



LEAVE A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP DURING THE UPCOMING YEAR



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Important Dates:

February

- 17** Reports and Pre-Judged Materials due for SLC
- 19** Tomorrow's Business Leader Chapter News Deadline
- 22** State Leadership Conference Registration Deadline
- 24** State Officer Candidate Applications due
- 27** State Leadership Testing Conference Window Opens

March

- 1** Last Day to submit dues to National FBLA for individuals attending the State Leadership Conference
- 15** All money due for State Leadership Conference
- 17** State Leadership Conference testing window closes
- 23-25** State Leadership Conference
- 23** State Leadership Conference check-in begins at 10 AM



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Preview of 2017 Maryland State Leadership Conference

By Prateek Swamykumar

The greatest time of the year, the State Leadership Conference (SLC), is quickly approaching! As you may know, the SLC is being held on March 23th-25th, almost 3 weeks earlier than previous years. Along with this change in the date, the Board of Directors and your State Officer team have prepared many other changes to this year's state conference to make it the best one yet.

Online Testing - For this year's state conference, all testing will be done online at local chapters, similar to the regional competition. Online testing will open on February 27th and will close on March 17th. This change allows for more opportunities for our attendees at the state conference.

Open Events – We have expanded our Open Events program from 2 events to 6 events. Extremely popular at the National Conference, Open Events are competitive events that don't require any pre-qualifications. However, registration is limited and given on first come basis. Therefore, make sure to get to the event location early to get an opportunity to represent your school on the stage!



The 2016 State Conference Stage

State Officer Campaign Trail – Want to get an early start at becoming the leader that you aspire to be? Run for a state officer position and participate in an intense, but fun campaign trail in hopes of transforming into one of the leaders of an organization of 3,200 members. Simply submit a State Officer Application before **February 24th** to get an opportunity to leave a Legacy of Leadership for the upcoming year. More information can be found on our [website](#).

Bears for Babies - Replacing the famous "Butterflies for Babies" from previous years are Bears for Babies. By donating a dollar or more, individuals have the opportunity to design a Bear. Once submitted, The School with the most money raised and the Best Bear Design will be recognized on stage at the SLC.

Middle Level Activities - Over the past year, the State Officers have worked extremely hard to

increase Middle Level Participation in all FBLA activities. We have done it! Middle Level students will have the opportunity to participate in competitive events and attend a special leadership academy specifically designed for our up and coming leaders.

Scholarships – Again this year, FBLA is offering scholarship to our top members to help them on their journey to become Future Business Leaders. Just complete your application before February 24th for a chance to receive the John Harvey Memorial Scholarship for \$1000 and two \$500 scholarships. More information can be found on our [website](#) and advisor updates.

The State Officer Team and the Board of Directors are looking forward to the multitude of opportunities that these new changes afford. We hope that you join us in Leaving a Legacy of Leadership at the 2017 State Leadership Conference!

Review of Regional Conferences

Take a look back at the wonderful Regional Conferences that took place in January!

Region 1

Attendance: 120 Students

Congratulations to the Top 3 Region 1 Chapters!

1st Place - Dr. Henry A. Wise High School

2nd Place - Middletown High School

3rd Place - Largo High School

Region 2

Attendance: 500 Students

Congratulations to the Top 3 Region 2 Chapters!

1st Place - Dulaney High School

2nd Place - Eastern Technical High School

3rd Place - Hereford High School

Region 3

Attendance: 170 Students

Congratulations to the Top 3 Region 3 Chapters!

1st Place – North East High School

2nd Place - Worcester Technical High School

3rd Place - Century High School

Region 4

Attendance: 270 Students

Congratulations to the Top 3 Region 4 Chapters!

1st Place - Northern High School

2nd Place - Chopticon High School

3rd Place - Huntingtown High School

Region 5

Attendance: 500 Students

Congratulations to the Top 3 Region 5 Chapters!

1st Place - River Hill High School

2nd Place - Howard High School

3rd Place – Mount Hebron High School