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Happy New Year!

Happy New Year, PA FBLA! Here's to 2016: a new year filled with new success for our great organization. We have many things to look forward to this year: the SLC in Hershey, the NLC in Atlanta, the installation of a new state officer team, and the rest of our current officer team's tenure.

Thinking about new years and new beginnings, I'd like to take a moment to thank our phenomenal State Management Team: Mr. Boncal, Ms. Ryland, Mrs. Skiles, Mr. Selleck, and Mr. Skerpon, for their amazing dedication to making PA FBLA the best organization possible. I'd also like to thank the rest of my officer team for becoming a true family and seizing the opportunity to connect" this year. But most importantly, I'd like to thank you, the members and advisers of PA FBLA. Your commitment to bettering this organization merits some commendation as we start 2016.

This year, we'll connect at the SLC and NLC; we'll continue our partnership with the Ronald McDonald House, and we'll make our mark on PA FBLA. Let's get started!

Sincerely,

Annabelle Williams
PA FBLA Reporter



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State Project Update: *Spotlight on RMHC*

As we continue into the new year, it is important that we stay focused on our state project – the Ronald McDonald House Charities of PA. Individuals, local chapters, regional chapters, and business partners are welcome to fundraise for the project. Checks can be made out to PA FBLA State Project and any amount is appreciated. Please send checks to Morgan Boyd, PA FBLA State Treasurer.

Contact info:

Mr. Morgan Boyd
PA FBLA State Treasurer
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Another way to support your local RMH is through wishlist donations or through actual visits. Below is a list of the five RMHs in PA, their websites, and the links to their wishlists. Let's try to get our chapters energized to "connect" with their local RMH this new year. Thank you for your continued support of PA FBLA's state project!

**Ronald McDonald House
Wish Lists**

Danville

<http://www.rmhdanville.org/>
[Danville House Wish List](#)

Hershey:

<http://www.rmhc-centralpa.org/>
[Hershey House Wish List](#)

Philadelphia:

<http://www.philarmh.org/>
[Philadelphia House Wish List](#)

Pittsburgh:

<http://www.rmhcpgh.org/>
[Pittsburg House Wish List](#)

Scranton:

<http://rmhscranton.org/>
[Scranton House Wish List](#)

Submit a State Project Proposal!

If you or your chapter have a charity close to your heart that you would like to see as PA FBLA's 2016-2017 State Project, please submit a proposal by March 2, 2016. The nomination link is below.

When submitting, please consider a charity that all of PA can connect with. ***We appreciate your interest in nominating new state projects!***

[Submit a State Project Proposal Here](#)

Submit a Businessperson & Business Partnership of the Year Nomination!

Does your chapter work with a local business leader or a local business on chapter

projects or community service efforts?

Nominate that individual or business for the 2016 PA FBLA Businessperson of the Year or Business Partnership of the Year awards. These awards are presented yearly at the State Leadership Conference in Hershey.

RECEIVED BY Deadline: February 1, 2016

Nominate a Business Person of the Year!

Nominate a Business Partnership of the Year!

STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE PREVIEW

Submitted By: Annabelle Williams, Reporter

From Monday, April 11 to Wednesday, April 13 at the Hershey Lodge in beautiful Hershey, PA FBLA will host its 2016 State Leadership Conference.

The PA FBLA Executive Committee and Management Team cannot wait for you, the delegation of PA FBLA, to experience another phenomenal SLC! If you'd like to access further materials regarding the SLC, you can go to www.pafbla.org and look at the home page for tentative schedules, competitive events information, and registration links.

Advisers are reminded to continue checking the email updates from the PA FBLA Management Team regarding the conference.

We look forward to seeing you in Hershey this April!



Uniontown FBLA Explores Pittsburgh

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) had the opportunity to connect with Pittsburgh on November 4th. The students were given a beautiful walking/trolley tour of the city, including city hall, and a sit in on a city council meeting. The whole purpose of the trip was to connect the students with Pittsburgh, a city built on the backs of entrepreneurs, and show them the beauty and rich culture the city holds.

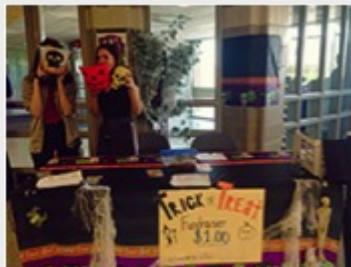
The day started off with a trolley tour, taking the students through the historic culture district and past the Heinz stadium and PNC Park. The Trolley tour ended with a ride on Duquesne incline and an amazing scenic view of the city. After lunch at the Hard Rock cafe, the students got to walk along the streets of Pittsburgh and across the Smithfield Bridge. Getting inside tours of Pittsburgh Dollar bank and the historic Lake Eire & Pittsburgh rail station. It was a truly fantastic experience for the students involved and many left with a new found love for the city of Pittsburgh.

Submitted by Anthony Montgomery, Uniontown FBLA

Central Dauphin East High FBLA Creates New Fundraiser

Central Dauphin East High FBLA's 2015-2016 school year is off to an amazing start. Since the school year began, the club has seen a large increase in membership and the addition of 3 new officer positions: Reporter, Historian, and Parliamentarian. This year East's FBLA held a Halloween Trick-or-Treat fundraiser to help with costs for events like Regional and State conferences and competitions. Students could choose to send either a "trick" or a "treat" to someone to be delivered to their homeroom on the Friday before Halloween. A "trick" consists of less appetizing candy while a "treat" consists of delicious candy. Members also attended the State Leadership Conference on October 25-26 in State College and are currently working hard to prepare for the regional competition.

Submitted by Anastasia Wardhana, Central Dauphin East FBLA



Easton High School: FBLA

Chapter Update

Easton FBLA started off the year to a great start! To promote the club, our officers manned FBLA tables at the Club Fair and at our school's freshman orientation. We currently have over 100 members and are still continuing to accept new members weekly. FBLA members sell Gertrude Hawk chocolate which is a successful on-going fundraiser to help raise money for bus fees, the State Leadership Workshop, and money for our chapter. Members have been very busy in preparation for the RLC, completing their tests in order to see who will place on January 5th, 2015. To raise money for the Ronald McDonald Foundation, our president, Anthony Lee, dressed up as Santa for "Pictures' with Santa" that were taken during school lunches. Also in the holiday spirit we took place in Community gift wrapping at the Palmer Park Mall. Exciting things are happening for Easton's FBLA, and will continue through the rest of the school year.



*Submitted by Jaquelyn Kaplan, Easton FBLA
Reporter*



Stroudsburg FBLA Ring in Christmas Season with Salvation Army Bells & Wreath Sales

Continuing its yearly tradition, Stroudsburg High School completed its annual wreath sales. Students sold fresh wreaths with decorative, colorful ribbons to family, friends, and teachers. The fresh pine smell permeated through the halls on delivery day. Profits benefited the state project, the Ronald McDonald Houses of Pennsylvania. Also to help those in need, members helped the Salvation Army by ringing bells to benefit their annual holiday collection pails. Members dressed up and were happy to get into the Christmas spirit to help support the Salvation Army. In two-hour shifts, members went to the local Wal-Mart and Big Lots to try and raise money for the Salvation Army's worthy cause.

Submitted by Pranitha Pothuri, First Vice President, Stroudsburg FBLA



CR Partners with Local Business Owner

The Chestnut Ridge Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America is once again partnering with a local business leader to learn business concepts. The chapter has teamed up with Scott Daugherty who owns Daugherty's Screen Printing & Embroidery. He has graciously agreed to teach business concepts to the young business leaders like starting a small business, managing a business, and the organization skills needed to run a business . FBLA members have volunteered at the business to learn about the struggles of a small business and help to them gain publicity in the local community. They have also learned the importance of time management and careful planning skills. The chapter appreciates the expertise of local business owners who take the time to teach valuable concepts to the members.

*Submitted by Mrs. McDonald, Chestnut Ridge
FBLA Adviser*

Lansdale Catholic FBLA -- Penn State Trip

On October 25 and 26, Lansdale Catholic attended the FBLA Leadership Workshop over at Penn State University. Six members had the opportunity to listen to speakers

with business experience and the chance to sit in on a variety of workshops. The workshop topics ranged from practice on public speaking to advice on acquiring college scholarships. We had a look into the business world and had the chance to meet students who were from other schools throughout the state of Pennsylvania.

Submitted by Natalie Lazarro, Landsale Catholic FBLA



ECC FBLA: Completion of South Saint Mary's Street Beautification Project



In the 2014-2015 school year, ECC FBLA initiated a beautification project with the goal of replanting trees that were cut down in the widening of South St. Mary's Street. Many citizens observed that the houses looked "barren" and "sad" in the tree's absence, and Elk County Catholic FBLA decided to make a change. In preparation for the project, members of the Elk County Catholic FBLA club conducted presentations to receive funding and sent out permission forms to residents for planing the trees. On October 12 and October 13 of this school year, about a dozen FBLA members planted trees in the yards of South St. Mary's Street residents. They planted a total of 36 trees in these two days. Joe Gerber, the owner of Swissmont Nursery in St. Mary's, worked alongside with the FBLA team. A great deal of work went into the tree planting project over the span of two school years, but the effort produced astonishing results.

Submitted by: Jenna Minard, ECC FBLA Reporter

PA FBLA GOALS 2015-2016

State Project: *Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pennsylvania*

Slogan: *Connecting Families...Changing Lives*

MEMBERSHIP GOALS	
High School	13,750 members, 315 chapters
Middle Level	500 members, 30 chapters
Virtual Chapter	50 members
Western District Membership	Increase by 100 members

OTHER GOALS
Promote participation in Penn Pal
Increase collaboration/communication between state, region, and local officers/advisers
Facilitate the transition from school to work
State project awareness
Increase participation in state recognition events/awards

FUNDRAISING GOAL
\$45,000 to support Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pennsylvania

COMMUNITY SERVICE GOAL
33,000 hours of community service logged by PA FBLA members



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