

Millionaires in the Making...

Preparing Teens for the "Real World"!

Say Cheese! A member from another school nervously poses for a picture with sophomore Bradley Creel at a competition. Bradley won an award for a district competition.



Money definitely made the world go around. Ways to earn money were taught in programs such as the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), an organization at the Vocational School that helped give kids a feel for managing a business. It taught leadership, social, and computer skills that really benefited the real future business leaders. All members were sworn to secrecy, and topics discussed during meetings were confidential. Also, the competitions were said to be challenging, fun, and educational.

The requirements for being a member of the FBLA were simple. The members had to be willing to sacrifice some Saturdays and about two days a month for meetings. The following members were leaders: president, Jennifer Murray; vice president, Archelle Washington; secretary, Caroletta Felder; treasurer, Bradley Creel; historian, Tywana Stevens; and parliamentarian Jamane

Gadsen. All the members had really important jobs, but the main thing was to keep things organized and controlled.

The fun things about the FBLA were learning computer skills, meeting new people at activities, and participating in competitions that tested certain subjects against other members of FBLA from across South Carolina. If somebody won the district competition, they went to state competition in Columbia, and so on until the Nationals in Longbeach, CA during the 1999-2000 school year.

There were also school-to-work opportunities for members. Junior Bradley Creel said, "I just got finished with a job at the hospital in which I had to load programs into their computers to make them Y2K compliant. I felt like a big help to the community!"

Most members had plans to attend either a two-year or four-year school dealing with business or computer engineering. There was also an awards banquet at the end of the year to honor outstanding members.

-Frayse Lyle



Kudos to the victorious! Seniors Caroletta Felder and Archelle Washington show off their new trophies. The two were very active members in the organization and showed enthusiasm for their achievements!

Leader of the Pack... President Jennifer Murray hesitantly smiles for a quick shot after a district competition. She conducted the meetings for over one hundred members.

