

# Lead.

## Students learn to lead as underclassmen

When a team or club loses its student leaders, it is difficult to come back from it the next year. For FFA and Knowledge Bowl, after losing their seniors, the underclassmen quickly learned to lead.

"Instead of relying on our old members to lead the chapter, my classmates and I have to," junior Alex Higbee said.

Higbee is an officer for FFA and sees himself and the other officers as role models for the rest of the chapter.

Knowledge Bowl has only sophomores and one junior this year, but did better than they have in past years. This year, they won regionals, and competed at state.

"Normally when a lot of seniors leave, the team doesn't do as well," sophomore Michael Grudt said, "but it's different this year. Our

team came in clutch, and we made it to state by just two points."

This year, the FFA chapter is lead by one senior, Leandra Melgoza, two juniors, Alex Higbee and Kari Mosier, and three sophomores, Isabel Gaines, Makendra Torres, and Jesus Reyes.

For Torres, being an underclassman and an officer hasn't affected much, besides making big decisions.

"Being younger doesn't really make a difference most of the time," Torres said, "but when it comes to making decisions, the older kids have more rights."

Losing most of any team or club can be a setback, but for FFA and Knowledge Bowl, they are not letting it hold them back from achieving their goals. *Spread by Maddy Williams*

During Knowledge Bowl practice, sophomores Alex Truitt, Jayme Wootten, and Joanna McDowell think before answering a question.

The Knowledge Bowl team practiced twice a week after school. "I like that I learn something new every practice," Wootten said.

*Photo by Maddy Williams*





Just before the FFA creed speaking contest, freshmen Kreslyn Smith and Hope Valenzuela talk about what they're going to do. Both Smith and Valenzuela achieved silver. "It was great practice for our chapter creed contest," Smith said. Photo by Katie Emick

Said. With pride

What is your proudest moment of Knowledge Bowl/FFA?



Getting third in my class for steer. Bianca O'Bryan, junior



I had three seconds left to answer a question and I got it right. Daniel Stroh, sophomore



Being the state runner up for creed speaking. I almost went to nationals. Isabel Gaines, sophomore



During the annual Donkey Basketball game, junior Kari Mosier lets a kid ride her donkey. Mosier's team won two of three games. "I was really excited to finally play and ride the donkey this year," Mosier said. Photo by Isabel Gaines

Writing on his paper, junior Allan Soto attempts to solve a math problem. Soto has been in Knowledge Bowl for three years, and enjoys the experience it has given him. "I've made new friends," Soto said, "and gained a lot of knowledge." Photo by Maddy