

FBLA is "Simply the Best!"

(The National Theme for 2009-2010)

Welcome Back! This time of the year is always exhilarating. Once school bells start ringing, I know it's time for FBLA to once again come alive after a summer hiatus.

As the school year gets underway, I'm looking forward to meeting all the new FBLA advisers. And it is always wonderful to re-connect with returning advisers. Welcome back...and enjoy a fantastic school year.

In September, the many FBLA opportunities that await us for the 2009-2010 school year will be unveiled. I hope you are as excited as I am and are anxious to get the FBLA year started.

For those new to FBLA, my primary function as conference coordinator is to coordinate all details for the PA FBLA state meetings (State Leadership Workshop and State Leadership Conference), any special meetings—such as the Board of Directors' Meetings, Executive Committee Meetings, the Region Adviser Summit and the New Local Chapter Advisers Summit, and arrange and manage all travel details for the PA delegation to the National Leadership Conference.

FBLA gives all members opportunities to travel, enter challenging competitions, apply for scholarship and win prizes, attend leadership development sessions, participate in community service experiences, and build friendships with students not only in Pennsylvania, but all across the country.

Below you will find the state level workshops and conferences available to members and advisers during this school year. Please mark these dates on your calendar and make every effort to attend.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the state meetings, please contact me by email or call my cell at 412.576.2826.

Once again, welcome back. *Together* we will make awesome things happen for Pennsylvania FBLA members!!



UPCOMING PA FBLA EVENTS

Specific details, registration deadlines, etc., can be found on the pafbla.org web site

- **Region Adviser Summit**
October 3, 2009; 8 a.m. - Hershey
- **New Local Chapter Adviser Summit**
October 3, 2009; 9 a.m. Hershey
- **State Leadership Workshop**
November 1-2, 2009 – Penn State
- **National Fall leadership Conference**
November 6-7, 2009 – Baltimore, MD
- **State Leadership Conference**
April 12-14, 2010 – Hershey Lodge
- **National Leadership Conference**
July 12-18, 2010
Opryland, Nashville, Tennessee

State Leadership Workshop

November 1-2, 2009
Penn Stater Conference Center
Hotel, State College

Hurry! The SLW registration deadline of **September 24** is fast approaching! Send your registration materials **TODAY**. **Attendance will be limited to the first 800 registrants.***

Registration Fee: \$25 pp
Lodging: \$97.65 per room (Sunday)
Lodging: \$121.52 per room (Saturday)*

*Attendance is limited to a total of **10 members per chapter**—including advisers, but excluding state officers and the region president and the region secretary. Participants may stay overnight or commute.

The **PA FBLA SLW** is "Simply the Best." In only 24 hours, students will acquire the skills necessary to better lead their chapters by attending innovative leadership and career development sessions. Advisers will have an opportunity to attend professional development sessions. The State Project fundraising campaign will kick-off and the Battle of the Chapters winner and runner-up will be crowned. On Sunday evening, everyone will have time to interact with other members and advisers while having fun! **Registration for the SLW is NOW open.**

All documents related to the SLW, including Sunday evening activities, are now published on the PA FBLA web site at www.pafbla.org. Send your questions by email to janet.skiles@comcast.net. We are looking forward to seeing you in State College on November 1-2.

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**Baltimore's Inner Harbor...
"the crown jewel of downtown Baltimore"**
November 6-7

Plan now and register for the
National Fall Leadership Conference

Join the PA FBLA State Officers* and members from across the nation to see why FBLA is "Simply the Best." This year's conference will offer a variety of topics that will help members become "Simply the Best" as they prepare for their future. You will be able to network, learn, and interact with other future business leaders. Exhibitors will give you the chance to gather information about fund-raising opportunities, universities, and vendors.

Conference registration is **now open** online at www.fbla-pbl.org. Registration fees/deadlines:

Early Bird	Regular	On-site
\$60.00	\$70.00	\$80.00
Oct. 9	Oct. 10-31	Nov. 1-6

Hotel Reservations: (October 9 deadline)

***Hyatt Regency Baltimore Inner Harbor**
Sheraton Inner Harbor
Holiday Inn Inner Harbor
\$155 Single/Double + 13.5%
\$160 Triple/Quad +13.5%

For more information: www.fbla-pbl.org

Interested in sharing a charter bus to the NFLC? Contact Janet Skiles at janet.skiles@comcast.net.

59th State Leadership Conference

Hershey Lodge/Convention Center
April 12-14, 2010

The PA FBLA State Leadership Conference is the largest gathering of student leaders in Pennsylvania. It is, without a double, "Simply the Best" event during the FBLA year. It is here where members and advisers are recognized for their outstanding accomplishments. On April 13, the top 10 winners in each competitive event will be announced, and we will learn who will represent Pennsylvania at the National Leadership Conference this summer in **Nashville, Tennessee**.

Plans are just about complete and will be announced at the State Leadership Workshop in November.* Here is a sneak preview of what you can expect. There is one new competitive event, Computer Games & Simulation Programming that replaces Internet Application Programming, all workshop sessions will be held inside the convention center, and we anticipate over 4,000 members, advisers, and guests to attend. And, now with the PSSA testing window being extended from April 12-16 to April 7-16, we hope this will eliminate the conflict with the SLC. We look forward to seeing you there!

*SLC details will be published in the Downloadable Files section of the pafbla.org web site AFTER the SLW.

Attention ~ REGION ADVISERS AND NEW LOCAL CHAPTER ADVISERS
Save the date: October 3, 2009, for the annual Region Adviser Summit and New Local Chapter Adviser Summit in Hershey. Invitations have been sent by e-mail. If you are a new adviser and did not receive an invitation, please contact Janet Skiles, Conference Coordinator at janet.skiles@comcast.net.