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Interview with Geoffrey Long, National PBL Secretary

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Registration is now open!

We are **very** lucky to have the **National Fall Leadership Conference (NFLC)** held right in **Baltimore, Maryland** from **November 6—7!**

Because it is so close for us, I encourage everyone to register and take part this year. You can network with other FBLA members within the *whole* Eastern Region as well as develop and strengthen your leadership skills.

Early bird registration rates for the NFLCs are \$60 through October 9. The regular rate is \$70, and the on-site rate is \$80.

Please ask your advisor or any state officer on how you can register.

Being a former Maryland State Officer himself, Geoffrey Long took time from his busy day to answer some questions for us and share his knowledge about FBLA and PBL.

GM: What are some main goals for PBL this year?

GL: To increase nationwide membership to 13,000, gain more national sponsorships, and to retain 90% of our membership from last year.

GM: How is the FBLA level different from the PBL level?

GL: PBL is more student run compared to FBLA since the advisors play a bigger role. Also, PBL competitive events have several different topics. Example: FBLA's "Future Business Leader" is PBL's "Future Business Teacher."

GM: How do you handle college, a job, and friends all while holding a national officer title?

GL: It is difficult, but I understand that my title comes with responsibilities. I have to schedule a block of time for each task that needs to be completed. Then, I just have to stick to that schedule.

GM: What is your favorite FBLA memory?

GL: Hearing my name announced as the 2006-2007 Region IIA Vice President at the 2006 Maryland State Leadership Conference.

GM: Any advice to give to the MDFBLA?

GL: Take advantage of every opportunity that FBLA has to offer. Also, dream big and not small because those dreams will take you places. It was because of Maryland FBLA that I am now a National Officer of Phi Beta Lambda.

*****IMPORTANT*****

DO NOT SEND DUES PAYMENTS TO MARYLAND FBLA! All National and State dues are to be sent to:

**National Membership Dues
Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda, Inc.
P.O. Box 79063
Baltimore, MD 21279-0063**

More information can be found at:
<http://www.fbla-pbl.org>

Click on Membership and download the Online Registration Instructions.

