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THE INLAND INSIDER



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OAT DAY RECAP

By: Shaheer Ali

This year we were able to have Officer Advisor Training Day in person and we were all so thrilled. After a two year break due to the pandemic, we were able to provide all of our members with educational workshops that only increased their understanding of what FBLA entails. A huge shoutout to all of the hard workers behind the scenes at Eleanor Roosevelt HS for creating an environment where the Inland Section officer team was able to host OAT Day. OAT Day was a day to remember, as it paved the way for all of our new young officers who aspire to lead and become a Future Business Leader of America.

To start off OAT Day, the Inland Section team performed a fun skit followed by other phenomenal skits from local chapters such as Los Osos's "Minion Mayhem" skit, Santiago's "Ocean of Sharks" skit, Centennial's "Golden Globes", but at the end, one topped the rest: Eleanor Roosevelt's amazing Disney skit! Great job, ERHS. These skits will be remembered by all and hope to serve as a foundation of a new tradition for OAT Day. Schools that attended included Centennial, El Monte, Eleanor Roosevelt, Los Osos, Palm Springs, Ruben S. Ayala, Santiago, South El Monte, Home Gardens Academy, and El Mirage Middle School!

After a memorable opening session, officers and advisers had a chance to participate in several different workshops highlighting the importance of FBLA, Basics 101, Cooperation is "C.O.O.L", and A Guide To: Projects. These workshops highlighted the importance of being engaged, communicating, and taking part in opportunities that enhance your FBLA presence. Other workshops included the business side of FBLA, topics included financial literature presented by Josh Smith from Altura Credit Union this included a guest speaker, Josh Smith from Altura Credit Union, who shared his experience with financial literacy, a grasp of owning businesses through entrepreneurship, and the psychology aspect of business. Lastly officers were able to network with their peers to discuss their role and officer duties in FBLA.

As we headed to the theater for the closing session, many officers were full of laughter, joy, and enthusiasm. The Inland Section team could not have been more proud of how the day had gone by. We would like to thank those who were able to attend OAT Day, especially our host Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Once again, we prove that the Inland Section is the best section in California!



Officers from Palm Spring High School snap a pic in front of the Inland Section backdrop!



Officers enjoy an educational workshop by Josh Smith from Altura Credit Union.

LDI RECAP

By: David Sung



After two virtual Leadership Development Institutes, our California FBLA executive board was able to host an in-person LDI this year in Anaheim, California. Through this two-night, three-day conference, the California State student executive board and several keynote speakers were able to provide a variety of activities ranging from engaging workshops, fun socials, and even an etiquette luncheon for all of the members to participate in. Through all of these activities, members were able to apply the skills they learned and see why California FBLA is the best state in all of America!

LDI opened up with an engaging Battle of the Sections, hosted by Bryan West, an alumnus of California FBLA himself. Students participated in a competitive Kahoot that tested their knowledge of the history of FBLA, marketing, and other specific business topics. In the preliminary round, we were able to see four of our very own Inland Section members in the top 5! After the engaging opening session, members attended a wide variety of workshops with topics ranging from how to take the next steps in FBLA to how personality affects how people lead others. These workshops were hosted by state officers and keynote speakers such as Mr. Bill Cordes. Through these workshops, members learned to step out of their comfort zones and meet new people. Thank you to organizations like YOGOWYPI for giving our members this amazing opportunity to unlock their true potential and Imagine what their future can look like with a growth mindset!

Following the workshop, members were all invited to participate in an etiquette luncheon. Here they learned how to dine to impress in a formal business setting. Members were given lessons on how to stay professional and hands-on training as we were served a delicious multi-course meal. Furthermore, this time gave our members time to network with other peers from different parts of the state and discuss their FBLA chapters and programs. To close off the night the Student state executive board hosted a Saturday Event Social. Members were invited to show off their skills on the court with basketball games, outsmart fellow members through a monopoly tournament, and enjoy other activities and music. Even though the weather forced the social to be moved inside, the members were still able to enjoy a wide variety of activities and forge more relationships with others in the state.



Los Osos HS members rock their light-up glasses as they get ready for the opening session!

The next morning the closing session was held to close off the conference. Here members were recognized for their proficiency in competitive events and heard one last word of encouragement from keynote speaker Mr. Bill Cordes. Here members learned to be vulnerable with others and gain the courage to speak out in front of a large crowd. Overall, this year's LDI was packed from beginning to end with interactive workshops, socials, and opportunities for members to grow. We learned the importance of imagining our future and reaching for the stars in anything that we do. Thank you to all that attended this year's LDI and here's to more conferences in the future!





CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

By: Lorelei Tang

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California FBLA's Inland Section is proud to include over a dozen high-achieving, industrious, and community-involved chapters! Through a series of activities and events ranging from hosting introductory chapter meetings and training their newly selected officers teams, to organizing March of Dimes fundraisers and getting involved in local communities, to attending the California State Leadership Development Institute, our section's chapters have been hard at work to ensure that their members are engaged in all the diverse, interactive aspects FBLA has to offer. Let's take a deeper look into what some of our standout chapters have accomplished so far this year!

CHAMPION CHAPTER

Champion Chapter is the national FBLA recognition program that encourages chapters to complete a series of membership engagement-focused challenges. By completing a variety of activities, chapters can earn points throughout the year. The first section of this nationwide Champion Chapter program, the Summer Starter, lasted from August 1st to September 30. The Summer Starter focused on chapter building and membership strategy by encouraging chapters to complete tasks designed to help set the foundation for a successful membership year. Congratulations to the following Inland Section chapters for completing the Summer Starter! Amazing job to all chapters for their achievements and involvement in FBLA. Keep up the outstanding work!

COMPLETED CHAPTERS:

- Centennial High School
- Diamond Bar High School
- Eleanor Roosevelt High School
- Los Osos High School
- Ruben S Ayala High School
- Santiago High School
- South El Monte High School
- Walnut High School

MIDDLE LEVEL CHAPTERS

One of the California State Program of Work initiatives is to expand FBLA by activating more FBLA Middle Level Chapters. The FBLA Middle Level allows middle school members to engage in FBLA earlier on in their academic journey, providing them with more opportunities to pursue education in the business field, develop leadership skills, and explore future careers before high school.

**Home Gardens
Academy**

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**El Mirage
Middle School**

These middle schoolers have already attended Officer Adviser Training Day, held weekly meetings, and recruited new members! We are looking forward to seeing what is in store for these younger business leaders in the future.





INDIVIDUAL CHAPTERS

Are you curious about what other chapters in the Inland Section have been up to this year? With over a dozen affiliated high school and middle-level chapters, the Inland Section is bustling with leadership activities, business presentations, and member engagement! Please take a moment to read about what these three Inland Section chapters have completed so far and are planning for the future:



PALM SPRINGS HS

Palm Springs's FBLA chapter has recruited 40 members and hosts meetings twice a week! So far, they have attended the Inland Officer Adviser Training (OAT) Day, Leadership Development Institute (LDI), trained a new officer team, and had a t-shirt design contest. In the future, they plan to complete more champion chapter activities, host a March of Dimes (MOD) fundraiser event, offer competitive event workshops, and prepare activities for American Enterprise Day and FBLA week.

At Palm Springs FBLA, "We pride ourselves on being a safe, comfortable place for people to come every week to learn about skills they can use in the workplace and the wider world." – Alexandra Seward, Chapter President

One of the biggest chapters in the nation last year with over 800 registered members, ERHS FBLA has been diligently working within their chapter and around the community! In addition to attending OAT and LDI, Roosevelt FBLA has hosted a community-wide 9/11 ceremony involving local firefighters, police officers, government officials, and school district board members, guest speakers from the City of Eastvale, interschool socials, competitive events workshops, and several other community service events. They have also kickstarted the completion of projects, like Workplace Wellness and the Government Awareness Project (GAP), with over 30+ submissions. They have assembled American Enterprise Day, MOD, Partnership with Business, and Community Service committees and welcomed new officers to their team. As of now, they are preparing for MOD, competitive events, and project workshops. Furthermore, they are planning on completing every section of the Champion Chapter program to earn the Gold Seal again!

Here is one of their pro tips: "We use a google classroom for project submissions, which has been incredibly effective. It's easier to organize and more members complete projects as it shows the assignment actually assigned to them!" – Emily Chen, Communications Director



ELEANOR ROOSEVELT HS



LOS OSOS HS

With a whopping 160 members and weekly officer and member meetings, Los Osos HS FBLA has some impressive stats! They have selected a 20+ person officer team, hosted 1 social, delivered 2 officer presentations at general meetings, hosted 1 guest speaker from the medical field, held 7 general meetings and 8 officer meetings, began 4 committee projects, and more! They trained their officers back in April, participated in OAT Day, attended LDI with their chapter, started writing monthly chapter newsletters, and began preparing for the Inland Section, State, and National Leadership Conferences.

As for future plans, Los Osos is working to prepare monthly fundraisers, weekly study sessions to prepare members for competition, weekly project workdays for Workplace Wellness, all state chapter projects, and BAAs, participation in sponsored educational programs, and 100% completion of Champion Chapter. To achieve these goals, they have developed 6 committees called Partnership with Business, American Enterprise, Community Service, Lead 4 Change, March of Dimes, and Cal-HOSA to involve members in yearlong projects.

The Inland Section is exceptionally proud of these chapters! Hopefully, you can get inspiration from these chapters about potential activities and events to bring back to your FBLA Chapter. For more updates about what our Inland Section chapters are up to throughout the year, keep an eye out for our future Inland Insider newsletters on the CA FBLA website!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

By: Sanaya Rozario

Deadlines:

- Shaping Success Submissions are due on November 10, 2022
- Section Production Test Request and Registration Deadline is on December 16, 2022
- Section Officer Applications are due December 16, 2022.
- Section Registration and Transcript Submission Deadline, Section Prejudged Submission Deadline and Section Production Test Submission Deadline is on January 20, 2023.
- Inland Section Workplace Wellness Project is due on March 23, 2023.
- The Inland Honors Society Project is due on March 24, 2023.

Events & Registration:

- Section Officer Interviews are on January 11, 2023.
- The Inland Section Leadership Conference will be at Los Osos High School on February 11, 2023.
- State Leadership Conference Registration opens on February 27, 2023.
- National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia is from June 26-30, 2023.

INLAND SECTION COUNCIL



Natalie Zhou
11th grade
Diamond Bar HS

Hello Inland Section! My name is Natalie Zhou and I'm so excited to be serving on the Inland Section Council this year. This will be my third year in FBLA, and my favorite FBLA experience so far has been going to Chicago with my chapter members for NLC 2022. Besides FBLA, I'm also involved in Mock Trial and Science Olympiad. One fun fact about me is that I share the same birthday as Taylor Swift. Looking forward to working with all of you this year!



Alexandria Diep
10th grade
Los Osos HS

Hi Inland Section! I'm Alexandria Diep, and on the Inland Section Council this year, I look forward to leading and learning as a chapter representative. FBLA has given me incredible experiences and many new friendships—which I hope to expand upon even further. Meeting and collaborating with new people is my main motivator, especially when working towards a common goal. This includes the whole Inland Section, as I hope to create opportunities that encompass all FBLA members! When I have free time, I like to draw or find new snacks to eat while reading my favorite comics. My aim is to connect with as many new Inland FBLA members as I can; so don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or even just for a conversation!



: Katherine Garcia
Lopez
11th grade
South El Monte HS

Hello Inland Section! My name is Katherine Garcia Lopez, and I am honored to be part of the Inland Section Council and a representative for my chapter this year. I've been a part of FBLA since my sophomore year and allowed the opportunity to create incredible memories and friendships. I hope to provide and share similar experiences with everyone! I am passionate about music, learning and creating art, and watching movies. I am excited to further my FBLA experience and network with others! Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or just want to chat!

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April Delgadillo
10th grade
Palm Springs HS

Hi everyone! I'm very thankful to be my chapter's representative this year. I've been in FBLA since my freshman year, and wow it has been great. Fun experiences, networking with new people, learning amazing things and more don't even cover how wonderful it has been. I look forward to seeing this move forward.

Hello Inland Section! My name is Aarush Kochar and I am honored to serve as a representative for the Inland Section Council! FBLA has taught me so much this past year through my experiences with the Inland Section. I've grown significantly through developing my business and leadership skills, and I'm thrilled to create more memories in the upcoming year. I look forward to contributing to our section, as well as supporting my local chapter in FBLA. Apart from FBLA, I'm passionate about swim and playing guitar. I'm excited to take my FBLA journey further with the Inland Section Council as I meet more people! Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns!



Aarush Kochar
10th grade
Santiago HS



Elena Lin
11th grade
Walnut HS

Hello everyone! I'm Elena Lin and I'm so honored to be a part of the Inland Section representatives this year. The last two years of being in FBLA has brought me so much experience and memories that I would not have gained elsewhere. I was able to meet so many likeminded friends both from my own chapter and the Inland Section, which I hope to continue to expand on this year! My experiences in FBLA has also given me the opportunities to learn more about leadership and become more knowledgeable in the various fields of business. Besides from FBLA, I enjoy both listening to and playing music, or watching shows. I am extremely excited to being a part of the Inland Section Council this year as I continue to build on my experiences in FBLA. Please don't hesitate to ask questions or just chat; I look forward to meeting everyone!

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Emily Wang
10th grade
Eleanor Roosevelt HS

Hello Inland Section! It is an honor to serve on the Inland Section Council for my chapter. FBLA plays a huge role in furthering my skills in communication, growth, being a team player, and most of all, a leader. I truly have a passion for this organization, and through this, I strive to do my best to assist the council team in bringing all of you a memorable and productive FBLA experience.

Hello Inland Section! My name is Clara Nguyen, and I am honored to serve as a chapter representative for the Inland Section Council! I look forward to starting my FBLA experience with a bang as I develop my leadership and business skills through the many events I plan on contributing to. I am incredibly excited to create unforgettable friendships and memories with you all during my FBLA journey! I hope to share my experiences so we can learn and grow together. On top of FBLA, I am very passionate about art, tennis, and music. Please feel free to reach out at any time if you have any questions or would like to talk! I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity, and look forward to working with everyone!



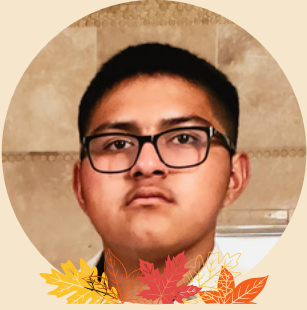
Clara Nguyen
9th grade
Centennial HS



Kevin Tram
10th grade
El Monte HS

Greetings to individuals around the world, my name is Kevin Tram and it is my pleasure to be a representative of the Inland Section Council. These upcoming years will bring the most out of me, in which I would like to use this energy to help support everybody. I hope these upcoming experiences will bring me plenty of knowledge so that I can become a person that creates opportunities. I am an open-minded person which allows me to absorb new perspectives, the reason being that I love reading stories that influence me. Please give me the opportunity to answer all your questions and concerns as I am here to support you.

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Diego Giles
8th grade
Home Gardens
Academy

Hello Inland Section!! My name is Diego Giles, and I am honored to serve as the FBLA president at Home Gardens Academy. I am currently in 8th grade, I am hoping to have great experiences with FBLA this year!!