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STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Great Speakers!

Heated Competition!

**Informational
Workshops!**

Networking!

Pay attention to all the important deadlines so you can enjoy all the great things the State Leadership Conference has to offer!

What's Going On In Your Local Chapter?

RED LAND HS FBLA CO-HOSTS FINANCIAL REALITY FAIR

The Financial Reality Fair is a budgeting simulation that provides students in the senior class with an authentic experience of learning how to complete a budget for their chosen career and lifestyle. Local businesses, including the local Bruster's Real Ice Cream owner and employees of the New Cumberland Federal Credit Union (NCFCU), collaborated with the Red Land High School FBLA chapter to organize and present the Financial Reality Fair. Students received a personalized budget form with the monthly net pay information, based on the Harrisburg area average starting pay, for their chosen career, and needed to choose housing, cell phone plan, food, transportation, etc. After the expenses were deducted from their monthly net pay, students met with a financial adviser from NCFCU to see if their lifestyle choices were aligned with their chosen career. Many of them found that they could either not afford their lifestyle, or needed to take on a part-time job to cover the costs. This taught the students not to take on a frivolous lifestyle and that they need to plan in advance.

This event was first started in the 2011-2012 school year as an optional event. The Financial Reality Fair was seen as a realistic portrayal of life after high school so the economics teachers asked to make it a required experience for all students in their classes. Another event will be held next semester for the rest of the senior class.

We received six hundred uniquely designed bracelets all the way from Nicaragua. Each student was given 25 bracelets to sell in and out of school. On November seventeenth,



we sold 30 dollars worth in bracelets at our local craft show in Millerstown. At the end of the week, we sold 212 bracelets and raised a total of 1060 dollars. All the proceeds collected in this fundraiser were returned to the Nicaraguan youth to provide schooling, food, and shelter. This picture shows a small selection of an endless collection of unique designs. Our goal is to help others in any way shape or form that is possible for us to achieve.

Christopher Carvell, Reporter
Greenwood Middle School

What's Going On In Your Local Chapter?

Delaware Valley Helps Dying Kentucky Boy's Dreams Come True

"After reading the ABC News article about Dalton Dingus, a 9-year-old boy who is at stage 4 of Cystic Fibrosis, I knew I had to do something," says Danielle DuBee, a senior at Delaware Valley HS. She heard the news through an e-mail that was sent to her and made a goal of having Delaware Valley achieve giving him 100 cards.

Dalton Dingus wanted one thing for his Christmas this year... to hold the World Record of Christmas Cards before he succumbs to the disease that has left him virtually unable to breathe. Twice a day for the past month, a mail truck has arrived at his house in rural Kentucky. Everytime the mail truck comes, Dalton gets excited and can't wait to read the cards he has received. "I feel like Santa," says his mother, Jessica Dingus. Every day the truck comes, the two of them read each card together.

Danielle DuBee decided to take action, sending Mr. Collins, DVHS Principal, and asking him if we could have students sign cards. He was so proud when he heard the news and told Danielle this could be done. On Thursday, December 20, 2012, Danielle bought 80 cards for students to sign and made an announcement about what the school is supporting by signing the card. Little did she know though that teachers and students were actually really influenced by this story. "I won't forget coming back to my desk in Mrs. Angle's room and seeing about 400 cards lying on my desk," says Danielle. "It was truly such an amazing feeling to see everyone helping out." By the end of the day, Danielle DuBee collected over 700 cards for Dalton Dingus, which completely crushed her goal of 100 cards. "At first, I didn't know how we were going to send them all! We went from a folder of cards to a whole entire box to send to Dalton Dingus!" All administration, students, and faculty helped in making this little boy pursue his dreams and goals for Christmas. His story even what Christmas really meant to students here at Delaware Valley.



What's Going On In Your Local Chapter?



2012 was a great year for Selinsgrove FBLA. We accomplished many fundraisers and have a lot more to try. We were able to host the regional conference without a hitch. We had great workshops, speakers, and an amazing lunch! Selinsgrove was able to win 14 trophies and spots to states this year. Every student given the chance to go is extremely excited to have the opportunity. This means there will be a lot of studying, fundraising, and practicing for our club before we leave for states. Some of the fundraisers we are starting are selling candy, zumba classes, and selling Selinsgrove clothing.

Chelsey Steele, Reporter

I just wanted to send a recap of what our FBLA chapter has been up to. Our officers plus a couple other members went to the State Leadership Conference at the Penn Stater, we participated in our local craft show, we gathered supplies to send to Hurricane Sandy victims, and most recently we attended the Region 26 Leadership Conference.

As a part of our Hurricane Sandy Relief effort we gathered:

- Buckets
- Sponges
- Rubber Gloves
- Trash Bags
- Bottled Water
- And more.

Thank you,
Greenwood Reporter, Brittini Linn

What's Going On In Your Local Chapter?

Sayre FBLA Officers Journey to Denver, Colorado

The Sayre FBLA Officers recently returned from an eventful trip to Denver, Colorado. The local officers and their awesome advisor, Mr. Derek Selleck, traveled across the country to go to the National Fall Leadership Conference. At the conference, the officers learned new leadership techniques and how to implement them in meetings as well as throughout the community. The workshops taught communication, confidence, leadership, and skills needed to accomplish great feats. In the conference, the officers met many new people and created lifelong friendships.

While they were in Colorado, the officers also toured the state to observe many of the landmarks. They explored Denver as well as seeing the Red Rock Amphitheatre, Pikes Peak, the Airforce Academy, the Garden of the Gods, and the U.S. Olympic Training Center. This tour was a breathtaking experience and will leave a lifelong impression on everyone that attended.

Overall, this trip was necessary to teach us teamwork and leadership skills that will help us prosper in the future. This experience helped shape us into better people and taught us values that will help us in college as well as our careers.



UPDATE: New Rules in FBLA

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

Whether it's at Regional's, States, or Nationals every FBLA member loves to compete. This is why it's very important to be aware of the new rules in our events. The 2012-2013 school year has brought some minor modifications to our FBLA competitive events. The event Digital Design & Promotion can now be individual OR a team event of 2-3 participants. Digital Video Production can only show 2 minutes of video in the performance component. E-Business has been modified to a 7-minute presentation with a 3-minute question and answer period. In the event Mr. & Ms. FBL an objective test will only be used to break a tie in the final round. Parliamentary Procedure's test questions are going to be based on the 11th edition of Robert's Rule of Order. One of the last changes will be in Web Site Design which will now have a 7-minute presentation with 3-minute question and answer period. Make sure you are aware of these modifications so you still have a fair shot come competition time!

Here is some additional information to be aware of:

- **Individual Entry** - a member who has competed as an individual in an event/team event (1-3 members) MAY compete again in the same event as a team member the following year, NOT as an individual.
- **Rating Sheets** - review all rating sheets for minor changes.
- **Note Cards** - colored note cards will be used to indicate time in performance events.
- **Format** - the format of the handbook has been modified for ease of use.
- **Dress Code** - the dress code has been modified - please keep this in mind as you are preparing for your competitive events.
- **Projectors** - LCD projectors will be provided for all performance events that will be utilizing this type of equipment.
- **Additional Materials** - reference manuals, textbooks, other resource materials, and electronic devices may not be taken to or used during competitive events. Exceptions to this rule are clearly stated in the guidelines for each individual event. If an item is not listed, it is to be assumed that it is not allowed.
- **Sequestered Events** - no text messaging, e-mail, Internet use, or phone calls are allowed. Participants may bring food and drinks to the holding room. Sequestered participants may not communicate with outside individuals.

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It's your time to shine!

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PA FBLA's Penn Pal is a perfect place to share your successful ideas and fundraisers to other FBLA chapters so they can learn to be successful



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Chapter of the Month!

Your chance to show why your chapter deserves to shine! Get recognized in the Penn Pal Issues and at the State Leadership Conference!

How it works:

- 1. Do something worth sharing in your chapter!**
- 2. Make a video about why it rocks!**
- 3. Submit your video to Allison Vine at reporter@pafbla.us**
- 4. Share a new great idea the next month for a chance to win again!**

Show why you deserve to shine by sending photos, ideas, and videos to:

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