

## Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

The Ponte Vedra High School Chapter currently has 42 members. Of those members 31 students competed at the District events and 21 have advanced to State Competition in events such as: Accounting 1, Personal Finance, Business Calculations, Business Math, Economics, Impromptu Speaking, Marketing, Sports Management, Word Processing and Computer Applications. Our chapter is currently in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year and we have had state competitors each year with one qualifying for National Competition.

Chapter meetings are held monthly and include guest speakers and volunteer opportunities. Currently we are working on two philanthropic efforts which include sponsoring a Relay for Life team and providing fresh fruit twice a month for Blessings in a Backpack, a non-profit group made up of families in St Johns County. This group provides backpacks of single serving foods to young students who may not have access to food on the weekends.

Students are provided leadership and organizational opportunities through serving as an officer or project leader for the club.

Families of Students are also invited to participate in chapter competitions and award ceremonies allowing the students to be recognized.



Students recruit new members at Club Information Event

## About FBLA-PBL

Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) education association with a quarter million students preparing for careers in business and business-related fields. The association has four divisions:

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) for high school students;

FBLA-Middle Level for junior high, middle, and intermediate school students;

Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) for postsecondary students; and

Professional Division for businesspeople, FBLA-PBL alumni, educators, and parents who support the goals of the association.

FBLA-PBL is headquartered in Reston, Virginia, and organized on local, state, and national levels. Business teachers, advisers, and advisory councils (including school officials, businesspeople, and community representatives) guide local chapters. State advisers and committee members coordinate chapter activities for the national organization.

The FBLA concept was developed in 1937 by Dr. Hamden L. Forkner of Columbia University. The first high school chapter was chartered in Johnson City, Tennessee on February 3, 1942. In 1958, the first PBL collegiate chapter was chartered in Iowa. The Professional Division, originally the Alumni Division, began in 1979. Joining FBLA-PBL in 1994 was the FBLA-Middle Level for students in grades 5-9.

The national board of directors is comprised of local teachers, state educators, business leaders, and the division presidents.



Sabrina Chaker receives 2nd Place District Competition Award for Computer Applications



FBLA President Max Burns awards Kaitlyn Kessler with 1st place ribbon in Impromptu Speaking event.



State Conference