



Spring Success in Stroudsburg

Stroudsburg High School's chapter of FBLA is springing into the spring season with an ambitious agenda. Our successful participation in our Valentine's Day Heart Walk to benefit the American Heart Association, Wal-Mart Coin Drop and an American Cancer Society Tricky Tray Event have allowed us to continue to unlock our potential.

One of the highlights of our upcoming spring season is the Relay for Life, which will benefit the American Cancer

Society. It will be held in our high school's football stadium, and we are striving to take home the "Most Spirited Team" award for the third year in a row. Our chapter is excited about this additional opportunity to fundraise for the American Cancer Society.

For the first time ever in Stroudsburg FBLA history, we will be holding an end-of-the-year banquet at a local resort venue. At the banquet we will conduct our New Officer Induction. We are also

planning to sell Six Flags amusement park tickets in order to raise money to help offset the cost of the banquet for our senior members. Though this event is currently in the planning stages, it is highly anticipated, and we have confidence that it will be successful.

In spite of all these activities, our chapter is ecstatic about the PA State Leadership Conference this month. We would like to wish everyone good luck!

Chestnut Ridge's Community Service

Chestnut Ridge FBLA members and advisors celebrated FBLA Community Service Day on Saturday, February 18, 2006, by volunteering at the Bedford County Humane Society. Members and advisors spent the morning cleaning kennels,

taking care of the cats, and walking the dogs. The group also donated a load of supplies that they had been collecting including cleaning supplies, paper towels, dog and cat food, toys, and treats. As a result of their visit, one person adopted a cat that day

as well. The Future Business Leaders celebrate FBLA Community Service Day each year on the Saturday of National FBLA and National Career and Technical Education Week, which is the second week of February.

Waynesboro Recap

With most chapter record-keeping starting over March 1, the Waynesboro chapter has started fresh and strong. We've accomplished a lot in the past year, and we know that with our active members who are always willing to achieve more in the community, staying active isn't a p r o b l e m .

We kicked off March with two speakers. Ken Koll, a member's father, came in to talk to us about what it's like to manage a business. As president of a local business, Mr. Koll talked about all sorts of financial aid programs and numerous ways to kick off

y o u r c o m p a n y . We also had a person from Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week come to talk to us. PFEW is a non-profit organization that prepares students who are interested in the world of business with simulations and speakers. This program is offered four weeks in the summer and has been around since 1979. We've had a member attend in the past, and after Ms. Goss spoke to us, we had quite a few interested s t u d e n t s .

Finally, we have started a new year of community service. At the end of this past FBLA

year, our members logged in a total of 14,329.5 hours of community service. At the beginning of the school year, our chapter started using the new reporting forms accessible via Microsoft Excel for keeping track of hours. This has proven extremely efficient. An advisor collects the forms that the students print out every month. We're extremely proud of our members for their work in the c o m m u n i t y . The year began at the beginning of March and the Waynesboro FBLA chapter can't wait for what the year holds in store.

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CHECK IT OUT!:

- Final issue for this year!
- Check out officer' farewells
- Farewell from State Adviser



Pine Grove FBLA

The Pine Grove FBLA chapter has been keeping busy and preparing for the upcoming State Conference. Once again this year we are fundraising to get to the SLC. We will be taking 33 students to the SLC, and we are anxious for the new location at Hershey.

There are several volunteering projects and social outings coming up. The PGA FBLA recently visited the elementary school and read to the students. Many members volunteered and were assigned to a teacher and their class. The students and members had a great time. It is always a great experience when the schools can interact and work together to achieve a great example and goal. We are also looking at

going to the elementary school to read again and also visit Schoolyard Square to play bingo with the residents. These activities will be all on one day, after school. Both are always fun and rewarding for the members and those who are benefiting from the event.

Our social event coming up will be bowling at Pine Lanes. We always look for something simple, fun, and easy for everyone to participate in. It is a great time for everyone in the membership to mingle and get together. All who are in attendance end up having fun and probably end up laughing at each other and ourselves.



Central High School

On March 7, the Central High School Future Business Leaders of America held the first annual FBLA Senior Hired Hand Auction. This auction was held to raise money for the FBLA state charity, the American Heart Association. Thirty-six seniors from Central High School volunteered to be auctioned off for a good cause. The individual students raised bids for their services ranging from \$4 - \$109. The hired hands dressed in a color/outfit selected by their employer,

carried books, and served lunches to their winning bidder on March 15. In addition, the Central High School staff were able to dress down for a \$3 donation to the AHA.

The auction and dress down day proved to be a huge success. The Central High School FBLA, student body, and staff raised a total of \$1,201. All this money will be donated to the American Heart Association.

SAYING GOODBYE TO YOUR 2005-2006

STATE OFFICER TEAM



Laura Barrett—State President

1. Positions held in FBLA including state officer...
I have been my chapter president for the past two years.
I was the Eastern District Vice President for PA FBLA last year.
2. Favorite FBLA memory...
I got back to my hotel room at about 2 a.m. after a Board meeting. Just after climbing into bed, Emily “woke up” and fell onto the floor and then tried to leave the room. I had to convince her that she was alright and that she needed to stay in our room. She was sleepwalking.
3. What you have learned about yourself by being an FBLA state officer...
I have learned that when I procrastinate, I make myself miserable.
4. What you have learned about PA FBLA...
Way too much!
5. What you have learned about life...
Through good times and bad, you have stay strong and focused.
6. What you dreaded...
Board meetings till early hours of the morning.
7. What you will miss...
I will miss the friends that I have made, the conferences, and, most of all my, fellow officers and advisors.
8. The quote you would like to leave PA FBLA...
“No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.” Eleanor Roosevelt





Azeem Khan—First Vice President

1. Positions held in FBLA including state officer...
Positions held besides being PA FBLA First Vice President are:
 - 2005-06 Region 21 President
 - 2005-06 Stroudsburg FBLA President
 - 2004-05 Stroudsburg FBLA Treasurer
2. Favorite FBLA memory...
Hearing my name being announced at the Business Session as the 2005-06 First Vice President.
3. What you have learned about yourself by being an FBLA state officer...
As a state officer I have learned the necessary steps required to be a successful leader. Throughout the journey, I learned that it takes dedication, determination and commitment to be successful.
4. What you have learned about PA FBLA...
It was my best \$12 investment EVER! At first I thought it was just an organization like any other—but was I wrong. Its commitment to helping students gain knowledge, experience, and skills necessary to be successful in the real world is extraordinary. It has been a privilege and honor to be a part of the premier student body organization in the country.
5. What you have learned about life...
Life has taught me that it takes hard work and dedication to achieve a goal. If you work hard, play by the rules, and enjoy what you do, you'll reach success. As Jessie Jackson would say, "Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up."
6. What you dreaded...
There is nothing that comes to mind that I can say that I dreaded. Maybe that's a good thing?
7. What you will miss...
When I leave this organization, I will definitely miss the opportunity to attend conferences, meet new people, and have the opportunity to travel the country. Along with missing the travel, leaving behind friends and colleagues that I have been able to spend the last couple years will also be missed.
8. The quote you would like to leave PA FBLA...
"Work hard, aim high and be yourself for the mark of a success ends with a smile."

Patrick Landers—Vice President at Large

1. Positions held in FBLA including state officer...
Local Chapter Freshman Representative
State Vice President at Large
2. Favorite FBLA memory...
My favorite FBLA memory of FBLA was attending and working at the NLC Closing Session—firing up the members of PA FBLA, and the excitement of seeing members from PA win.
3. What you have learned about yourself by being an FBLA state officer...
I have learned that I can do many things I thought I would never do. Speaking in large and small groups, as well as being capable of organizing events such as the SLW Heart Walk are just a few things FBLA has taught me.
4. What you have learned about PA FBLA...
I have learned that FBLA has many great opportunities it offers to its members. FBLA teaches students lessons not learned in school and provides an opportunity for members to grow and learn about themselves.
5. What you have learned about life...
It may be a cliché, but I have learned that life is short, and when an opportunity appears, jump on it.
6. What you dreaded...
The thing I dreaded most was not living up to the expectations of Mrs. Scott, Mr. Boncal, the rest of the State Committee, my adviser Mrs. DeWire, and my community.
7. What you will miss...
I will miss seeing the state officers and their advisers, as well as the State Committee. They have had a lasting impact on me, and have become great friends.
8. The quote you would like to leave PA FBLA...
“The future belongs to those who prepare for it today.” This quote by Malcolm X is a quote FBLA members can learn from. FBLA members are the future leaders of American and the world, and the opportunities offered by FBLA will hopefully make the world a better place.





Kat Lynerd—Parliamentarian

1. Positions held in FBLA including state officer...

My junior year I was local vice president and Region 17 Secretary. I held the offices of local president, Region 17 President, State Parliamentarian, and National Eastern Region Parliamentarian my senior year.

2. Favorite FBLA memory....

The night the officers played Phase 10 and we found out Sunny couldn't do math.

3. What you have learned about yourself by being an FBLA state officer...

I learned that I could be assertive and put myself up for the possibility of rejection because the gain outweighed the potential loss.

4. What you have learned about PA FBLA...

PA FBLA, once you become involved, is more of a close family than a business group. There are care, love, and concern for everyone's needs.

5. What you have learned about life...

It never hurts to make an attempt at something. This can be overstated, but it is true. You don't know your true capabilities until you push beyond your former boundaries.

6. What you dreaded...

Overload of work + with no sleep = stress

7. What you will miss...

I already miss the Executive Committee and our meetings in Hershey. Seeing them again is always like meeting a long-lost friend.

8. The quote you would like to leave PA FBLA...

"All sunshine makes a desert." –There will be tough times during life when it seems as though you can't continue on. Just keep in mind that this too shall pass and the reward is coming.

I want to thank Pennsylvania FBLA for all the opportunities afforded me the last four years. Without my officer positions and competitions, I would not have been lead to my current college major. No other organization compares to this one, and I hope all current and future members take advantage of the possibilities while they have the chance.

Sunny Saxena—Treasurer

As the school year comes to an end, so does my term with FBLA. My time in FBLA has certainly been well worth it, and my year as an officer has been filled with great memories and learning experiences.

Through FBLA, I've traveled across the country, met countless extraordinary members, and attended outstanding conferences. I've learned better speaking, problem-solving, accounting, and leadership skills. I've gained an invaluable exposure to business. Perhaps most importantly, I've learned to never stress, to always go with the flow.

The wonderful friendships and connections forged through FBLA will always stand out in my mind. Friends, your compassion, selflessness, and good humor will always be remembered. Your help, along with constant support from my family and advisors, brought me to where I am.

PA FBLA, I thank you for the honor of electing me as State Treasurer. You trusted me to handle thousands of dollars of donations and gave me the unique opportunity to represent you, the cream of the high school crop. Your commitment and investment in this tremendous organization is truly admirable.

I wish you all the best.





Tim Biba—Secretary

As an FBLA member, I've held leadership positions in both the state and region chapters. I've been the 2005-2006 Region 6 President and the 2005-2006 PA FBLA State Secretary.

It's really difficult to pick a favorite FBLA memory because I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as an FBLA member. If I had to pick one, my favorite memory would be from my freshmen year in high school. Our local chapter had a lot of great members, and we had a great time together throughout the year, especially our chapter trip to Baltimore for the National Fall Leadership Conference; this was my first "FBLA experience," and it got me hooked on the organization.

I have learned a lot about myself because of my state officer experience, especially about my organizational skills. Those who know me well would know that I am just barely organized enough to function. I tend to save too many things in piles for longer than I should, and seem to have enough time to sit down and get completely organized.

Being a state officer has really opened my eyes to what PA FBLA is all about and how amazing the organization really is. As a state officer, you get to go "behind the scenes" and see the work and dedication required to pull off a conference or to organize a large-scale fundraiser. I would definitely encourage anybody who is interested in being a state officer or in learning more about FBLA to run for office.

What I've learned about life...gee...that's a difficult one. I'd have to say I've learned how to really pack a suitcase and how to travel with the least amount of clothing necessary and to not wear smelly shoes at the airport. More seriously, I've learned that Pennsylvania is home to some of the best and nicest people around. Being a state officer has taught me a lot about working as a team player. Finally, I've learned a lot about making sacrifices. Being a state officer has been a demanding time commitment, and I've had to make some tough decisions about how to spend my time, but I don't have any regrets. I've had a great time, and I'd like to thank everybody that has made that possible.

The only thing I dreaded (and still dread) is deadlines. I usually don't have a problem with doing things on time, but I always wait until the last minute. I always dreaded the monthly update deadlines.

By far, what I will miss most about this year are the other state officers and the other members of PA FBLA that I've been so privileged to meet during my year as a state officer. I can't tell you how awesome it has been to work and hang out with all of you guys.

Well, one of my favorite quotes is...

"In matters of style, swim with the current, in the matters of principle, stand like a rock."

Thomas Jefferson

Emily Butler—Vice President at Large

1. Positions held in FBLA including state officer...
I've been local reporter and Local president, Regional secretary and Regional president, and State VP at Large.
2. Favorite FBLA memory...
My favorite FBLA memory has to be nationals, both years. It's just an amazing experience to look back on, especially when we went to Orlando. Just knowing that you're helping lead and organize one of the best FBLA state chapters in the country amazes you, and it truly inspires you're to keep doing what your doing.
3. What you have learned about yourself by being an FBLA state officer...
I've learned that I really can do almost anything if I put my mind to it. I've learned that the limits I thought I had I don't, they're even further than I ever imagined.
4. What you have learned about PA FBLA...
I've learned that FBLA is simply not just another club that gets you out of class. I never thought I'd be this involved in it, and I would have learned so much from it. I didn't really learn about it, I learned from it. The people I met and the skills I've developed will stick with me the rest of my life.
5. What you have learned about life... (not really necessary, I honestly don't know what I'd put, but I was told I should add it)
I learned the importance of being part of a team. I don't need to have to be in control and do everything by myself; I need the help of others.
6. What you dreaded...
Late nights and early mornings; 5 AM showers are nice, don't get me wrong, but I like to sleep more than four hours a night. I'm sure everyone will agree with me on that one.
7. What you will miss...
THE PEOPLE. FBLA gave me the opportunity to meet some of the most amazing people. I hope to never lose touch with anyone, especially the state officers. We've grown extremely close for seeing each other half a dozen times. I also think I'll miss my late nights in the girl's room. It seems we'd talk about everything and anything. Kat and I have spent many nights up longer than we should have been catching up on the three months we haven't seen each other.
8. The quote you would like to leave PA FBLA...
"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." This one really reminds me of FBLA and all its members. I often use it as a life motto, when I lose faith in myself and my abilities. The members of FBLA are the best and the brightest in the state. They have more to offer the next generation of business than I think anyone could imagine. I guess I want to leave PA FBLA with the idea to never give up on yourself and your abilities. Confidence will get you farther than you think.



State Adviser
Farewell
from
Mrs. Scott



Dr. Seuss is quoted as saying, “Don’t cry because it’s over. Smile because it happened.” To many of us, Dr. Seuss has had a profound impact on our childhood, teaching us about the Lorax; trying something new – like green and eggs and ham, and how differences are acceptable in our society. To me, it seemed only fitting to say goodbye using the words of a man who has helped to shape my world, and now that of my young son.

PA FBLA, I begin by saying “thank you” for allowing me to serve as State Adviser for the past three years. Even more so, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to be part of such a fabulous organization since I entered the field of education in 1989. Since then, FBLA has been synonymous with my name, my hobbies, and my passion. I look back on these past seventeen years and think how blessed I have been to be in such wonderful company as my fellow advisers, mentors, and you, the student members. It is you who give us, the adults, the courage and commitment to strive forward even when we are tired and downtrodden. It is you, who give us our greatest memories seeing you achieve your dreams. And it is you, who grant us time to be young once again, trying to share with you all that we have learned in our lives, teaching you to be caring individuals who will be our future.

As part of my farewell, I was asked to comment on a few questions that really made me think long and hard over the past few days... for example, **can you name your all-time favorite memory?** The answer is a resounding NO. I cannot...for fear if I do, I’ll forget to mention my first Parli Pro team earning fifth place at the SLC – quite an accomplishment for someone who had no idea who Robert was and why he had ‘rules of order.’ Or, for fear I’d forget the time Mr. Boncal, Mrs. Skiles and I led the PA delegation, at an SLW, in YMCA on stage. There is also my first NLC experience in California where Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Harclerode from Chestnut Ridge High School, took me under their wings, as we trekked all over the San Diego Zoo. Even more fitting, is the friendship that I have developed with Miss Hopple, whom I consider one of my truest friends in life. However, I cannot forget the many, many others whom I have grown to adore and thank for all the laughter, tears, and friendship – which I will cherish for a lifetime and beyond – Miss Ryland, Mr. Hummel, Ms. Vitovsky, Mr. Liechty – to name but a few.

Another question I was asked was, **how has this state officer team affected you?** Well, this state officer team – Laura, Azeem, Timmy, Sunny, Kat, Joey, Emily, and Patrick – has granted me the one last chance to lead a profound group of young individuals to a cohesive group of one. I couldn’t be prouder of this state officer team, and those of which came before. Officers, I thank you for the privilege of having been your State Adviser. The peanut butter sundaes, peanut butter pie, and the chocolate fondue don’t hold a candle to you and the greatness you all possess.

I couldn’t say goodbye without thanking someone who learned, quite quickly I might add, that accepting me meant accepting FBLA as part of his life too – and that is my husband, Mr. Todd Scott. His undying support has been unfaltering for the past six and a half years; taking students to many SLCs and NLCs, working with EBI teams and being my biggest cheerleader. I thank you for allowing me to shine, even when you stood in the shadows.

PA FBLA – thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for many wonderful memories I will cherish for a lifetime and beyond. In closing, PA FBLA always remember...

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You’re on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who’ll decide where to go....

Mrs. Scott



Joey Bischof—Reporter

These past few years have, well, been hectic to say the least. As a freshman I always told myself I'd never get involved in FBLA, I refused... It's kind of funny how things work out in the end, though.

Now, seeing what all FBLA has given to me, there's no way I could have ever not have joined.

Local Historian, Regional Secretary, and now State Reporter. If you would have asked me three years ago if I wanted to do it, hands down, I would have told you no.

FBLA has been such a learning process for me. I don't even know where to begin. The people I've made acquaintances with, the friends I've made, and the great times had by all contribute to my general satisfaction with my experiences in the past year.

What I've learned about PA FBLA most has got to be the amount of time and effort that goes into this organization, the amount of sleepless nights and number of individuals all coming together to make this amazing organization possible.

Throughout the entire officer process, not everything was fun and traveling. The most dreaded thing of the entire year, I'd have to say, would be knowing the long hours fellow officers and I would be putting into meetings. I dreaded the late night meetings and early morning breakfasts.

Even though I must say I did dread this the most, I'm going to miss it all the same. I'm going to miss all of the officers, meeting new people, and the opportunities that PA FBLA has given me. Sunny, Patrick, Azeem, Tim, Emily, Laura, and Kat; I could not have asked

for a better officer team. All of you made this past year one to remember, and I thank you!

Hands down though, I'm going to miss good ole' Mr. Bruce Boncal. The most intimidating man during officer interviews turned out to be the most fun-loving and interesting individual I have ever met! Thank you so much for everything, Mr. Boncal.

And of course Mrs. Scott, our PA FBLA State adviser. I'm not going to lie, sometimes I wasn't sure how much I could joke with her, but she turned out to be a good sport about everything. Thank you for everything, Mrs. Scott.

And thank you PA FBLA for giving me the chance to be apart of such an amazing program!