



## Buchholz High School Future Business Leaders Recognized with Top Honors at National Leadership Conference in Baltimore

Gainesville, Florida, July 3, 2018—More than 9,600 of America's best and brightest high school students traveled to Maryland to *Elevate Their Futures* as they competed for the opportunity to win more than \$175,000 in cash awards.

The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Leadership Conference was held June 28–July 1 in Baltimore. Participants from across the United States and abroad attended this exciting conference to enhance their business skills, expand their networks, and participate in more than 70 business and business-related competitive events.



Students receiving National recognition are William Liu, Daniel Samraj and Grace Douglas.

Grace Douglas, William Liu and Daniel Samraj from the Buchholz High School Academy of Finance and FBLA Chapter received national recognition at the FBLA Awards of Excellence Program on July 1. Samraj placed tenth in Business Calculations. Lui competed in Introduction to Business and brought home fifth place. Douglas won an open event in Forensic Accounting.

Business calculations is an event that consists of calculations performed in the business environment including consumer credit, mark-ups and discounts, data analysis and reporting, payroll, interest rates, investments, taxes, bank records, insurance, ratios and proportions, depreciation, and inventory.



Buchholz High School Future Business Leaders of America members touring Washington DC: front row – Stacia Berben (adviser), Michele Brothers (adviser), Jake Brothers, Theo Jiang, Justin Kim; back row – Nina Li, Tan Wang, William Liu, Grace Douglas, Kelly Wang, Daniel Samraj, Daniel Chen.

The introduction to business event includes questions on money management, banking, investments, consumerism, the characteristics and organization of business, rights and responsibilities of employees, managers, owners, and government, career awareness, global business, ethics, and insurance.

“The nine students that attended the Future Business Leaders of America National Leadership Conference made me very proud for their dedication and commitment to have made it to this level and then for three to earn top honors shows the Academy of Finance group at Buchholz High School is a dream to work with,” said Michele Brothers, Director of the Academy of Finance and FBLA Advisor.

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These awards were part of a comprehensive national competitive events program sponsored by FBLA-PBL that recognizes and rewards excellence in a broad range of business and career-related areas. For many students, the competitive events are the capstone activity of their academic careers. In addition to competitions, students immersed themselves in interactive workshops, visited an information-packed exhibit hall, and heard from motivational speakers on a broad range of business topics. The Buchholz students visited the Baltimore Aquarium, Baltimore Zoo and toured Washington DC on electric golf carts. Anything with air conditioning excited the students since temperatures with the heat index hit 105 degrees.



Buchholz High School Future Business Leaders of America members in attendance from left to right – William Liu, Daniel Chen, Theo Jiang, Daniel Samraj, Nina Li, Grace Douglas, Kelly Wang, Tan Wang and Justin Kim.

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