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ABEA turning heads in Tucson

The ACTE AZ (Association for Career and Technical Education of Arizona) Conference was held in Tucson, AZ, July 16 – 21, 2011. Business Education had a wonderful turnout of about 90 teachers. Business Education offered several useful sessions on topics such as Microsoft Office 2010, Web 2.0 Resources, integration of math into the accounting curriculum, and the overview of the state assessment procedures. Preconference included an all day workshop for new teachers on Sunday and for FBLA information on Saturday. In addition, there

was an FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) and an ABEA (Arizona Business Education Association) luncheon bringing in about 60 people both days. Both lunches were very informative and a good chance to network. There were several people that joined ABEA right at the luncheons. There were also two social events where business educators got to mingle; these events included Business Education Night Out and a Happy Hour sponsored by our partners at Devry. The Night Out brought in money for ABEA Scholarships. We concluded the confer-

ence with an ABEA Board meeting held at the Westin to plan for this coming year. Be prepared... ABEA is planning some great events. Stay informed of these upcoming events through our Website, newsletters, and e-mails.

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ABEA—Arizona Business Educators Association

FBLA—Future Business Leaders of America

Greetings From your President



**President
Anne Wisener**

Welcome to the new school year! 2011-2012 is going to be an exciting time for Business Education and ABEA. As your professional organization, ABEA is here to serve you.

This school year will bring education and networking events for our members to grow professionally. Each region in Arizona will have

a networking event for ABEA members and all Business Teachers from across the state. ABEA will sponsor professional development opportunities to meet the needs of all the business teachers. Watch our website for details.

This week I am training the new CTE teachers in my district.

Remember to bring the adventure of your first year teaching into your classroom this year by trying a new teaching technique.

Have a terrific start of the school year. Have fun teaching and learning from your students.

Chinle High School students first from Navajo reservation to receive BAA

Chinle High School juniors Tiffany Teller, Tex Carroll Jr. and Sharonna Yazzie recently became the first Diné students from a reservation school to be awarded the Future Pin by the Future Business Leaders of America.

The first in a series of ranks FBLA members can achieve, the award requires a daunting slate of activities, including writing essays, doing community service, fundraising for the FBLA's favorite charity, the March of Dimes, and promoting FBLA.

"It was a lot of work, but we were determined," said Teller, who is Bit'ahnii (Folded Arms Clan), born for Deeshchii'nii (Red Ridge Clan). She added they had a lot of encouragement from each other and their club sponsor, accounting teacher Serena Jimmy.

"They're the first! I'm very proud of them," said Chinle High FBLA President Taylor Silversmith, who ironically does not have her own pin yet (but she's darned close).

Eventually, Teller wants to become a forensic accountant and bust white-collar criminals. Carroll, who is

Kinyaa'aanii (Towering House Clan), born for Táchii'nii (Red Running into Water Clan), wants to open his own dental office, and Yazzie, Ma'ii Deeshgiizhnii (Coyote Pass Clan), born for Naakaii Dine'é (Mexican People Clan), is leaning toward something in the sports field.



Pictured:
Tiffany Teller,
Tex Carroll Jr.
and Sharonna Yazzie

FBLA and ABEA Collide!!!

It feels like all the fun happens in Tucson. That will be no different when FBLA and ABEA combine to hold the first of many Leadership Conferences. The organizations have come together to present up-to-date material that educators from both organizations can take back to their classrooms immediately.

This Friday/Saturday conference will discuss how to survive in the world of budget cuts, how to prepare students for competitive events and still teach your curriculum, and the creation of an "Advisory Council."

Conference registration will include meals Friday afternoon & night and Sat-

urday thru lunch, a single room, interactive workshops, and great networking opportunities.

Save the date...

August 26th & 27th at the Embassy Suites Tuscon—Paloma Village.

Registration Fee: \$200

