

## Future Business Leaders of America

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### **12,000+ Future Business Leaders Convene for National Leadership Conference to Compete and Network In-Person for the First Time in Three Years**

(Chicago) -- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) has brought together more than 12,000 students and academic advisers to Chicago from 48 states and territories. Students are attending learning sessions with industry leaders, competing in national competitions, and electing a national student officer team. The National Leadership Conference is the culmination of students' hard work over the previous academic year and an opportunity to showcase the skills and knowledge gained in the classroom.

Since 1942, Future Business Leaders of America has helped to support millions of middle school, high school, and college students as they become community-minded business leaders. With 200,000 active student-members across 5,200 chapters in all 50 states, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Canada and China, FBLA is the largest business career and technical student organization (CTSO) in the world.

"Since joining the Future Business Leaders of America in 2019, I have been blown away at the magnitude of talent and drive that FBLA student-members demonstrate every day," says FBLA President and CEO Alexander T. Graham. "From middle school through college, our members truly are the future of leadership in our nation. It is an honor and privilege to contribute to our members' education and success."

Both keynote speakers at the conference are former FBLA members. Brent Comstock, who founded digital consulting agency BCom Solutions "by and for rural America" in 2009, at just 12 years old, spoke to FBLA college students. Christopher Gray, founder of Scholly, an online app that helps aspiring college students find scholarships to cover the cost of college, spoke to FBLA middle and high school students.

"What an incredible four days connecting, competing, and collaborating with some of the brightest leaders here at FBLA's National Leadership Conference, said Jaya Singh, an incoming freshman at Babson College in Wellesley, MA, who just completed her term as the 2021-2022 FBLA High School and Middle Level National President. "Success started here, but it doesn't end at conference. I have learned skills that I will take with me to college and into my career."

"It was an honor to help shape the future of the organization that has given me so much," said André Davis, who is a student at the University of Kansas and just completed his term as the 2021-2022 Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) National President. "Joining this organization has been one of the most rewarding decisions of my life."

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