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**DSU’s Future Business Leaders shine at FBLA State Leadership Conference**

**CLEVELAND, Miss. —** Delta State University’s chapter delegation of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) showcased their talent and business acumen at the 2025 State Leadership Conference, held from February 26-28 in Biloxi. Competing against top FBLA chapters from across the state, DSU students brought home numerous awards, securing their place among Mississippi’s finest future business leaders.

As a testament to their excellence, five DSU students earned the opportunity to advance to the FBLA National Leadership Conference, scheduled to take place from May 31 to June 2 in Dallas, Texas.

Delta State University proudly recognizes the following students for their outstanding achievements:

**Ladatrian Bolden** (Marketing)

* 2nd Place: Public Speaking
* 3rd Place: Foundations of Marketing

**Meljanique Jackson** (General Business)

* 2nd Place: Project Management

**Hannah Mowdy** (Accounting)

* 1st Place: Business Communication
* 3rd Place: Business Presentation

**LaTamara Oubre** (Healthcare Administration)

* 2nd Place: Job Interview
* 3rd Place: Business Presentation

**O’nelio Rios** (Master of Business Administration: Human Resource Management)

* 3rd Place: Job Interview
* 3rd Place: Business Presentation

In addition to these individual accomplishments, the DSU FBLA leadership team played an instrumental role in preparing members for the competition. The leadership team includes:

* **LaTamara Oubre** – President
* **Jada Bohanna** – Vice President
* **Algernon Cooper** – Treasurer
* **Meljanique Jackson** – Secretary
* **A’Mya Williams** – Parliamentarian
* **Ladatrian Bolden** – Public Relations/Reporter

“We are incredibly proud of our students for their hard work, dedication, and success at this year’s State Leadership Conference,” said Dr. Lisa Cooley, Assistant Professor of Marketing and FBLA Advisor. “Their accomplishments are a reflection of their commitment to excellence in business and leadership.”

The DSU community celebrates these students’ achievements and looks forward to their continued success at the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Dallas.

For more information about DSU’s Future Business Leaders of America chapter, please contact Dr. Lisa Cooley at lcooley@deltastate.edu or 662-846-4234.

Cutline: DSU’s Future Business Leaders of America recently attended the 2025 State Leadership Conference in Biloxi. Pictured are (L to R) Advisor Dr. Lisa Cooley; Meljanique Jackson, Rosedale; Hannah Mowdy, Union; Jada Bohanna, Holly Springs; LaTamara Oubre, Woodville; O’Neilo Rios, Miami, FL; A’Mya Williams, Cleveland; Algernon Cooper, Shelby; Ladatrian Bolden, Mound Bayou; Advisor Christie Sledge.

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