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## **A Legacy of Leadership**

Members and Advisors,

On behalf of the entire state office team, I hope that everyone has had a happy holiday season and a great start to the new year! 2017 has a lot in store for FBLA members, including the State Leadership Conference that is fast approaching in Hershey. With midterm exams wrapping up and college applications nearly complete for seniors, I hope that the second semester proves to be much less stressful for all of you! Whether you

will be competing at the SLC in April or not, I encourage all members to stay actively involved with FBLA, especially with helping to meet our high state project goal. The work members have done so far in raising awareness for a cause as amazing as the NKF is much appreciated, and we need your help to keep up the great initiative. I am looking forward to meeting many of you and hearing about your legacies of leadership in April!

Sincerely,

Allison McGeehan  
PA FBLA Reporter

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## **STATE PROJECT UPDATE: NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION**

*Written by: Ram Palanati, PA FBLA Treasurer*

Pennsylvania FBLA has been hard at work fundraising for the National Kidney Foundation. Many members and advisers know that our theme for the NKF is *Reach Out, Give a PAT on the Back* but few realize that *PAT* actually stands for Prevention, Awareness, and Treatment. With our contributions, we help those with Kidney Disease overcome their struggles, in addition to teaching others about ways we can take the necessary precautions in order to live a healthy life without Kidney Disease.

As of January 19, PA FBLA has raised \$14,587.52 for the NKF of the Delaware Valley. These contributions range from charity events at conferences, such as the SLW Dodgeball Tournament, SLW T-Shirt Sales, and SLW Basket Auction to individual donations from local chapters through their own fundraising events. Chapters who have contributed most to the state project will receive recognition

through the Outstanding Chapter award at the 2017 State Leadership Conference. If you have not already done so, I encourage all chapters to further fundraise for the NKF. While we have made great strides in reaching our \$50,000 goal, I know PA FBLA members and advisers can accomplish more if we set our minds to it. I look forward to receiving many more donations for the NKF as we aim to eradicate Kidney Disease. If you have any questions or concerns about the State Project, do not hesitate to email me at [treasurer@pafbla.us](mailto:treasurer@pafbla.us).

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## **STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE PREVIEW**

*Written by: Allison McGeehan, PA FBLA Reporter*

The annual PA FBLA State Leadership Conference will once again take place at the beautiful Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA from April 3-5. The theme is "A Legacy of Leadership," and the State Management team has been hard at work all year to present an amazing program filled with compelling speakers, workshops, and activities!

Members will get the chance to network with thousands of other

students from across the state, develop leadership skills, and be rewarded for their hard work on the stage at the Awards of Excellence, all in the "Sweetest Place on Earth."

Advisors are encouraged to check their emails regularly and visit the front page of the PA FBLA website for updates regarding registration/lodging details.



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## **CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT:**

### **DELAWARE VALLEY**

#### **PARTNERING WITH A BUSINESS**

*Written by Shane Fagan, PA FBLA VP at Large*

This past summer, DV FBLA established a strong partnership with the Warrior Football Booster Club, the active organization for Warrior Football at DVHS. Together, both organizations mutually benefited each other as businesses today do. For example, members volunteered their time at football games to work concession stands, the season-

ending banquet to serve food and clean up afterwards, and even sing the national anthem before all home games. This relationship lasted over the course of four months and included over 100 total members and at least 600 hours of planning and implementation. DV FBLA will continue to build and improve upon this partnership in the future, proving a strong legacy for the DV FBLA Class of 2017 and all who were involved.



## **PA FBLA**

# **2016-2017 STATE GOALS**

*State Project: National Kidney Foundation*

*Slogan: Reach Out, Give a PAT on the Back*

### **MEMBERSHIP**

- **14,000** Total High School Members
- **300** High School Chapters
- **50** Virtual Chapter Members
- **700** Total Middle-Level Members

### **FUNDRAISING**

- **\$50,000** to Support the National Kidney Foundation

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- **33,000** Hours of Service Logged

### **OTHER GOALS**

- Increase BAA Award Participation
- Increase Chapter Participation in Outstanding Chapter Recognition

- Increase Social Media Presence and Involvement
- Promote Philadelphia Membership Expansion
- Increase National Business Honors Society Submissions

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## CHAPTER NEWS

### Remembering a Member

*Submitted by: Fleetwood High School FBLA*

Fleetwood FBLA members remembered fellow officer, Kiley Steward, at Homecoming 2016. Steward, a junior member of the Fleetwood Chapter of FBLA and officer, passed away suddenly two days before the start of the school year. As a remembrance of her beautiful life and legacy, members sold purple butterfly tattoos at Homecoming. Tattoos were sold for \$1 and money raised was donated to the American Enterprise Project, since Steward had begun organizing the project in the Spring of 2016.






## **Giving Back**

*Submitted by: Easton Area High School FBLA*

The holiday season is a happy and festive time of year but it's also a great opportunity to give back. At the Easton chapter of FBLA we knew exactly how we could spread a little holiday cheer to our community. The Palmer Park Mall allowed us to set up tables in their lobby and offer to wrap shopper's presents at no charge- of course we did accept donations which would all go to the national kidney foundation. Saturday and Sunday many of our cheerful members dressed in festive clothes and were ready to wrap presents! This wasn't the first year our chapter has done this and we were as proud as ever at what our group could do to give back during this holiday season!

In additional efforts to celebrate this holiday season, our chapter held it's annual Christmas party. Food, music and business Pictionary made for a great party to celebrate the season and enjoy the company of our chapter. From our chapter to yours, have a great holiday season!



## **Fundraising Success**

*Submitted by: Delaware Valley High School FBLA*

The Delaware Valley HS FBLA chapter is collecting toiletry items during the month of December. The members have collected a variety of items including toothbrushes, shampoo, body wash, mouthwash, soap in all sizes. Two local hotels, the Best Western and Hampton Inn also donated items for this great cause. All items are going to be donated to the local food pantry before the Christmas holiday.

Our chapter sold poinsettia flowers as a fundraiser in November. The flowers were sold in single, double and triple blooms where the chapter partnered with a local business, Myer the Florist. Proceeds from the sale were donated to the PA FBLA William Selden Scholarship fund and to sponsor a plaque at our State Conference in April at the Hershey Lodge.

Finally, we sold Krispy Kreme donuts as a fundraiser. The students took orders and they were picked up after school or at our annual Warrior Fest event. Over 500 dozen donuts

were sold making this our largest and most profitable fundraiser. A donation was made to the PA FBLA state project, the National Kidney Foundation.



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## **FBLA Teaches Young Entrepreneurs**

*Submitted by: Chestnut Ridge High School FBLA*

New Paris, PA—FBLA members, chaired by Scotlyn Mummert and Megan Diehl, taught various aspects of the American Enterprise System over the past two months.



The chapter members taught a workshop about thinking outside the box and innovation at the Region 17 Leadership Workshop held at Everett High School on Thursday, November 3, 2016. There, participants had to design a concept and sample business made of recycled materials.

The members also taught elementary students about becoming entrepreneurs. Members read grade-appropriate books about choosing a career. Then, children brainstormed about potential businesses they would like to start. Students then created their business in shoeboxes and explained their business concepts to their fellow students. The box businesses were also on display during parent-teacher conference on November 10, 2016.

Throughout this project, members and students learned the process of creating a business concept and a floor plan and building façade.



## **FBLA Hosts Annual Food Drive**

*Submitted by: Chestnut Ridge High School FBLA*

New Paris, PA—During Homecoming Week of September 26-30, the members of Chestnut Ridge Future Business Leaders of America hosted their annual food drive to benefit the New Paris Food Bank. This year, over 1000 non-perishable food items were collected, thanks in large part to the efforts Middle School students as well as the FBLA members.

Students raided their pantries and cupboards to help the local food bank prepare for the upcoming winter months. The three homerooms that collect the largest number of canned food items will be awarded a pizza party during the month of November. The winning homerooms were Mrs. Lafferty, Mr. Meck, and Mrs. Mannion.

FBLA also donate money from their weekly gob sales. Five hundred dollars was sent on behalf of the chapter.

The Future Business Leaders of America urge the community to give generously to their local food bank. Many of our friends and neighbors are recipients of our generosity.

# Reliving the SLW

*Submitted by: Claysburg-Kimmel High School FBLA*

Eleven members of Claysburg-Kimmel FBLA traveled to Harrisburg, PA on Sunday, November 6 and Monday, November 7, to attend the Pennsylvania FBLA State Leadership Workshop, A Legacy of Leadership.

The event began with the Opening Session and Keynote Speakers Amy Gallimore and Jason Lucash. Jason was named to Time Magazine's 50 Best Inventions list, and appeared on ABC's hit show Shark Tank. He has also been named to Inc. Magazine's 500 fastest growing companies in America list.

Pennsylvania FBLA highlighted the accomplishments and success stories from last year. Elizabeth Weiland was recognized for her 8<sup>th</sup> place finish in Business Communication from the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta. Claysburg-Kimmel was also recognized as a national Gold Seal Chapter.

For the next four hours, members had the opportunity to choose from over 80 leadership workshops offered by the PA FBLA Management team and TRI Leadership Resources. Workshops ranged from business etiquette, ethics, personal finance, public speaking, and more.

Following dinner, CK FBLA participated in a 32-team dodgeball tournament to raise money for the FBLA state charity, the National Kidney Foundation. Teams paid a \$50 entrance fee to participate in the tournament. The Blazin' Bulldogs of Claysburg-Kimmel were sponsored by S. Claar Logging. Claysburg-Kimmel defeated North Penn in the finals to win the tournament.

On Monday at 8 a.m., students attended more workshops and participated in the charity basket auction for the National Kidney Foundation. The closing session ended at noon. The SLW raised over \$7,500 for the National Kidney Foundation.



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