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Your State President Bids Farewell



These past two years have been such a great experience! I have learned so much and this is an experience I will never forget. All of these experiences could not have been possible without the help of a few very important people.

To the State Officer Team: Thank you all so much for a fantastic year. I can't believe how fast it flew by! I will never forget the memories made or the life long friendships we have and will continue to develop!

To Members of Cocalico High School - Without you all, I would not be sitting here today as the State President. Thank you all so much for your encouragement and support throughout the past two years!

To Miss Ryland: Thank you so much for everything you have done for me. You have been so much more than an advisor to me, you were a friend, mentor and teacher. The memories we had I will never forget. It's been so much fun and I will never be able to thank you enough!

To Mr. Boncal: Thank you so much for all of the advice you have given me. There are things you have taught me that I will carry on for the rest of my life. You are truly an inspiration!

To the Members: Thank you so much for a great two years! It means so much that you had the confidence in me to help run this organization! It has been a true honor serving as your 2009-2010 State President! Again, I can't thank you enough!

Best Regards,
Zach Gosling

Vice President at Large Reflects on the Past Year

One year ago, I was preparing my campaign and speech to be presented at the 2009 SLC. This was only the beginning to an unforgettable journey. The people, the places, and the experiences have been incredible. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as one of your nine State Officers.

I would like to thank Mr. Boncal, Miss Ryland, and Mrs. Skiles for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. You make a huge impact on this organization and it would not be nearly as successful if it weren't for you.

I would also like to thank my adviser, Mr. Liechty. You have been there every step of the way and I appreciate all of the support you have given me.

Zach, Justin, Bryan, Mark, Brad, Kayla, Frankie, and Darcie – we have shared so many memories and have created friendships that will last a lifetime. I cannot imagine this past year without all of you.

Members – thank you for confiding in me to lead this organization. Your accomplishments and success have made me proud to serve as your State Vice President at Large.

I planned on running for a State Office position again next year. However, I am sad to say I will be moving to North Carolina at the end of June 2010. While spending my senior year at a new high school, I will keep my head high and use it as a learning experience. Most importantly, I will keep Pennsylvania FBLA in my heart forever.

—Krista Smith



Farwell from Your State Reporter

This year seemed to fly by. I am sad that it will all be over soon, but it was a blast. From the sun in California to the bustle of Baltimore, it has been a wild ride, but I am thankful that the State Officer Team was there to experience it with me.

This year I have grown as a leader and as an individual. It is truly remarkable to see the strides that the State officer Team has made as a group this year. My best memory from this year was eating a

"kitchen sink." This thing is ridiculous. It is nine scoops of ice cream and covered with five toppings. It was a sweet mess.

Now that my term is coming to an end, I am looking on to the future. After graduation I plan to relax and spend time with my friends. In the fall I will be heading off to Penn State Altoona where I will spend two years before finishing up at Penn State main campus. I will be studying Actuary Science.

I would also like to thank my local advisor Mrs. McDonald for encouraging me to run for office. Without her I would not have ran for state office.

—Brad Allison



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Your State Treasurer Says Good-Bye

This year has been so amazing for me serving as your PA FBLA State Treasurer. I have learned so many great and practical things through my state officer experience, and I would like to thank the entirety of PA FBLA for giving me this opportunity.

My best memory as a state officer would have to be early on, when our team ordered "The Kitchen Sink" at an ice-cream shop we went to. It was a monstrous

bowl of ice cream, and we all worked on eating it together! I think between the nine members of our team, we ordered two "kitchen Sinks" and ended up finishing them both!

I learned how to become a better leader and public speaker, to have confidence in myself and my abilities and strengthened my teamwork and communication skills. My future plans are to attend York College of Pennsylvania

to major in Secondary English Education and to swim competitively for their swim team.

I would like to close with a quote by James Allen: "The greatest achievements were at first and for a time dreams." Never stop dreaming PA FBLA! For one day you might find that your dreams become a reality. I wish you all the best of luck in everything you dare to accomplish!

—Mark Hickey

Farewell From A Vice President at Large

The past year as being one of your Pennsylvania FBLA Vice Presidents at Large has been one I am sure to never forget. Throughout all of the memories and experiences together, the best memory for me has to be meeting all the other officers in our May meeting.

As the year has progresses, I have developed better speaking and teamwork skills. Along with meeting many new people, I had the chance to take part in several

great opportunities. I was able to travel to California in July for the National Leadership Conference and participate in a national FBLA -PBL campaign. I have also gotten to speak and meet with different FBLA members throughout the state and learn more about them.

Although I am not running for another State Officer position, I plan to maintain being an active member as Pleasant Valley High School and Region 21 President.

After I graduate next year, I hope to attend Penn State. I would like to thank the State Office team and adviser for all the great times we have had this year, my local chapter for supporting me, and my family for encouraging me to run in the first place.

—Frankie Lewoc



Your State Parliamentarian's Reflection

Dear PA FBLA,

I can hardly believe that the year is over. It seems like just last month I was preparing to take my parliamentary procedures test to vie for the position of state parliamentarian, and now my year as a state officer is coming to a close. It might sound corny, but this year really has been one of the best of my life. It is unbelievable how much I have experienced in just this short amount of time. I have traveled to new places and I've met other leaders from across the country. It has been amazing!

I remember the first meeting we all attended as officers. It was as if we were all friends long before we had met that day, and now we really have formed bonds that can never be broken. Even though I will be continuing on in FBLA for another year, a tinge of sadness hits me when I think about the six other officers who will be leaving us this year. I will miss every one of you, each for a different reason.

Beyond high school, I plan to attend a four year college and double major in English Secondary Education and Theater Arts. I also hope to get married and start a family eventually, but that's a much more distant plan.

I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to serve as an officer in our amazing state. I wouldn't have wanted to serve any other state or organization. Thank you PA FBLA, Mrs. McDonald, Ms. Ryland, Mr. Boncal, Mrs. Skiles, Mom and Dad, and Fallon. I couldn't have done it without your inspiration! To Frankie, Kayla, and Justin, I hope we still get to have good times together next year! Goodbye to Zach, Bryan, Mark, Brad, and especially Krista. I miss you already!

—Darcie Shaffer



State Secretary Bids Adieu



My term as State Secretary has been a roller coaster full of its swirls and surprises but has been AMAZING!

As I am writing this I am still in complete astonishment that my term as being a State Officer is almost complete.

I can still remember handing out candy bars with my face on them and giving my campaign speech in front of thousands at the Hershey Lodge.

My term as State Secretary has been a roller coaster full of its swirls and surprises but has been AMAZING. Through this year I learned sometimes in a good way and hard way that COMMUNICATION is everything and that prioritizing is KEY!

I could not have been more blessed to have worked with such amazing people from advisers to my fellow officers.

My most memorable experience as an officer is after eating dinner going to get ice cream and eating what they called the "KITCHEN SINK." This ice cream consisted of nine scoops and five toppings. Lets just say that after it all I was taking laxatives and drinking Pepto Bismol like water. Not a pretty scene. But FBLA has given me so much and I truly appreciate it to the fullest.

Following graduation, I plan to spend some time with family and relax before College in which I will be attending Messiah to major In Music Education and Communications.

—Bryan Irving

Your First Vice President Looks Back

This year's State Officer team has been an experience that I will never forget for the rest of my life. I have created relationships that will last me through the rest of my life. As I look back to remember all the good memories it's almost bittersweet to think that it's all going to end soon.

I pray that my teammates have had as much fun as I had, and we will continue this communication through our professional careers.

Together we have all advanced as public speakers, workshop developers and presenters, and friends.

For the success in this year I would like to thank all of my team members for creating the great memories. Through the long, grueling script practices, the conference calls and online chats, and the pep talks from Ms. Ryland and Josh before we stepped on stage got us through this year on a perfect note.

I wish my officers the very best throughout their years to come, and to my Local Adviser and State Adviser, I owe you every "thanks" in the world.

—Justin Coleman



Vice President at Large Reflects on the Past Year



"As I look back over the past year as a state officer, two words come to mind—dedicated and hardworking."

As I look back over the past year as a state officer, two words come to mind—dedicated and hardworking. These two words come to mind because throughout the year that's what it has taken to make this year so successful from the State Officer Team to the State Management Team, I have seen so much hard work, and dedication.

I have learned a lot during my time as a state officer. I have grown as a person, and a leader. This was truly an amazing experience, meeting people across the country and traveling to the NLC, NFLC, and the SLC

was more than I could have imagine.

I plan to take all that I have learned as being a state officer and continue to take the next step in life. I will be applying to colleges in the fall, and finishing out my senior year. I want to thank everyone who made this possible for me: my adviser, Mrs. Angle, for believing in me and always being there for me and the State Management Team for working with the State Officers and continuously assisting us throughout the year. I want to thank Miss Ryland for all of the support she has given throughout

the year and Mr. Boncal for helping guide us throughout the year. I also want to thank you my parents for believing in me, and having the support from my school administration, and a special thanks to my fellow state officer team.

I know we are all going in separate directions, but I truly feel I bonded with you all, and thank you for sharing this experience with me.

—Kayla Vanorskie

Boyertown Celebrates Job Shadow Day

In April 2009, Boyertown FBLA members participated in job-shadowing day, where they followed professionals in areas relating to the students' potential career. Students in grades 10-12 were assigned to a profession for a school day. Available job areas included accounting, education, engineering, health care,

law enforcement, media, social services, real estate, and sales and marketing, among others.

After spending the entire day together, shadowers and shadowees gathered for a dinner in Boyertown Sr. High's cafeteria. Boyertown Sr. High Principal Mr. Cooper gave a short speech,

followed by the Keynote Speaker Randall Doaty, owner of a real estate business.



Central Columbia Helps Haiti

Central FBLA members recently attended the Regional Leadership Conference At Penn Tech in Williamsport. After a day filled with interesting workshops and competitions, we had the awards ceremony. This was one of our most successful ceremonies yet, as we have had just over 50 members qualify for the State Leadership Conference coming up in April.

Some of our students have been visiting a local nursing home in Berwick on a regular basis. The residents look forward to their "youthful enthusiasm"!

Our chapter also assisted in organizing packages to be sent to earthquake victims in Haiti by working with a local mission house in sending 27 pallets (13,500) health kits to Haiti. The organization's, (UMCOR www.umcorhaiti.org), greatest need is for funds that aid international emergency relief efforts. Health kits provide basic necessities to those affected by natural disasters or human



Dan Rairigh, Laura O'Donnell, Reanna Peritz, and Christina Benson

conflict. The kits also serve as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition and cooking classes. A health kit contained:

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", No kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste (can only be purchased by UMCOR)

We are also planning an end of the year trip to New York City in April. In NYC we plan to tour Madison Square Garden, see a Broadway play, and visit the financial district.

In the next few months, Central Columbia FBLA hopes to have a successful State Leadership Conference and have a fun educational trip to the Big Apple.



Pictured are Brooke Fedder, student Christina Benson, residents, student Laura O'Donnell, and student Dan Rairigh in back row .

Boyertown Hosts Regional Leadership Workshop

The Boyertown FBLA chapter hosted Pennsylvania Region 8's workshop on November 18th 2009. Chapters filed into Boyertown's auditorium for the opening ceremony. Boyertown members led the icebreaker game, FBLA!, a version of bingo, with members receiving a prize from the prize basket.

Refreshments during break included the classic brownies and cupcakes, along with grapes and oranges for a healthy option.

A keynote speaker told students about his experience in the cooperate world. Before students

departed for their home schools, an impromptu dance party developed, with students and teachers alike jamming to the beat.

After the workshop concluded Boyertown members enjoyed pizza for lunch.

Success is Proven Sweetest – In Hershey!

The first half of the school year has brought sweet success for the students of Hershey High School.

The chapter met before the school year started to welcome freshmen and new members at the scenic Shank Park in Hershey. Members enjoyed the company of friends, food, fresh air, and of course a bit of planning for the exhilarating year ahead.

With Habitat for Humanity working as inspiration, students organized a successful carwash in early September. The day, full of scrubbing and hosing, brought in a soggy but clean \$400 for the state project.

Members also worked diligently to organize two successful hat days to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity.

Hershey High was elated to see membership had reached 98 for the 2009-2010 school year. The addition of so many new members meant lots of hard work for the upcoming RLC in December which would be held at the neighboring Milton S. Hershey School.

The hard work certainly paid off. Hershey was pleased to return from the RLC with the knowledge that 34 of their members will be continuing to the SLC in the spring.

The horizon also appears to hold sweet opportunities for students in Hershey. The chapter has organized a "candy-gram" sale that will take place through the end of January into February with the delivery of the "candy-grams" just in time for St. Valentine's Day.

Simultaneously, the chapter has organized a collection of supplies for the Harrisburg Humane Society. The community service event is meant to reflect the altruistic life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. whose 81st birthday will be celebrated January 15th.





American Red Cross

Pleasant Valley Works with ARC

Not only do the members of PV FBLA help raise money for the state project and other organizations, but they were also able to contribute their time and effort into helping arrange and run a blood drive for the American Red Cross.

On Tuesday February 16th 2009, Pleasant Valley School Districts' FBLA members organized a blood drive at the high school. All day students and teachers were able to sign up and donate blood to the American Red Cross.

Approximately 73 Students and teachers signed up and donated their blood throughout the school day. This was such a success that PV FBLA plans on holding another blood drive in the near future.

Chad Mackey Joined NBHS

Chad Mackey, Delaware Valley FBLA member and chapter Treasurer received the high honor of being selected to the National Business Honor Society PA FBLA Chapter.

The recipient of this award is considered to be among the best and brightest in PA FBLA. Chad received the award for his high academic achievement, involvement in FBLA and participation in school and community activities.



Boyertown Hosts Holiday Activities

Boyertown FBLA members turned their holiday spirit into holiday service this December. Students rang bells to collect money for the local Salvation Army outside a nearby Wal-Mart. They wrapped gifts to raise money for the United Way at a local mall. Students also participated in the community holiday house event.

Service activities got interesting as winter weather created issues for members. Snow prevented some students from reaching their destinations. Students rang bells in chilly weather or light snow. A winter storm caused the usual transportation problems. However, Boyertown FBLA members enjoyed both the snow and the service opportunities alike.



Chestnut Ridge Makes Blankets for Kids



The Chestnut Ridge Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America hosted its second Blanket Making Day on FBLA Community Service Day, Saturday, February 13, 2010.

Community members, FBLA members, and advisors created over twenty handmade blankets that morning including two quilts and one knitted afghan. Students also created tied fleece blankets.

Two blankets that were created were donated to Chestnut Ridge School District children who are battling life-threatening illnesses.

The remainder of the blankets will be donated to local charities for distribution in Bedford County.

Chestnut Ridge Teaches Elementary Students About Money

Members of the Chestnut Ridge Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America taught elementary students the basics of money management. Topics discussed during the six week course included the difference between needs and wants, budgeting, stretching your money, and saving for the future. Students created needs and wants posters, played games to reinforce the concepts, and created piggy banks to begin their savings plan.

FBLA members enjoyed being role models to the students while learning money concepts themselves.



Pleasant Valley Holds a Cookout

Pleasant Valley FBLA Holds American Cookout
The members of Pleasant Valley FBLA are hoping to start a new tradition by holding the first annual American cookout.

On March 21, 2010 PV FBLA members are holding an American styled cookout and will be serving foods such as hotdogs, hamburgers, French fries, nachos, chips and an array of other items.

The members are hoping to raise a substantial amount of money, that will be given to local charities. If this event is successful plans will be made to hold another cookout in the future.



Delaware Valley Excels at Regional Leadership Conference

The FBLA Region 22 Leadership Conference was held on January 7, 2010 at Keystone College.

Students participated in various individual and group business events; 74 students placed in the top five and 108 in the top ten in their events. 63 students will advance to State Competition in Hershey in the spring.



Delaware Valley HS FBLA has the largest membership in the region, 187 members. The chapter received 2nd place for Outstanding Chapter for all the activities and community service they have done for the past year.

Joe Belstering also was elected Region 22 Treasurer for the 2010-2011 school year.