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HEADLINE: CPS Students Qualify for FBLA State Competition

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, Feb. 18, 2020 — Future Business Leaders of America District 6 Leadership Competition was held on Friday, February 7, 2020, in Moberly, MO. More than 465 students from 22 school districts competed in the competition including members from Battle, Hickman, and Columbia Area Career Center (Rock Bridge) FBLA chapters. The FBLA advisers are Mr. Sawyer Wade, Mr. David Cochrane, Ms. Kristi Deneke and Ms. Crystal Oetting, Mr. Jeff Cochran and Ms. Sandy Morrow.

The following students placed first in their performance event or placed in the top five for their objective test event at the district level which qualifies them to advance to compete at the State Leadership Competition on April 19-21, 2020 in Springfield, Missouri.

Battle High School Chapter
Advertising
Mina Chen - 1st Place

Publication Design
Savannah Bridgeford - 1st Place

Hickman High School Chapter
Digital Video Production
Liam Hogan & Ethan Jones – 1st Place

Graphic Design
Sophie Kovalenko, Christina Sherman & Avery Throckmorton - 1st Place

Marketing
Sophie Kovalenko & Avery Throckmorton - 1st Place

Business Ethics
Peyton Kiesling & Emma Matteson – 1st Place

Advertising
Elena Seville - 2nd Place

Accounting I
Ajith Chandrasekhar - 5th Place

Columbia Area Career Center Chapter (Rock Bridge High School)
Banking & Financial Systems
Mason Cohen - 1st Place

Business Calculations
Cooper Deneke - 1st Place
Jake Monsees - 3rd Place
Jack Koller - 5th Place

Business Law
Vishnu Arun - 2nd Place

Cyber Security
Phillip Lei - 2nd Place

Entrepreneurship
Mason Cohen, Samaranjay Goyal, Taisheng Li - 1st Place

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Health Care Administration
Jack Koller - 1st Place

Introduction to Business Communication
Maggie Lin - 2nd Place

Introduction to Financial Math
Campbell Deneke - 1st Place
Maggie Lin - 2nd Place

Introduction to Information Technology
Zihao Zhou - 2nd Place

The following students placed in the top 10 in their event at the District level:

Battle High School Chapter
Broadcast Journalism
Kaitlyn Bailey - 4th Place

Hickman High School Chapter
Job Interview
Marissa Kraus - 2nd Place

Impromptu Speaking
Ajith Chandrasekhar - 3rd Place

Entrepreneurship
Ajith Chandrasekhar - 4th Place

Advertising
Allison Keys - 8th Place

Personal Finance
Alexis Bilderback - 8th Place

Journalism
Ella Rogers - 9th Place

Columbia Area Career Center Chapter
(Rock Bridge High School)
Business Ethics
Travis Bassford, Cooper Deneke, Jake Monsees - 2nd Place

Business Law
Caroline Mertens - 9th Place

Computer Problem Solving
Akhil Elagovan - 9th Place

Global Business
Vishnu Arun, Samaranjay Goyal, Taisheng Li - 2nd Place

Graphic Design
Paige Hensley, Em Wakefield - 6th Place

Marketing
Paige Hensley - 5th Place

Publication Design
Gloria Nishimwe - 3rd Place

Sports and Entertainment Management
Travis Bassford - 3rd Place
FBLA-PBL is the largest career student business organization in the world. Each year, FBLA-PBL helps more than 230,000 members prepare for careers in business.

CACC is a part of CPS and serves the community by providing the following education programs to a variety of ages including, but not limited to career and technical education, college preparation, personal enrichment, literacy advancement and workforce development. The vision is to be a national leader in career and technical education. For more information, visit our new and updated website at www.career-center.org.

As a district accredited with distinction by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Columbia Public Schools is a reflection of the community. The vision is to be the best school district in the state, and the mission is to provide an excellent education for all students—from preschool to adult career education.

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