Meade County High School Future Business Leaders earn top spots at the Regional Competition



The Meade County High School's Future Business Leaders of America Chapter 2145 pose as a group with some of the trophies won at the event.

Submitted By Caroline Jones

The Meade County High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Chapter 2145 went to the Region 3 Competition on March 5, 2025. Thirtyeight members travelled to the Marriott Hotel in Louisville for the regional conference and competition, with many advancing to the State Competition to be held at the Galt House in Louisville on April 14-

Evan Smiley, the new business teacher at the high school, attended the conference this year along with the advisor and business teacher, Michelle Miller. Before the members went to their respective events, they gathered individually with Smiley for a last-minute pep talk and then would find him after their event was complete to tell him how well they competed. Student Caroline Jones who serves as the Chapter Historian had this to say of her mentors, "I

would just like to thank both of our advisors for how much work they put into our chapter and for allowing us to go to the events in our region." Members of the

FBLA team brought home some serious hardware this year! Several students earned a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place finish. The results of the Kentucky Region 3 FBLA Competition are as follows:

Austin Allen -- 1st place -- Financial Statement Analysis

Caroline Jones -- 1st place -- Local Chapter Scrapbook Hardcopy Cooper Johnson -- 1st place -- Introduction to Financial Math Madison Puckett -- 1st place -- Business Com-

munications Carter Adams -- 2nd place -- Job Interview

Austin Allen -- 2nd place -- Local Chapter Newsletter Bristol Collins, Aidan

Ivester, and Jackson Jolly -- 2nd place -- Banking and Financial Systems Lars Garfield -- 2nd place -- Accounting II Joshua Mayberry -- 2nd place -- Local Chapter Annual Business Report

Destiny Farmer -- 3rd Place -- Advertising Kota Sweazy -- 3rd Place -- Organizational Leadership

According to their website, FBLA's mission is to inspire and prepare students to become community-minded business leaders in a global society through relevant career preparation and leadership Kentucky experiences. FBLA is a nonprofit student organization committed to preparing today's students for success in business leadership. With over 75 years of experience, Kentucky FBLA is the premiere organization for student

Congratulations to all the competitors and best of luck at the State Leadership Conference in April. More information about FBLA can be found online at www. kyfbla.org.

Leslie & Donna Stith designate planned gift for Kentucky FFA



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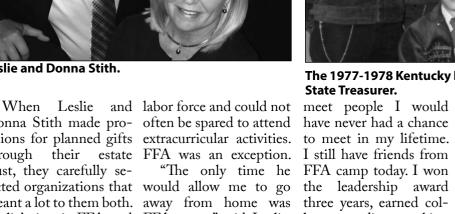
trust, they carefully se-Leslie's time in FFA, and FFA camp," said Leslie. lege credit working specifically at the KY "I couldn't do basketball there for four years – I ing Center (LTC), or dad said there was no that I met at FFA camp.' FFA foundation with

youngest of three broth- to leave the farm - and never forgot how his exers on a large family farm he made the most of it. in Meade County, Leslie was a key part of his dad's opportunity for me to

Donna Stith made pro- often be spared to attend have never had a chance visions for planned gifts extracurricular activities. to meet in my lifetime. through their estate FFA was an exception. I still have friends from

lected organizations that would allow me to go the leadership award meant a lot to them both. away from home was three years, earned col-FFA Leadership Train- or football, because my still have friends today affectionately known as way I'd make a living do-FFA Camp, was trans- ing sports, but I might Kentucky FFA State formative for him. With make a living in agriculthat in mind, he and ture, so I needed to be in-Donna made a designa- volved and learn as much from the University tion for the Kentucky as I possibly could."

the purpose of support- at the KY FFA Leader- Donna, and have a long ing the KY FFA Lead- ship Training Center and successful career ership Training Center. was one of the rare oc-Growing up as the casions when Leslie got



Leslie served as the Treasurer in 1977-78, went on to graduate of Kentucky's College That meant his time of Agriculture, marry with former agribusiness giant Monsanto, but he periences at the KY FFA "FFA camp was an LTC changed his life.

"It was a domino ef-

fect – my first step out into the real world. I continued to use what I learned at FFA camp throughout the years -30-plus years of working with Monsanto, I still

to FFA has followed him throughout his life. He served nine years on the Kentucky FFA Foundation's Board of Trustees, including a term as chairman, where his leadership made a lasting impact.

I was younger to help me be a better person,' he said. "Now it's time for me to give back."



into my career. Even in came across people I had met through FFA camp. Leslie's commitment

"I took every oppor-

tunity I could find when



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