

2021 OUTSTANDING CTE STUDENT-SECONDARY

Ava Trahan

FBLA Vice President of Progress

Cherokee Trail High School

Ava Trahan is very motivated in everything that she does. While maintaining a 4.0+ GPA as an IB student, she was involved in many clubs at Cherokee Trail High School and was a member of the tennis team. She demonstrated the ability to handle multiple projects and do them well, including placing sixth at the FBLA NLC in Organizational Leadership. Ava is always eager to work on new projects and when given the opportunity to help run the Craft Fair in conjunction with PTCO, she enthusiastically agreed to lead this project during our first year of being involved. This past year, Ava served as President of our Cherokee Trail FBLA chapter. Through an unprecedented year, she helped our chapter become the largest in the State of Colorado.

Ava excels in any leadership role she is been placed in. She works hard to get the task done and will not accept anything other than full commitment from her peers. She checked in with both advisers on a weekly basis to ensure that not only her jobs were completed, but also where else she could help the chapter. Ava's positive attitude is always refreshing, and she brings excellent insight to the project. She was a strong member of the chapter officer team; she quickly changed the format of chapter activities this past year from in-person to digital platforms, while still having strong involvement from the members and keeping the enthusiasm running high. Ava ensured that she included and connected with all the officers in the team, which provided the officer team with the tools necessary to step up to the new challenges of running a CTSO during a pandemic.

In addition to serving as her high school chapter president, Ava also served as the 2020-2021 Colorado FBLA Vice President of Progress. As the Vice President of Progress, Ava single-handedly connected with and followed through with Leeds School of Business for a Colorado FBLA social media takeover to promote the University of Colorado. Outside of school, she is active in the China's Children International community.

Ava graduated as valedictorian from Cherokee Trail HS in May 2021 and will be moving to Milan, Italy to pursue a degree in international economics and finance at Bocconi University.

Ava Trahan personifies the CTSO qualities of intelligence, leadership, service, ethics and character, which makes her a perfect person to be named CACTE Outstanding CTE Student-Secondary! Congratulations, Ava!