

# Enterprise students shine at conference

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Fifteen Enterprise High School FCCLA students attended the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in San Diego from June 28-July 5.

More than 7,100 students, advisers and guests attended this year's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America conference.

It was a week of leadership sessions, exhibitors and presenters, competitions, networking and special events. While in San Diego, the students were also able to visit Coronado Beach, Belmont Park, SeaWorld, San Diego Zoo, the USS Midway, a Padres and Mariners baseball game, Seaport Village and viewed the Independence Day fireworks over San Diego Bay.

All 15 students qualified to judge or compete in a STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) event after initially competing and qualifying at the FCCLA State Leadership Conference in March. The students were accompanied by Tamarah Duncan, Enterprise FCCLA adviser, and Jessie Cunningham, Enterprise FCCLA parent. All competitors earned a gold or silver medal, and five students earned the honor of walking across the stage as national top-10 qualifiers.

After much hard work throughout the school year, the National Conference was a great way to finalize the



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2021-22 year. Results for the STAR events were:

- **Codi Cunningham** competed in Level 2 "Professional Presentation" with a PowerPoint presentation regarding the importance of farming/ranching. She earned a gold medal and the honor of standing on the podium and receiving a plaque for a third-place finish overall.
- **Chase Duncan** and **Roan Flynn** competed in

Level 3 "Focus on Children" by organizing and facilitating a fifth and sixth grade basketball camp at Enterprise High School. They earned a gold medal and a top-10 placement overall.

- **Alona and Lydia Yost** competed in Level 3 "Chapter Service Project Portfolio" by coordinating the sixth grade talent show at Enterprise Elementary. They earned a

gold medal and a top-10 placement overall.

- **Tessa Duncan** competed in Level 2 "National Programs in Action" with a student body project that focused on teaching the Enterprise third grade class about healthy habits. She earned a gold medal.
- **Rosie Movich-Fields and Jada Gray** competed in Level 3 "National Programs in Action" with a community service project

to raise funds and awareness for those in need of prosthetics. They earned a silver medal.

- **Ashlynn Greer** competed in Level 3 "National Programs in Action" with a Community Service project to raise funds and awareness for the Ronald McDonald House. She earned a silver medal.
- **Maddie Nordtvedt** competed in Level 3 "Repurpose & Redesign" with

a ball gown that she designed and created using grocery bags and second-hand items. Nordtvedt went through a selection process, and she was ultimately chosen to be one of 20 students who modeled their creations during the FCCLA Style Show. She modeled her creation beautifully, and she earned a silver medal during competition.

- **Joseph Fish** competed in Level 3 "Professional Presentation" with a PowerPoint presentation regarding mental health first aid. He earned a silver medal.
- **Maddy Cudmore and Jessi Journigan** competed in Level 2 "Chapter Service Project Display" by coordinating a project to raise money for the Enterprise Junior High basketball programs. They earned a silver medal.
- **Andrew Nordtvedt** competed in Level 2 "Chapter Service Project Portfolio" with his efforts to find donors and create banners to honor the Enterprise Cross Country and Track accomplishments, which will now hang on the walls of Quinn Court. He earned a silver medal.
- **Shayna Wilkie** was a student judge at the National Conference. She spent one full day judging Level 3 and 4 "Repurpose & Redesign" projects.

## Job losses in Oregon near full rebound

By JACK PARRY

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ENTERPRISE — After almost 2½ years since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Oregon Employment Department projects that 100% of the jobs lost will be recovered before 2023.

State employment economist Gail Krumenauer, during a media briefing for the OED on July 20, announced that 94% of pandemic job losses have been regained. She also noted that job growth doesn't seem to be slowing down.

"Oregon's Office of Economic Analysis projects future job growth in the coming quarters," she said. "What they have projected is that we'll return to the pre-recession level of jobs that we had in February 2020 by the end of this year."

Between February and April of 2020, the state lost 282,000 jobs, which was one of every seven jobs in the state. In Wallowa County,

270 jobs were lost during this pandemic recession.

Even though the whole state may have to wait to fully recover, Wallowa County has gone beyond recovery. From April of 2020 to May of 2022 the county added 380 jobs exceeding the prepandemic jobs level.

According to Krumenauer, this recovery has actually made it even harder for employers to find workers, partially because the hiring struggles also existed before the pandemic.

"Particularly if you're in a county that tends to have older demographics, and maybe many people who are retiring, and maybe not as many younger people moving in," Krumenauer said.

Other counties in the state could be lagging behind in the recovery process if they have a lot of job option positions within the public sector.

"The private sector has gone much further in the way of recovery than (the) government has," she said, "and

so places that have universities, community colleges and higher concentrations of employment in K-12 public schools have been kind of lagging."

Because Wallowa County is home to six public schools, and one online university, it has recovered more than Union County, which is home to Eastern Oregon University in La Grande.

Oregon's unemployment rate in June was 3.6%, which is a massive decrease compared to a high of 13.3% in April 2020.

The June job numbers released by the OED have shown a strong job market throughout the state. Various sectors of the economy saw increases in jobs last month including construction, private health care and social assistance, hotels, bars, restaurants and entertainment places.

"No broad sector of Oregon's economy had large job losses in June," Krumenauer said.

## Trapshooters compete at nationals

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Recently, six Wallowa High School trapshooters took part in the USA High School Clay Target League National Championship, July 6-10 in Mason, Michigan.

"You have to shoot a 22 average to get invited to nationals," coach Ken Knifong said. "They competed against 3,000 other shooters at the event. There were 40 trap houses and virtually a mile long from one end to the other."

Lane Tanzey, Kellan Knifong and Cash Tanzey finished in the top 400 after the first day of competition to advance to the championship round. Each shooter shot 50 clay targets before a break followed by 50 more. Both Lane and Cash finished in the top 200 in the nation.

The other three Wallowa competitors — Gregory Vaughn, Sawyer Wentz and Liam Wolfe — did not advance out of the first day. The team will return all its shooters except Lane Tanzey, who graduated, next year.

Wallowa had a strong showing at the 1A state meet in June with Lane Tanzey

tying for fifth place. He had a perfect score of 50 in the first session, and followed with 46 in the second session. In fact, Tanzey was perfect in his first three runs with 25 out of 25 targets in each before hitting 21 in the final run.

Wolfe also broke 90, posting a score of 91 in the varsity boys division to tie for 26th. Knifong added an 89 to tie for 34th and Lucas Hulse and Cash Tanzey both had 87 to tie for 44th.

The group conducted a fundraiser to pay for the trip to nationals and was able to raise \$24,000.

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