



Franklin Monroe BPA takin' care of business at State, Nationals

By: Nicole Brocious

Franklin Monroe Business Professionals of America students tackled the State Leadership Conference and the following Awards Ceremony on March 14th and 15th, competing in Columbus, Ohio. Eleven high school students went on the trip to State, including Ting Hao Zheng, Nicole Brocious, Amy Besecker, Darcy Denlinger, Chloe Brumbaugh, Christiana Singer, Chase Osterday, Corina Conley, Audrey Cable, Simon Mote, and Clay Eikenberry. There were also 11 middle school students that went on the trip only during March 14th, including Joanie Hall, Savannah Crist, Elli Earwood, Keihl Johnson, Emma Miller, Ty Furlong, Quinter Garber, Sherry Dong, Peyton Estes, Kalynn Huecker, and Paige Luchini.

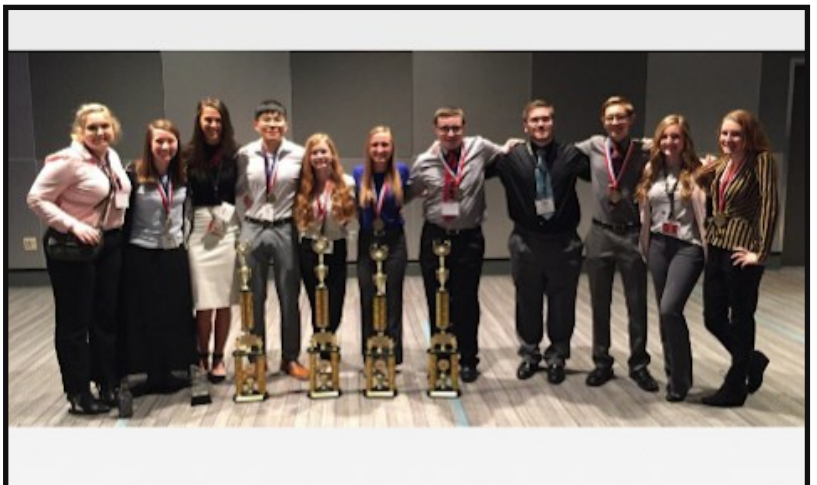
Students qualify for State Competition by winning their spoken event or placing in the top three of their written event at the Regional Awards Ceremony, which was held at Memorial Hall in Greenville on December 12th, 2018. All members in the state of Ohio that placed this well competed against each other for a chance to move on to the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California on May 1-5, meaning for some seriously tough competition. During the day of March 14th, all students completed their events at various times. The next day, competitors got to see how their hard work paid off at the State Competition Awards Ceremony. Competitors that place in the top 10 gets a position on stage and each receives a medal. For written events, those that placed in the top 5 moves on to National competition, with the top three earning trophies. For spoken events, competitors must place in the top 3 spots of their event to move on, each earning trophies to take home.

As a whole, the high school crew brought home 8 medals and 6 students moving on to Nationals. The students that placed but did not move on to Nationals are as follows: Christiana Singer, earning 8th place in Interview Skills and Amy Besecker, earning 6th place in Extemporaneous Speech. Nicole Brocious, with a 1st place, finish in Prepared Speech, Ting Hao Zheng, winning 1st place in Banking and Finance, Clay Eikenberry, earning 2nd place in Banking and Finance, Chase Osterday, earning 2nd place in Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications, Chloe Brumbaugh, with a 3rd place finish in Intermediate Word Processing, and Darcy Denlinger, finishing 5th in Payroll Accounting, all qualify for National Competition in the Spring.

Those in middle school had an equally impressive finish. Joanie Hall earned 1st place in Financial Literacy, Savannah Crist finished with 2nd place for Spreadsheet Applications, and Elli Earwood won 1st place in Extemporaneous Speech. Three teams placed at the Awards Ceremony as well, including the team of Keihl Johnson and Emma Miller that earned 3rd place on the Administrative Support Team, the team of Ty Furlong and Quinter Garber that reached 3rd place for Introduction to Video Production, and the team of Sherry Dong, Peyton Estes, Kalynn Huecker, and Paige Luchini that finished with 3rd place on the Presentation Management Team.

When asked about the obvious success of the Business Professionals of America State Awards Ceremony, Mrs. Wiant, the advisor, stated "I am very proud of how well all students did at State Competition. It is an honor just to go and compete. I am blown away at how well students did in competitions and look forward to how they will do at Nationals."

Business Professionals of America is also currently accepting funds to help all students attending the National Leadership Conference afford the trip. You may help support them through school fundraisers or donation forms. Ask Mrs. Wiant for all questions.



Above are all the students that went to State.



FFA hosts blood drive

By: Grace Gilmore

On Friday, March 22 Franklin Monroe FFA hosted a school-wide blood drive. The goal was to have at least 27 students donate and this was passed with 30 students donating through the Community Blood Center. If students donated, they were given gifts such as t-shirts. Every person who donated a pint of blood saved a patient's life.

After the blood was collected there are many steps before the blood can actually be transfused to other people. The blood that is donated is then placed in ice while it is taken to the processing center where the blood information is scanned and put into the computer database. After processing, the blood is tested for blood type and search for infectious diseases. When test results are received, usable units for transfusion are labeled and stored and then are available to be distributed to hospitals 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The last step is transfusion given to ill or injured patients with a need for blood.

Senior Center:

With just over two months until graduation, seniors are beginning to count down the days. However, there are several things that students must keep in mind before they head off to college. One of the most obvious being selecting which one to go to! For seniors who have not yet committed to a college, there are several things to keep in mind before doing so:

- The national deadline for confirmation is May 1st, however, this deadline is not final and depends on the university.
- Many colleges have a deposit that students must pay before committing.
- You may commit to more than one place at a time, but you may not receive the deposit back.
- Let Mrs. Ayres know as soon as possible after committing! She must send in final transcripts.

In addition to confirmation, students must also keep an eye on scholarship deadlines, as many of the locally-offered scholarships are coming up soon. All of the scholarships are posted on the school's website. If you have any questions regarding commitments or scholarships, see Mrs. Ayres in the counseling office or email her at laura.ayres@fmlsd.org.

Franklin Monroe FFA holds Greenhand and Chapter Degree Dessert Banquet

By: Morgan Hissong

The Franklin Monroe FFA Chapter celebrated its many accomplishments, both as a chapter and by its individual members, during the Annual Parent Member FFA Banquet held on March 19th. Approximately 200 members, parents, and guests attended the evening held at Franklin Monroe High School.

Special guest speakers for the banquet were Superintendent Jeremy Pequignot, and John Williams, Franklin Monroe FFA Boosters.

Two members received Star Awards. Elisabeth Williams received Dekalb Ag Accomplishment Award, Mitchell Schmitmeyer received Star Greenhand and Morgan Hissong received Star in Ag Placement.

The local chapter awarded honorary membership. The Honorary Chapter Degree was presented to Jeanette and James Weimer along with Sandy Layman.

The other awards and recognition presented throughout the evening included Top Citrus Sellers to Elisabeth Williams with \$2,981, Morgan Hissong with \$1,760 and Clem Montgomery with \$1,406.

Other Fruit Sales Award winners with sales of \$300.00 of citrus were: Cavin Baker, Morgan Baker, Cameron Barga, Colton Beatty, Austin Cool, Emma Fisher, Kim Fourman, Walker Lindemuth, Katie Ressler, Parker Schaar, Mitchell Schmitmeyer, Garrison Warner, and Jacob Winterrowd. The FFA reached a total of \$15,700 in fruit sales. Judging Contest recognition certificates were given to the following teams. The Rural Soils team consisted of Morgan Hissong, Elisabeth Williams, Walker Lindemuth, and Jacob Winterrowd. The Urban Soils team consisted of Zach Little, Mason Garber, Colton Beatty, and Brendan Wray. The Agricultural and Industrial Diagnostics Judging team members were Walker Lindemuth, Jacob Winterrowd, Brendan Wray, and Clem Montgomery. The Job Interview contest consisted of Morgan Hissong, Xavier Gilliland, and Michael Buteau. The Public Speaking contest consisted of Elisabeth Williams and Brendan Hosler. General Livestock consisted of Morgan Hissong, Mason Garber, Colton Beatty, Bradley Rumble, Kim Fourman, Zach Wilson, Brendan Wray, and Clem Montgomery. Those who competed in the Poultry Judging contest consisted of Elisabeth Williams, Morgan Baker, and Makayla Knipp. The Agronomy team consisted of Walker Lindemuth, Austin Cool, Jacob Winterrowd, Matthew Brookey, and Mitchell Schmitmeyer. The Proficiency Awards went to Reagan Warner, Bradley Rumble, Mitchell Schmitmeyer, Walker Lindemuth, Elisabeth Williams, Brendan Wray, Dean Sease, Kaden Spirito, Colton Beatty, Matthew Brookey, Clem Montgomery, Michael Buteau, Parker Schaar, Morgan Baker, Morgan Hissong, Jacob Winterrowd, and Jake Armstrong. The Parliamentary Procedure Chapter Team members were Elisabeth Williams, Morgan Hissong, Jacob Winterrowd, Makayla Knipp, Clem Montgomery, and Garrison Warner. Some of the chapter achievements for the Franklin Monroe FFA over this past year in terms of community service included holding a blood drive at school. The Chapter also participated in Christmas Caroling. Those students that participated in that were: Dean Sease, Reagan Warner, Micah Delk, Brendan Hosler, Katie Ressler, Kim Fourman, Kaden Spirito, Parker Schaar, Cavin Baker, Morgan Hissong, Elisabeth Williams, Makayla Knipp, and Zach Little. The 2019-2020 Franklin Monroe FFA Officers are Walker Lindemuth, President; Vice President, Jacob Winterrowd; Secretary, Josie Patrick; Treasurer, Caroline Kress; Reporter, Kim Fourman; Sentinel, Austin Cool; and Student Advisor, Colton Beatty. The FFA chapter is overseen by advisor Mr. Kevin Bergman.



Above are the new FFA officers,

FM Band's Cookie Concert

By: Alyssa McCarty

Tuesday, March 4th, Franklin Monroe band had their annual Cookie Concert. Every year students bring baked goods and other treats to sell at the concert to help raise money for the band program. This year we made around \$500. The money is used for new music, new instruments, and instrument repairs. Everyone from 5th-grade band to high school and jazz band performed.

Song selections are as follows. HS Band: "Explorations" by Ed Hucceby, "Nine Mile Saga" by William Palange, and "Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen (arranged by Paul Murtha). Junior High Band played: "The Golden Eagle March" by John Edmondson, "Dark Adventure" by Ralph Ford, and "From Now On" from *The Greatest Showman* (arranged by Paul Murtha). The Jazz Band performed: "Four" by Miles Davis (arranged by Mark Taylor), "Frankenstein" by the Edgar Winter Group (arranged by Jack Cooper), and "Rockslide" by Paul Clark. The Pep Band treated the crowd to "Tequila" by The Champs (arranged by Doug Adams), and "Cheeseburger in Paradise" by Jimmy Buffett (arranged by Doug Adams). The 5th and 6th-grade bands performed various selections from their books.



The jazz band playing at the Cookie Concert.

Students attend Job Shadow at Wright-Patterson AFB

By: MacKenzie Rock and
Sonic Sound Staff

On March 22, 8 Franklin Monroe juniors and seniors attended a job shadow Wright-Patterson Air Force Base to get a better understanding of the types of jobs available at the military base. Students learned about accounting, environmental management, aerospace engineering, "combat arms", medical fields, and computer science. Wright-Patterson is one of the biggest American military bases and 20,055 people work there. The Air Force works closely with the DOD (Department of Defense) and is the only active Air Force base in Ohio. The students who attended this job shadow are Betsy Roberts, Gage Vance, Jonathan Chen, Ross Thayer, Chase Osterday, Simon Mote, Logan Garber, Audrey Cable, and MacKenzie Rock with Mrs. Ayers. Audrey Cable had this to say "I loved my experience and I would love to go back there again. I followed a radiologist around to see what they do on a day to day basis." Students from other schools also attended and it gave students a chance to see the people and places they could work.



Coffee House

By: MacKenzie Rock

One of the major events for choir is Coffee House and this year it was held on the evening of March 15. Its purpose is for the junior high and high school choirs to raise money for new music, trips and equipment. Every year there is food, coffee and performances from the junior high and high school.

There was a special performance by Elvis this year by Mr. Jim Gish, in a blinged out costume with a red cape, and sunglasses. There were thirteen performances by students. Two songs were performed by junior high students, "Africa" arranged Audrey Snyder and "Lost Boy" arranged by Mark Brymer. The High School choir performed "One Foot" arranged by Alan Billingsley and "Waving Through A Window" arranged by Roger Emerson. At the end of the concert, junior high and high school performed "A Million Dreams" from *The Greatest Showman*, arranged by Mac Huff.

There were bake sale items such as cookies, cupcakes, and brownies as well as pizza from Picnic's, as well as three kinds of coffee. The sound booth was run by Daniel Nottingham. Everyone in choir was helping out in some way. Coffee House did sell out of pre-sale tickets and made about \$1100 for the FM choirs.



Daylight Savings Time

By: Kevin Bancroft

Daylight Savings Time (DST) is a concept that was thought of over a century ago. DST is the idea of skipping forward clocks an hour in the Spring, then reverting back in the Fall. Even though the creation of it was done well earlier, DST wasn't commonly used until after World War I. In the modern day it is widely used in the World and currently observed in seventy countries, including the US. However, there is an increasing trend of countries dropping out of this time change. There has been recent concern and debate regarding if the US should also ditch the time switch.

There are a number of both pros and cons when talking about DST, it is a complex situation. Some of the more obvious pros from the time change include more daylight hours, less seasonal depression and less energy consumption. All of these reasons sound important, but there are also negatives to DST. Some of these reasons consist of inconsistency between different countries, causing a decrease in worker productivity and having a bad impact on personal sleeping schedules. One thing is certain, whether DST is a positive thing or not, it is here to stay for some time.



Women's History Month

By: Olivia Graves

The people of today's society have overlooked a very significant part of American history. Women have been cast aside since the founding of America, it's as though that they didn't matter and that they were only "good" for housework. Though, that's how it was then, not now, one reason why is because of Women's History Month. The month of March is the time for the celebration of women and the important things that they did for this country that wasn't noticed before. This time of year, where women are celebrated was not simply given, they fought for this so that the history of the female population of America would not be forgotten.

Women's rights was an untouched topic throughout the late '30s and '40s, though one token of inspiration that changed this came from Rosie the Riveter. Rosie was a popular and iconic poster of a denim-clad woman wearing a red bandana, flexing her arm muscles saying the phrase "We Can Do It!", at least that is the most noticeable version of this poster. This poster was surprisingly used to urge women into the workforce. Before, women were strictly bound to their homes and children, but since World War II demanded so many men they needed to be a part of the workforce to help America during this time. This started the push for the recognition of women and their important roles in history. Long after the war, in 1978, it was proposed to have a Women's History Week to coexist with International Women's Day. Then, in 1987, Congress decided to make Women's History Week into Women's History Month.

History teacher Mr. Ingold states, " [It's] important to recognize the triumphs and that there [was a] time where weren't on par, [It is also] a reminder where we were, and where we are now, as far as granting women the rights that they deserve." Senior Nicole Brocious adds, " Some people don't realize what we were."



Pennies for Patients

By: MacKenzie Rock and
Sonic Sound Staff

The FM chapter of NHS held a Pennies for Patients campaign and raised \$271.97. The first-period class that raised the most money was Mr. McKibben's calculus class with \$79.79 and they earned donuts for their efforts. The campaign kicked off with an assembly on February 22 where a speaker from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society showed videos of the good being done by donations to the organization.

Franklin Monroe junior, and NHS member, Claire Haviza, was once a leukemia patient and so this is very personal for her. Claire talks about her family's discovery of her leukemia and her road to remission. She started by describing how her mom noticed small dots up and down the backs of her legs. Her mom then called a family friend who was a doctor and was told not to be worried about it because it was not that significant, but the next night it became even worse so her mom called again and she was instructed to take Claire to the hospital and get checked out. They were at the hospital overnight and it was not until the next morning that their family learned she had cancer. From that point in her life, she has never taken anything for granted and always gives a 110% in what she does because she never knows what might happen the next day. Claire also said that one day she hopes there will be a cure for cancer so nobody else has to go through what she endured. She spent five years going to cancer treatments and is now healthy and living well. Claire is now ten years cancer free.

The money raised through the Pennies for Patient's campaign at FM will help families pay for cancer treatments and other expenses associated with having cancer. The program also funds the better part of the research for finding a cure. The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society was founded in 1949, they research ways of fighting blood cancer for toddlers to young adults. Their goal is to find a cure for all types of cancer and improve the quality of life for children and adults. The foundation does a fundraiser every year, they go to businesses and schools to raise the money for research to find a cure. There is hope that one day there will be a cure to finally end all cancer.

Sonic Sound wants to know - What is your least favorite part about spring cleaning???



Sweeping. - Zach Garber



Cleaning my car. - Liz Swain



Dusting. - Aaron Crist



Cleaning toilets. - Rebecca Trent



All of it. - Betsy Roberts



Cleaning the windows. - Mrs. Porter

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A Sonic Sound

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Deep within the belly's girth of space,
Silence stirred and slew the hordes of
noise.

Quiet stilled each pitched wave with
pikes

Shot from muffled bows into their
mouths.

Matter dark and blackened dwarves
now dwell,
Marring moons and slaughtering their
suns.

Two were sent to stunt the growing
hush,
Where the planets walked the Outer
Planes.

Eastward came the Sentinel of Sound,
Flying fast on feathered wings of time.
Westward came the Sonic Sentry,
Streaming on the silver steeds of stars.

High on hill beside the shady holes,
Where evil rests in infinite night,
Loud and quivering the twain did meet,
Clashed their spears and split the
peace.

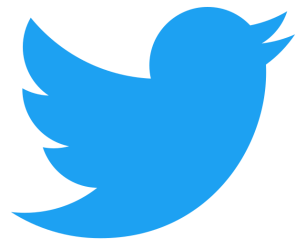
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