

The Mountain Heritage High School (MHHS) and Cane River Middle School (CRMS) Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapters proudly represented Yancey County at the FBLA National Leadership Conference, held in San Antonio, Texas this past June 27 to July 3, 2026.

Mountain Heritage High School FBLA attendees:

***Guided by their advisors, Kim Silvers and Heath Treadway*

Event:

Future Business Leader

Students(s):

Kai-ana Stella

Parliamentary Procedures

B Tyner, Hollie Hughes, Abby Smith,
Josh Fernandez, and Adam Silvers

Voting delegates

Chloe Deyton, Emmet Oesch and Madison Holt

Cane River Middle School FBLA attendees:

*** Guided by their advisors, Malinda Silver and Holland Crane*

Event:

Exploring Public Speaking.

Students(s):

Paisley Wiedenhaupt

Voting delegates

Callie Whitson and Jennifer Guerrero

Throughout the week-long conference, students participated in competitive events, attended leadership workshops, and connected with business professionals from across the nation. The experience offered valuable insight into career readiness, leadership development, and the importance of innovation in business.



Congratulations to Paisley Wiedenhaupt for earning 2nd place in Exploring Public Speaking at Nationals. Paisley, an eighth grader at Cane River Middle school, competed against the top students from all across the country. This achievement reflects not only Paisley's hard work and exceptional writing and speaking skills but also the support of her advisors, teachers, family and her community. We are all so very proud of her!

All Yancey County FBLA students that were able to attend this year's FBLA National Leadership Conference would like to express gratitude to the community and sponsors who made the trip possible. With the support of sponsors and the community, Yancey County FBLA continues to provide students with real-world experiences that prepare them for success in business, leadership, and beyond.

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