



**PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER  
FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA**

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Dear PA FBLA Members and Advisers:

I hope everyone had a successful summer. Let's get ready to start another excellent year Pennsylvania FBLA.

PA FBLA had another impressive showing at this year National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida. As a state, we brought home 56 individual and team awards along with a multitude of chapter, open event, and state awards. With four more awards than last year and second most in the nation, PA showed its aptitude for Breaking Barriers. With over 300 Pennsylvanians attending the conference, we definitely left a huge impression on the nation. Congratulations to all our winners, and thank you for making PA FBLA proud.

In the upcoming year, there are many ways that you can learn to pass through the "Gateway to Greatness." I encourage each of you to participate in a competitive event this year. This is a great way to become involved in all levels of Pennsylvania FBLA. In addition, there are many goals and plans of work that your state officer team has developed to help continue the PA FBLA tradition of excellence. This year is shaping up to be crystal clear as new ways to communicate with the state leadership (Board of Directors, State Officers) become available.

Our state project this year, the American Heart Association, is a tried and trusted charity with many opportunities for monetary and community service. I would like to encourage each of you to explore the various options this organization has to offer. With your help, we are sure to reach our \$35,000 goal.

Finally, to further enhance your 2011-12 PA FBLA year, I hope you will attend the conferences and workshops available to you. Get your other chapter members involved as well at your respective RLW and RLC. Also, don't forget about the SLW in Lancaster in October and the NFLC in the city of brotherly love, our own Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in November.

Make the most of this upcoming year. I can assure you that your time spent participating in FBLA activities with other members from across your region, the state, and the nation will create lifetime memories and opportunities!

Best of luck in the coming year Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

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