

# FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

Pennsylvania State Chapter

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Dear FBLA Advisers

Welcome back to another year with PA FBLA being your "Gateway to Greatness" in 2011-2012! I hope the start to your school year is going well, and look forward to working with you this year.

The Middle Level Competitive Events program will continue in a similar format as it was updated to last year. We will continue to offer competitive events at the Region Leadership Conference (RLC) or at the school home-site, depending on the format decided by the individual region advisers. In addition, you will notice that some events have become state-only events beginning with this year.

Please reference the PA FBLA Middle Level Competitive Events Policy Handbook, posted on the PA FBLA website at [www.pafbla.org](http://www.pafbla.org), for all competitive event information. This includes the event competencies, individual recognition awards, chapter recognition awards, and other national program opportunities.

We will continue to give Middle Level chapter awards at the state level. These include membership awards, local market share awards, and awards for recognition of participation in national middle level programs as well. All of this information is also included in the Middle Level Handbook. The state chapter will award top two state places in each competitive event.

An additional change for this year – middle level students will now be permitted to stay overnight at the State Leadership Workshop in October at the Lancaster Host Conference Center. Advisers should reference the SLW information posted on the PA FBLA website.

It continues to be a goal of the state management team, and is a goal state officer team/executive committee this year to increase middle level membership. This includes increasing the amount of members in already active chapters, as well as adding and recruiting new chapters. Anyone interested in starting a middle level chapter should contact myself or Bruce Boncal, PA FBLA Executive Director, at [bboncal@pafbla.us](mailto:bboncal@pafbla.us) for more information.

We also continue to operate the PA FBLA Scholarship Program which offers PA FBLA seniors the chance to apply for scholarships being offered by many post-secondary institutions and universities. The list for the 2011-2012 school year and the graduating class of 2012 will be posted in late fall. I encourage as many seniors to apply for these opportunities available only to PA FBLA members.

Have a great year, and please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luke Skerpon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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