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PBL Competition highlights NGTC student success

The Georgia Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) North District Conference held a competition in Waco, Georgia, on the Murphy Campus of West Georgia Technical College on February 19. Colleges from across North Georgia competed including six North Georgia Technical College PBL members. All six NGTC students will now be heading to the State Competition that will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, in April.

Returning for their second year of competition were Susie Berry of Cleveland, Ryan Norton of Lavonia, Mia Sharpton of Clayton, and Emily Sullens of Alto. Mia Sharpton of Clayton and Craig Rhinehardt of Young Harris participated for the first time, and all did an outstanding job.

NGTC took top honors in the Parliamentary Procedures category with Susie Berry placing first followed by Emily Sullens in second, Mia Sharpton in third, and Debra Herbert in fourth.

Susie Berry also competed in the Battle of the Chapters and was the first student to win this event from the NGTC Chapter.

Other first place finishes included Ryan Norton in both Computer Applications and Justice Administration, Debra Herbert in Word Processing, and Mia Sharpton in Accounting for Professionals. Second place awards went to Emily Sullens in Accounting for Professionals and Craig Rhinehardt in Retail Management.

The college has two chapters of Phi Beta Lambda. Despite the inclement weather this year, for the first time in several years the Blairsville chapter was also represented.

“Although our chapter is small, 100% of our members who competed won an award,” said NGTC Clarkesville Campus Advisor Brad Cagle. “They all won awards in each event they competed in. We congratulate each of these students and we are very proud of them. We look forward to hearing more great news in April at the state competition.”

Phi Beta Lambda is the post secondary extension of Future Business Leaders of America. With chapters in the majority of accredited colleges across the state, North Georgia Technical College has been honored to have representatives advance to the national competition each year.

For more information on PBL, visit www.fbla-pbl.org. For more information on North Georgia Technical College’s programs of study or professional organization affiliations, contact 706-754-7700.

Picture (L-R): Emily Sullens, Mia Sharpton, Ryan Norton, Susie Berry, and Debra Herbert.

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