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Being a Team Leader Workshop

NFLC in Baltimore

What another successful National Fall Leadership Conference that Maryland was honored to host!

I am ecstatic to announce that Maryland received the award for "Most Conference Attendees!" Way to go, Maryland! With new and current members in attendance, Maryland had a total of 259 FBLA members and 42 PBL members at the conference.

We were thrilled to have keynote speaker, Janine Driver, Founder and President of Body Language Institute, give us some tips on body language secrets and easy-to-use interviewing techniques. Middletown High School FBLA member, Kira Bowers, says that her favorite tip from Driver's presentation is that "*when shaking someone else's hand, you should have your belly button facing theirs. It shows that you are interested in what the person has to say and that you are giving them your full, undivided attention.*"

The workshops were also a hit because it allowed everyone to interact and learn about networking, leadership, and conversational skills. Mark Comaty, National PBL Eastern Region VP, lead a workshop on "Improving Your Chapter." His best advice is "*to always plan ahead*" and to

"encourage FBLA chapters to explore new venues and national programs they may not be utilizing. Chambers of Commerce prove to be excellent recruiting grounds for guest speakers and partnerships that may eventually develop into sponsorships."

Thank you to all who were in attendance!

See you at the SLC!



Living a LEGOacy Workshop

State Projects Development Committee (SPDC)

The State Projects Development Committee (SPDC) is a very exclusive opportunity for the members of Maryland FBLA.

The committee will exchange ideas and give the state officers comments and feedback from local members. We want Maryland FBLA to be at its strongest and the best way to accomplish that is by hearing from the people.

After reviewing the applications that were submitted to be apart of SPDC, Maryland FBLA is pleased to announce that **Talya Mallin** (Carver Center for the Arts), **Taeler Wilson** (North County), **Shirley Zhu** (North County), and **Tim Fisher** (River Hill) have been selected!
Congratulations!

Thank you to all
who applied!



March of Dimes Signature Chefs Auction

The Maryland State Officers, North County High School, and Clear Springs High School had a blast volunteering for the March of Dimes to help with an annual fundraiser, the Signature Chefs Auction! The auction had over 25 of Baltimore's top chefs showcase their best creations from chocolate covered strawberries to honey glazed duck! There was also a silent auction with donated items from local businesses. The March of Dimes raised over \$153,000! The proceeds will fund research, education, and advocacy programs.

