

LAST THURSDAY, OUR FBLA CHAPTER HEADED TO REGIONALS, READY TO COMPETE, LEARN, AND—LET’S BE HONEST—FIND CREATIVE WAYS TO SURVIVE THE WAITING. BETWEEN EVENTS, AWARDS, AND PLENTY OF TIME SPENT IN OUR SECTION, THE DAY TURNED INTO A MIX OF SERIOUS COMPETITION AND CHAOS (THE FUN KIND).

LET’S START WITH THE IMPORTANT PART: THE WINS. OUR CHAPTER ABSOLUTELY SHOWED UP AND SHOWED OUT. BY THE END OF THE DAY, WE WALKED AWAY WITH AN IMPRESSIVE MEDAL COUNT:

- 10 FIRST-PLACE MEDALS
- 4 SECOND-PLACE MEDALS
- 4 THIRD-PLACE MEDALS
- 4 FOURTH-PLACE MEDALS
- 5 FIFTH -PLACE MEDALS
- 4 SIXTH-PLACE MEDALS
- 1 SEVENTH PLACE MEDALS
- 3 EIGHTH PLACE MEDALS
- 1 TENTH PLACE MEDALS



THAT’S A LOT OF HARDWARE—AND A LOT OF PROOF THAT ALL THE PREPARATION PAID OFF. AND BY PREPERATION, WE MEAN **SO MANY HOURS** OF ALL THE THINGS FBLA. WHETHER IT WAS PRESENTATIONS, TESTS, OR PERFORMANCES, OUR MEMBERS REPRESENTED GU INCREDIBLY WELL.

HUGE SHOUT OUT TO OUR VERY OWN ELIZA BAILEY - THE OREGON VP OF DEVELOPMENT. SHE HOSTED WORK SHOPS AND PRESENTED DURING THE AWARDS CEREMONY.

OF COURSE, FBLA REGIONALS ISN’T JUST ABOUT COMPETING. WHILE WE WAITED FOR OUR EVENTS AND FOR TIME TO SOMEHOW MOVE FASTER, OUR SECTION BECAME THE UNOFFICIAL ENTERTAINMENT ZONE. THERE WERE DANCE BATTLES, RANDOM BURSTS OF GAMES, AND PLENTY OF GOOFING OFF TO KEEP EVERYONE AWAKE AND LAUGHING. SOMEHOW, WE MANAGED TO BALANCE BEING PROFESSIONAL COMPETITORS AND HAVING WAY TOO MUCH FUN AT THE SAME TIME.

BY THE END OF THE DAY, WE WERE TIRED, MEDAL-HEAVY, AND STILL BUZZING FROM EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED. REGIONALS REMINDED US WHY FBLA IS MORE THAN JUST COMPETITIONS—IT’S TEAMWORK, MEMORIES, AND MOMENTS THAT MAKE LONG DAYS TOTALLY WORTH IT.



**CONGRATS
TO
EVERYONE
WHO
COMPETED,
PLACED,
DANCED, OR
JUST
SURVIVED
THE
WAITING...
ON TO THE
NEXT
ROUND!**

