

Hello and happy Cinco de Mayo ABEA Members!

Dear ABEA Members:

As the year is coming quickly to a close, I wish you the best in your last few weeks. I hope that this year brought you many successes and that you learned a few new tricks to make your job easier. ABEA wants to offer you help when you need it. If you have any questions or anything we can help you with, please reach out. Together we can help each other, power in numbers! There are several different professional growth opportunities coming up such as ACTEAZ Summer Conference (<https://arizonactecon.com> July 14 – 19, 2023) and next year's ABEA/AME 2024 Conference. Please plan to take full advantage of attending these conferences to network with colleagues and learn new teaching techniques and technology. With topics that we all need to be informed of such as AI, Social-Emotional Wellbeing, Chat GPT, OER (open educational resources), Digital Instruction, and Multimodal Learning. We wish you the best this summer. Enjoy!

**Chris Liebelt-Garcia
ABEA President**



National Business Education Association (NBEA) Conference 2023

I recently attended the NBEA 2023 Conference in Kansas City, MO. This conference provided a variety of business education topics, leadership training, and certification exams (Certiport and WISE). This national conference did not disappoint and provided not only certifications but also topics important in today's business classrooms. There were so many current and upcoming topics, I had trouble choosing which ones to attend. My favorite sessions were as follows: Cryptocurrency, Gig Economy, Industry-Backed Credentials with RISE UP, Artificial Intelligence in Teaching and Learning, Digital Portfolios, Gamification, and Trends and Issues in Business Education. National Conferences are on a bigger stage with business teachers from all over the world (there were teachers there from Africa) and topics that are current and important to all teachers. I am always impressed with the teachers I meet at these Western and National Conferences because they share the same passion for teaching and the same struggles we encounter in our classrooms. There was a great session with round tables where we shared our solutions to our classroom and school issues (Chat GPT, phone policies, ethics, etc.). Become a member and plan on attending next year's National Business Education Association 2024 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, March 26-29, 2024. <https://nbea.org/>

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Western Region Representative on the NBEA Board**





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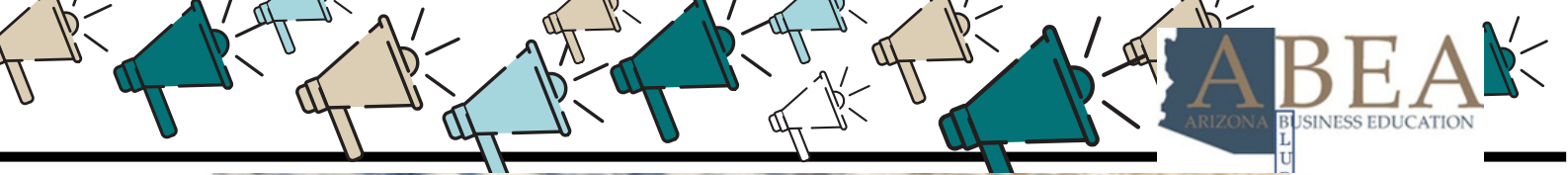
I would like to take this opportunity to brag about my students! I took 17 of my FBLA students to our regional conference in Thatcher, Arizona. My students all competed in variety of events. Out of the 17 students who attended regionals, 14 of them won a first, second or third-place medal. Out of the 14 that won, 6 of them won in multiple events! I could not be more proud as a teacher, my students prepared, worked hard and their hard work and preparation paid off as their name was announced on stage while they received their awards! Who has won what is as follows: Michelle Shuman for winning 1st place in banking and financial management Olivia Rasco earning 1st place in Battle of the Chapters, 2nd place in business management, and 3rd place in client service. Congratulations to a dynamic duo: Wenjing and Canyon Li for winning 2nd place in data analysis!! And 3rd place in International Business Braeden Ingraham for taking 2nd place in entrepreneurship, 3rd place in Introduction to financial math Visesh Baskar for earning 1st place in Help Desk and 3rd place in Intro to FBLA. Kaitlyn Vasquez for winning 2nd place in Intro to FBLA Makenna Trevers for taking 2nd place in Intro to public speaking Benji Lucas and Josie Palafox for earning 3rd place in Introduction to Social Media Strategies Carter Jones for winning 3rd place in Marketing Pierre Tswisheme and Rene Grajeda for winning 3rd place in Sports and entertainment management. By Brandon LeBland

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RECOMMENDATION.....

Arizona Council on Economic Education (ACEE) just had a class on Escape Room Activities for Teaching Taxes. Robin Palmer taught it and sent me the materials. I was just finishing my taxes unit so I did it as a wrap-up activity and it was a total win! The students were so engaged. I had an incentive so they were very competitive. They learned and didn't really realize they were learning. The next day they asked if I had another escape room activity. Robin Palmer is an excellent mentor. She answered my questions and is very knowledgeable. I did practice it before I tried it with my students so I would know to make sure that they knew how a "wordle" worked before they started it and struggled. I highly recommend this activity. By Andrea Pena





Once the end of the year frenzy is over and you are finally able to enjoy your well-deserved summer break, make sure you take some time to relax and destress. Below is a summer checklist for teachers that will help refresh you for the upcoming school year!

A Summer Checklist for Teachers

1. Avoid all of those "teacher skeptics."
2. Sleep in or take a nap - and don't feel guilty about it!
3. Take time to laugh.
4. Color in an adult coloring book.
5. Take a long lunch.
6. Read an adult book.
7. Visit an aquarium.
8. Try out the "calm down bottles" your students use when they are stressed out or angry.
9. Go on a Netflix binge.
10. Go to the bathroom anytime you want!
11. Stay in your pajamas all day.
12. Get a massage.
13. If you can't take a vacation to someplace exotic, take a "Staycation."

Do you have a lesson plan, tips or something you would like to share with your colleagues? email
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