attendance and participated in competitive events. The UNL PBL chapter is looking forward to continued success this upcoming year with the hopes of sending even more members to NLC 2014 to be held in Nashville, Tenn. For more information regarding UNL PBL, visit huskerpbl.org.