

## NEWS ADVISORY

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### Reynolds students to represent Commonwealth at national business leadership conference

**RICHMOND, Va. (May 10, 2010)** – Several J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College students recently received first place wins at the Future Business Leaders of America - Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA – PBL) State Leadership Conference. Reynolds also received first place for its community service project sponsoring the Salvation Army Food Pantry. For several years, the Reynolds chapter of Phi Beta Lambda has collected food for the Salvation Army. This year, the group more than doubled collections and delivered over 3,800 pounds of food to the pantry just before Thanksgiving. The project was presented by JSRCC students **Matthew Hylton (Richmond)**, **Krystal Brooks (Sandy Hook)**, and **Clarissa Navarro Smith (Mechanicsville)**. Winners at the leadership conference will compete at the national level in Nashville this July.

“Our students competed with students from all over Virginia,” said Reynolds Phi Beta Lambda faculty advisor Dr. Mel C. Burton, Jr. “Students were from both two and four year colleges, so it makes it especially nice that they did so well in the competition.”

FBLA-PBL is a student organization that connects students to business practices. Chapters are typically advised through their school’s business education department. FBLA-PBL's National Awards Program recognizes and rewards excellence in a broad range of business and career-related areas. During spring State Leadership Conferences, students compete in events testing their business knowledge and skills. Top state winners then are eligible to compete for honors at the National Leadership Conference each summer.

Additional JSRCC student winners from this year’s State Leadership Conference are:

**Jordan Baker (Mechanicsville)** – 1st place in Emerging Business Issues

**Justin Neagle (Mechanicsville)** – 1st place in Client Service; 1st place in Marketing Analysis and Decision Making

**Jonathan Mathes (Mechanicsville)** – 1st place in Emerging Business Issues

**Jara Janulis (Richmond)** – 1st place in Help Desk; 1st place in Business Decision Making

**Erica Southworth (Ruther Glen)** – 1st place in Business Decision Making

**Andrew Pauley (Mechanicsville)** – 2nd place in Accounting Analysis and Decision Making; 2nd place in Sales Presentation

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