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**MARYLAND STUDENTS RECOGNIZED WITH TOP HONORS AT
 FBLA NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

Baltimore, MD – July 20, 2010 – Nearly 200 students and advisors from Maryland attended the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee July 14-17, 2010. The conference brought together more than 7,000 students and advisors from throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Department of Defense Dependent Schools Europe.

The attendees participated in leadership workshops, campaign rallies, regional meetings, and competitive events. The following students and chapters from Maryland received national recognition at the FBLA Awards of Excellence Program on July 17:

<i>Student Name(s)</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>City/County</i>
Brady Lawrence and Chelsea Wageley	Business Financial Plan	8 th	Dundalk High School	Dundalk, MD Baltimore County
Tim Fisher	Business Presentation	4 th	River Hill High School	Clarksville, MD Howard County
Jillian Aranda, Danielle Otranto, and Carmen Ott	Community Service Project	4 th	Northern High School	Owings, MD Calvert County
Diarra Butler	Electronic Career Portfolio	7 th	Huntingtown High School	Huntingtown, MD Calvert County
Shirley Zhu	FBLA Principles and Procedures	5 th	North County High School	Glen Burnie, MD Anne Arundel County
Maryland FBLA State Chapter	State Chapter Annual Business Report	4 th		

The awards were part of a comprehensive competitive events program sponsored by FBLA. Individuals, state teams, and local chapters were encouraged to compete in any of the nearly 60 different events representing a wide range of activities and the business and leadership development focus of FBLA. The winners of these highly competitive and prestigious awards were selected from among FBLA’s membership of over 250,000 students and advisors and represent some of the best and brightest of today’s youth.

In addition to the competitive event award winners, several other representatives from Maryland received recognition at the conference as follows:

- Aaron Moore from Overlea High School in Baltimore County was recognized in the Who’s Who in FBLA event.
- Nancy Cohen from Northern High School in Calvert County was named Outstanding Local Advisor.
- Alan Rzepkowski from Spartan Promotional Group in Pasadena, Maryland was recognized as Businessperson of the Year for his many years of service to Maryland FBLA.

The Maryland FBLA state chapter also received the following two membership awards:

- First Place – Eastern Region Largest Increase in FBLA State Membership
- Second Place – Eastern Region FBLA State Recruitment of Chapters

Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) education association. Its mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. The association is headquartered in Reston, Virginia, just outside Washington, DC. Within Maryland, more than 3,000 students participate in 80 chapters across the state. For more information, visit www.fbla-pbl.org and www.mdfbla.org.