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leaders worked tirelessly the entire year to make it to this level of competition, advancing from region to state to national level. Their dedication and strong work ethic paid off as the results were calculated, with three of these competitors making it into the Top 10 at this year's National Leadership Conference, or NLC.

Two-time National Competitor and Senior Danny Reagan competed in Publication Design, a technical event. Danny is an excellent student in the graphic design area. He designed a publication set and presented to judges at NLC.

"FBLA has played such a major role in my life in more ways than one," Danny said. "It has taught me leadership and responsibility.

"I have had so many great experiences, and I wish I could go back and do it all over again. Thank you to my amazing FBLA Advisers who are like family to me and to my friends who made the trips so memorable.'

Local Chapter President Kendall Floyd competed at NLC for the second time, this year making it on stage in the Top 10 in Spreadsheet Applications. Congratulations and thank you for your years of FBLA leadership, Kendall!

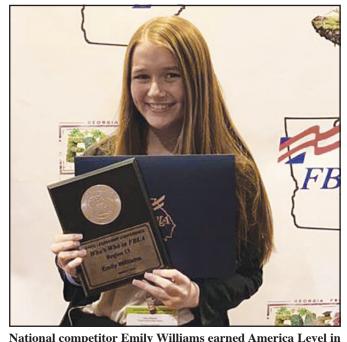
"I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our advisers, Melissa McConnell and Ruth Taylor, for pushing us to do our best each year, Kendall said. "Our success comes from their encouragement and belief in us."

Senior Chase Crawford has competed at regional and state level, but this was his first time to NLC. Needless to say, he was a man on a mission, making it to the Top 10 in his event, Word Processing. Way to go, Chase!
"The Towns County

Chapter of FBLA has helped me prepare for life in ways nothing else could have, and even though I wasn't expecting to place, I am proud to have represented Towns County on the national stage," Chase

While in high school, Emily Williams has played a vital role in FBLA at the local, state and national levels. She served as local chapter officer, chaired several committees, competed in performance and written events at all levels, and was able to earn all four levels in FBLA Business Achievement, the pinnacle being at this year's NLC, where she received her America Level pin.

Thank you, Emily,



National competitor Emily Williams earned America Level in FBLA Business Achievement Awards.

Emily competed at NLC in Anaheim, Baltimore, and now San Antonio. Congratulations, Emily!

"Being in FBLA is one of my favorite high school experiences," Emily said.
"Through every trip, conference and presentation, I learned more than I could've imagined.

"I want to take this opportunity to tell all of my fellow 2019 graduates/FBLA competitors how much I will miss them and our wonderful adventures. Good luck to all

Senior Chase Rogers returned to National Level competition again this year after taking home a Top 10 finish last year in Baltimore. This year, Chase competed in Spreadsheet Applications and was called to the stage yet again, placing in the Top 10 in competing in Orlando at HOSA

In fact, Chase placed second in the nation! Congratulations, Chase, on a job well done!

represent Towns County FBLA for the past four years," Chase said. "I am sad it's over, but it was a great feeling to finish this year's NLC.

competitors Jamison Wood and of a comprehensive national Chase Reece competed as a competitive events program team in Business Ethics, which is a performance event.

year competing with FBLA of business and career-related and it could not have been a better year," Jamison said. For many students, "Chase and I placed first in the competitive events are region, advancing to state, then the capstone activity of their advanced from state to national

"Throughout all of for your dedication and the trips, competitions and educational workshops, visited

was creating memories with my friends and our advisers. Without them, it wouldn't have been as special. These are memories I will never forget!"

Maci Walls and Remington Parker are new to competitions and made it to NLC their first year. Maci and Remi competed in Introduction to FBLA.

"Being in FBLA has helped in more ways than I can explain," Maci said. "The memories made this year at NLC are some that I will never "I am so thankful to be

part of an amazing chapter led by two of the most helpful. supportive and caring advisers there are. Thank you to everyone who helped us get to San Antonio this year!"

After returning from NLC, Nick Bradley returned to FBLA NLC for a second time, this year in Computer Applications, a comprehensive skill event. Additionally, first-"It has been an honor to time competitors Jessica Taylor and Gage Denton competed in Word Processing and Spreadsheet Applications at

The Awards of Juniors and first-time Excellence Program is part sponsored by FBLA that recognizes and rewards "This was my first excellence in a broad range

academic careers. In addition to the competitions, students immersed themselves in contributions to FBLA! meetings, my favorite part an informative packed exhibit



Towns County High School FBLA competitors representing Georgia FBLA at the National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

hall, and attended motivational keynotes on a broad range of business topics throughout the

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their journey, including our Hiawassee community. Superintendent Dr. Darren Berrong, our Principal Dr. Connie Hobbs, Assistant Principal Mr. Jim Melton and Counselor Mrs. Lana Parker, the Board of Education, our parents

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Congratulations to Towns County High's FBLA chapter, to thank everyone for their and families, our teachers, our its members, advisers and

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the girls out for one last walk across the stage as the judges struggled to make their final decision.

"It was a tough decision to make," Penland said. "All six of the girls are talented and very impressive. All three of us up here had an extremely tough time trying to pick just one, because they are all deserving."

Added Penland, "We wanted to find someone who represented the Fair, because you are being crowned Miss Georgia Mountain Fair. So, we wanted someone who had a great knowledge of the Fair and the history of the Fair.

"The theme for this year is 'Making Memories Since 1950,' so knowing the history of the fair was a big factor."

All six contestants met with the judges for sevenminute interviews, answering several questions the day before the contest. They were judged based on these interviews and their runway appearances featuring formal eveningwear and athleticwear.

Wood of Towns County was selected as the Second Runner-up, winning \$50. Last year pageant contestant Thoreson came in as the First Runner-up, taking home



Summer Rahn performed "Jolene" by Dolly Parton during the Miss Georgia Mountain Fair Pageant on July 22.

\$100 after finishing as the Mountain Fair Queen Woodard, Second Runner-up in the 2018

2018 Miss Georgia Mountain Fair Queen Katie Walsh attended this year's pageant to pass down the crown

Photo by Lowell Nicholson who also won \$325 in prize

money. Sonya McClain coordinated the pageant, and Summer Rahn performed "Jolene" by Dolly Parton that



Pageant Emcee Jennifer Holloway speaking with contestant Sophia Shook of Towns County during the 2019 Miss Georgia Mountain Fair Pageant. Photo by Lowell Nicholson