

THE LEADERS LOOP

MAY EDITION

Welcome

Hey everyone! After accepting additional state officer applications, we have our state officer team for the 2026-2027 membership year! Our returning president is Alec Wolf, who is attending Minot State University. Our returning vice president, Zack Volson, is also from Minot State University. Our two other vice presidents are Kaydee Boyce and Anna Nasset, both direct members of the University of Mary. We are all so excited for this upcoming year, and cannot wait to see you all throughout this coming year, starting with our National Leadership Conference in Las Vegas!



NLC Need to Knows

As NLC approaches, there are a few tips we have for what you need to know to prepare for the conference! To start, know what time your flight leaves! Be at the airport early, and give yourself plenty of time. Along with that, know when your competition is. This way, you can prepare beforehand, and arrive timely.

Anna Nasset



What do I pack?

When packing for NLC, there are lots of things to bring! Here are some key items you need to bring, and an overview of what professional dress is!

- Professional dress clothing
- Clothing for adventuring around Vegas
- Comfortable shoes for walking
- Competition materials (laptop, notebook, pencil case, etc.)
- Photo ID and wallet
- Toiletries
- Chargers for electronics
- Water bottle and snacks
- Small backpack or bag for traveling

Projecting a professional image is vital for business leaders to demonstrate respect for clients, colleagues, and others. This policy is to provide guidance for conference attendees—students, advisers, and guests. Professional business attire is required at all general sessions, competitive events, exhibits, regional meetings, workshops, and other activities unless otherwise indicated in conference materials.

Conference name badges are considered part of the dress code and must be worn at all conference functions. For safety reasons, do not wear conference badges outside of the conference area. The dress code is gender neutral.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS



BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL Business Suit

- Suit pants and jacket
- Blouse (or) collared dress shirt
- Neckwear such as tie or scarf
- Dress shoes (or) dress boots

Blazer

- Dress pants, including khakis, (or) dress (or) skirt
- Blazer
- Blouse (or) collared dress shirt
- Neckwear such as tie or scarf
- Dress shoes (or) dress boots

Dress

- A business dress
- Dress shoes (or) dress boots

Other Professional

- Dress pants, including khakis, (or) skirt
- Blouse (or) collared dress shirt
- Neckwear such as tie or scarf
- Dress shoes (or) dress boots

BUSINESS CASUAL

- Dress pants, skirt, (or) khakis/chino-style pants
- Blouse, collared dress shirt, (or) polo shirt
- Dress shoes (or) dress boots

NOTE: Business Casual is only permitted during sessions specifically noted in conference materials.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS



The following items are prohibited in all conference areas, including competitive events.

- ⊗ Denim or flannel clothing
- ⊗ Shorts
- ⊗ Athletic clothing
- ⊗ Leggings or graphically designed hosiery/tights
- ⊗ Skintight or revealing clothing, including tank tops, spaghetti straps, and mini/short skirts or dresses more than 1" above the knee
- ⊗ Swimwear
- ⊗ Flip flops or casual sandals
- ⊗ Athletic shoes
- ⊗ Industrial work shoes
- ⊗ Hiking boots
- ⊗ Hats
- ⊗ Graphically printed clothing

No dress code can cover all contingencies, so FBLA members must use a certain amount of judgment in their choice of clothing to wear. Members who experience uncertainty about unacceptable attire should ask their local adviser, state leader, or conference staff.

FBLA recognizes that exceptions may need to be made and will work with advisers on a case-by-case basis to accommodate requests. Advisers should indicate the need for exceptions on the special accommodation portion of the registration form. Requests made after registration closes must be made in writing.