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# Maryland FBLA Newsletter

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## IMPORTANT DATES:

### December

- 10 End of Non-Stop November
- 22 Regional Leadership  
Conferences: Online Testing  
Closes

### January

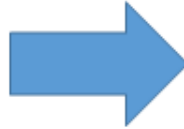
- 4 Region 1 Leadership  
Conference  
( snow date Jan 9 )
- 5 Region 2 Leadership  
Conference  
( snow date Jan 12 )
- 6 Region 5 Leadership  
Conference  
( snow date Jan 13 )
- 10 Region 3 & 4 Leadership  
Conference  
( snow date Jan 12, 11 )



## Regional Leadership Conference

*The first step to your National Competitive Event Journey!*

**Online Testing:**  
November 27<sup>th</sup> - December 22<sup>nd</sup>



**Conferences:**  
January 4<sup>th</sup> - January 10<sup>th</sup>

### Competitive Events

<u>Testing Events</u>	<u>Performance Events (Cont.)</u>
<p><b>Individual Objective Tests</b> A 60- minute test administered during the Regional, State, and National Leadership Conferences. Non-graphing calculators are provided for all objective tests. These tests will be completed before the Regional Conference during the Online Testing window. The administration of these tests is the local chapter's responsibility.</p>	<p><b>Individual Interview</b> The employer (judge) interviews the applicant (competitor) by asking typical job interview questions.</p>
<p><b>Team Role Play</b> Competitors receive a role play scenario 10 or 20 minutes prior to their scheduled event times. Judges receive a copy of the role play along with suggested questions to ask during each performance.</p>	<p><b>Individual Speech</b> A business speech based on FBLA-PBL goals, current events, and/or relevant business topics created and articulated by competitors.</p>
<p><b>Individual, Team, or Chapter Prejudged</b> Report or project content is prejudged before the conference. The presentation of a report or project is judged during the conference.</p>	<p><b>Individual or Team Presentation</b> The presentation of an individual or team's project, or campaign on a specific topic provided in the event guidelines. This topic changes each year.</p>
	<p>The complete Competitive Handbook, which includes a complete list of updated events and the event prompts, can be found on the MDFBLA website or National FBLA website.</p>

### Regional Conference Information

Region	Location	Regional VP Contact Info	Regional Date	Snow Date
Region 1	Middletown HS	Nabila Prasetiawan <a href="mailto:nabila.prasetiawan@mdfbla.org">nabila.prasetiawan@mdfbla.org</a>	Jan. 4	Jan. 9
Region 2	Perry Hall HS	Rachel Calimer <a href="mailto:rachel.calimer@mdfbla.org">rachel.calimer@mdfbla.org</a>	Jan. 5	Jan. 12
Region 3	North East HS	Andrew Jones <a href="mailto:andrew.jones@mdfbla.org">andrew.jones@mdfbla.org</a>	Jan. 10	Jan. 12
Region 4	Northern HS	Sarah Donaldson <a href="mailto:sarah.donaldson@mdfbla.org">sarah.donaldson@mdfbla.org</a>	Jan. 10	Jan. 11
Region 5	Long Reach HS	Megha Sharma <a href="mailto:megha.sharma@mdfbla.org">megha.sharma@mdfbla.org</a>	Jan. 6	Jan. 13



# State President's Corner

Maryland Future Business Leaders of America

December 2017

## Greetings Members and Advisors,

This past November was Prematurity Awareness Month in support of our National Community Service Partner, March of Dimes. The March of Dimes is an organization that works to improve the health of mothers and babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality. I hope that all of you took this month to do something in support of this wonderful organization.

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, the March of Dimes hosted their annual Signature Chefs Auction in Baltimore. The Signature Chefs Auction is a silent auction and culinary tasting event that, every year, raises over \$80,000 for premature babies and their mothers. The State Officer Team had the privilege of volunteering at this event to learn more about infant mortality and prematurity. It was an honor to hear the testimonies from families who had a child with or lost a child to premature birth defects.

If your chapter supported March of Dimes by wearing purple or holding an event please tag us on Instagram to be featured on the website and Maryland FBLA's future newsletter. Feel free to send any pictures to our State Reporter Historian, and they could be featured in our Opening Session slideshow at the State Leadership Conference. As the holidays arrive, I encourage all of you to reach out to those in need and be of service to your communities, because a little, truly does go a long way!

### *Tiff's Tip*

This month's tip is about serving your community.

With the holiday season underway, it is important to give to those in need. Service is one of the 3 main pillars of FBLA and it is important, as members, to give back to our communities because they give so much to us.



### Member Spotlight:



### Thomas Weiskircher

"Thomas Weiskircher, a senior at Huntingtown High School, has been in FBLA since his freshman year. On November 6, Thomas was inducted as Huntingtown FBLA's chapter President. Thomas has been an astounding leader since he started FBLA and his skills will take Huntingtown FBLA to the next level. He is truly ready to elevate his future."

Do you have a member you feel has stood out amongst the rest? Submit a headshot and a short description by **Dec. 20th** for their feature.

## March of Dimes Signature Chefs Auction

Maryland State FBLA officers volunteered at the March of Dimes Signature Chefs and Auction and Dinner at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, MD on November 16th, 2017. Our volunteers assisted with signing-in and greeting guests, running the silent auction, and facilitating the event. Overall, our officer team thought it was an incredible opportunity to not only help the National Partner but also see how certain organizations work to impact the lives of others.



## Photos from Maryland FBLA American Enterprise Day

