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NGTC Parliamentary Pro team places 6th at PBL National Convention

The Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) national competition was held in Chicago June 23-26. Six North Georgia Technical College PBL members from both the Clarkesville Chapter and the Blairsville Chapter traveled to the convention along with Advisors Tim Green and Dustin Emhart.

The Parliamentary Procedures team consisting of Debra Herbert of Lavonia, Susie Berry of Cleveland, Mia Sharpton of Clayton, Emily Sullens of Alto, and Ryan Norton of Lavonia placed 6th in the nation. Ryan Norton also placed 10th in Justice Administration. Also competing this year were Craig Rhinehardt of Young Harris in Accounting Principles, and Emily Sullens and Mia Sharpton in Accounting for Professionals.

“We are tremendously proud of the students,” said PBL Advisor and Accounting Instructor Dustin Emhart. “They worked hard all the way through these last few months of competition. Together, Craig and I braved the snow in February to compete at the District level. At each event, these students got better and better. Travelling together to the Nationals has really helped to strengthen the bond between the two chapters at our college.”

The first two days of the conference were spent attending learning and networking sessions on topics such as interview skills and developing your personal brand at the Institute for Leaders.

As the students began the competitive rounds, Advisors Green, Emhart, and Brad Cagle, who travelled separately, served as coordinators for events. Emhart also had a chance to participate in the open competition with other advisors and judges. He placed second in Current Events in Business, and he placed first in Sports Management and Business Ethics.

“We couldn’t have done it without the support and mentoring of Brad Cagle,” said Emily Sullens. “He was there for us, coaching us until the last minute. When we walked into the competition, we were prepared. Even when they threw us a curve ball, we were able to regroup as a team, and we performed well because of what he had taught us.”
Phi Beta Lambda is the postsecondary extension of Future Business Leaders of America. With chapters in the majority of accredited colleges across the state, the NGTC chapter 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.

Photo: The NGTC Parliamentary Procedures Team (Front, L-R): Emily Sullens, Susie Berry, Mia Sharpton, Debra Herbert; (back) Advisor Brad Cagle and Ryan Norton

Picture: Dustin Emhart and Craig Rhinehart

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