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FBLA Presentation | Section: 4.1.1

by: Maddie Bailey

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“My name is Maddie Bailey, and I'm currently serving as the FBLA Oregon State President, as well as the Grant Union FBLA President. I'm super excited to be here tonight. One of the most unique parts about this opportunity is that February is National CTSO Month, which means that nationally, thousands of students are celebrating the fact that they get to be a part of CTE. For those of you who don't know, CTSO stands for Career Technical Student Organization.

These organizations line up perfectly with CTE curriculum and help students find success both in the classroom and apart from it with their peers. Recently we've had a lot of success, including our Regional Competition, which was in La Grande at the beginning of the month. Every single one of our competitors qualified for state and we had seven first place wins. I cannot tell you how proud I am of these individuals for all their hard work and dedication, which is why I wanted to emphasize the importance of CTSOs. I truly believe that as students work together and network within these organizations, they give themselves a better advantage in life as they go forward and take the next step, whether that be towards college or towards another path. FBLA doesn't just build business leaders, it helps train people to be prepared for the next step, whether that's college or a trade.

We're super excited after our Regional Conference to attend the State Conference, which is in April. We're currently working on fundraising, and we have several ongoing fundraisers. We are grateful for everything that we've been given over the past year, including the opportunity to go to Atlanta, Georgia and compete at nationals.

Does anyone have any questions?

QUESTION: What are some of the competitions we won first place in at Regionals?

ANSWER: I competed with a team of three people in sales presentation. It was Logan Randleas, Eliza Bailey and myself and we took first place. I also competed in Organizational Leadership, which I also took first in. Abbie Justice took first in Hospitality and Event Management and Medical Administration. Benji Finley took first in Help Desk. Vincent Raffia took first in Business Law.

QUESTION: Ms. Bailey, we get an eighth grader coming in the ninth grade. And what would your pitch be to that ninth grader as to why they should get involved in their school, but specifically FBLA? What do you think you're gaining from this experience?

ANSWER: That is actually something I'm really passionate about. I joined FBLA as a 7th grader when we still had a middle school program, so that's something I'm definitely interested in bringing back to our school. I joined in 7th grade, and 7th grade is a hard time for a lot of people. The same is true for 9th grade, you really need to find a community or a niche to fit into. I feel like that's what FBLA was for me, and that's why I'm such a passionate leader within it now. It has given me opportunities to grow. Aside from all of the things you learn, and aside from all of the business and leadership education, it gives you a place to fit in and gives you

someone every Wednesday to sit at lunch, a group of friends to be with. Even if you are only a seventh grader, you get to go hang out with seniors who like lead you and help you become a stronger individual.

QUESTION: Compared to other FBLA schools, are we pretty small?

ANSWER: Oregon has a lot of small school FBLA chapters. This year we've grown exponentially compared to last year. We have 10 members this year and last year we only had four. We are growing, but we are small. It was really fun to see at Regional Competition that comparatively, we probably had as many first-places wins as La Grande or some of the bigger schools. That's what amazes me.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT: You're the state president, right? Not Eastern Oregon, not one or two A schools, but the state president. Somebody should be pretty proud of us.

QUESTION: I have one more question. When you self-reflect, what do you think are the skills that you've been able to learn and acquire through FBLA that are going to help propel you into your future life? What have you learned?

ANSWER: One of the biggest things that I found about myself through FBLA is that I love leadership. That's something that has driven me and before I became a member of FBLA I didn't understand that. Now my plan is to go into business leadership and find a home in that area. I want to lead people. I've found my passion and that doesn't mean that that's the passion you have to find within FBLA. We have events from graphic design to business law to sales presentation. The spread is so diverse that if you come into FBLA looking to learn something or to grow as a person, it will shape you. And that doesn't mean that it has to follow the same regimen or rules for who you are. Thank you."

AUDIENCE ACCOLADES FOR MADDIE BAILEY & MONEL ANDERSON | Final Edit by: Janet Myers:

“Monel Anderson, I'm really impressed with your ability to stand up and give a public speech and to memorize it to that extent. How much work, how much time does it take to get prepared to the level you are? There has been a lot of preparation. There's a lot of the drive home back and forth. My other question is, you know the agricultural programs are really important to the board and to myself. I just see them as really quality CTE program, as is FBLA. What are you going to do to try to encourage younger elementary or even junior high students to get involved a little bit in the FFA?”

It's not just FFA, right? It's classroom FFA project and then the contest. But what can you do to help us get that word out? Well, we've been trying to open different contests and even our state mentioned we want to open it to our junior high kids so they can go with us, to see what that's like at a younger age. So then once they get into high school, they want to be involved more, and they can be officers and promote it even more. And we have done one game night so far, but we want to do more to get those kids involved, to get them encouraged with the program.

I really appreciate the FBLA and FFA, you know, the opportunities for leadership and just hands-on learning have just been incredible. You knew my brother and I were almost opposites, really. But we both went through a program like that. And we both gained tremendous opportunities because we saw the spectrum of what you're interested in can be covered in that BLM. My pitch is get involved. It's a great program. These are great programs to get involved in.

I have a comment: Miss Anderson and Miss Bailey, bravo. You both well-paced, you both spoke up excellently. The presentations were amazing, as was the information. We really appreciate it. [I have a question for M.T.] How many times has he heard that speech? Not too many. Anybody else? Well, I appreciate what you're doing and what you're talking about. It was exactly what my household was full of in those young kids. So don't be surprised if you don't see a couple of my kids run up and greet you and talk to you, but you're exactly right.

They need, I probably take it for granted because I raised my kids in the same world that you're being raised in and probably don't promote it as much. If anything, it's something they might avoid, that lifestyle or whatever. But seeing people like you in the buildings, that's what my kids are going to So I want you to know that your actions, your time, all that stuff is going to be appreciated by people like me, because my kids will look up to you probably more than they do me. So keep that in mind. Everybody's watching. Very good presentation. Thank you both.”