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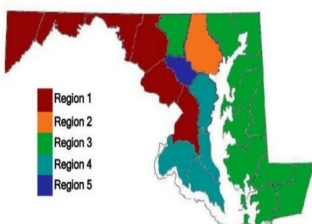
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IMPORTANT DATES:

January

- 1 FBLA Chapter Challenge: Action Awareness
- 5 Region 2 Leadership Conference
(snow date Jan 12)
- 6 Region 5 Leadership Conference
(snow date Jan 13)
- 9 Region 1 Leadership Conference
- 10 Region 3 & 4 Leadership Conference
(snow date Jan 12, 11)

February

- 2 Reports and Pre-judged Materials due for SLC
- 4 Share your FBLA-PBL Story Day
- 5 Webinar: National Presidents' Forum
- 6 Each one Reach one Day
- 7 State Leadership Conference Registration Deadline
- 7 Adviser Appreciation Day/ Professional Attire Day
- 8 Career Awareness Day
- 9 2018 Maryland FBLA John Harvey Scholarship deadline
- 9 FBLA-PBL Spirit Day
- 9 State Officer Candidate Application Due
- 10 Community Service Day

State President's Corner

Maryland Future Business Leaders of America

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Greetings Members and Advisors,

By Tiffany Jackson

For the past few months, our Maryland FBLA Region Vice Presidents, their advisors and fellow members have been putting lots of time and effort into preparing for the Regional Conferences. The officers and their chapters have worked hard to recruit judges, raise money, and find guest speakers to make each conference a success. I hope everyone has registered for their regional conferences and plan to attend. I wish everyone good luck in their competitive events. It is my hopes that members do not only take away awards for their competitive events, but most importantly, I hope members can take away lifelong lessons from the amazing workshops and keynote speakers.

Every conference, I am more and more impressed by the support and dedication from members and advisors as well as parents and other community members. I look forward to seeing members compete at the State Leadership Conference on March 8th-10th and go on to compete in Baltimore at the National Leadership Conference this summer. On behalf of the entire State Officer Team and Maryland FBLA Board of Directors, I thank all the members and advisors for continuing to be active and dedicated to this amazing organization.

Tiff's Tip

This month's tip is about getting out of your comfort zones.

With the new year kicking into gear, it is important that you try your best to step out of your comfort zones. To succeed, you need to try new things, seek newer and greater heights.

As Jennifer Foxworth once said, "It is impossible to walk in your purpose when you are sitting in your comfort zone".



Member Spotlight:



Emily Elliott

"Emily Elliott, a freshman at Northern High School, is a new member to FBLA and is already taking the organization by storm. Her desire to serve her community and go the extra mile when it comes to member requirements is astounding. She is truly doing a great job."

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

Preview of Regional Conferences

Maryland FBLA Regional Conferences are coming soon! From valuable workshops to inspiring keynote speakers, see what our Regional Vice Presidents have in store for you!

Region 1: January 9th

Middletown High School

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Middletown High School is excited to host the Region 1 conference this year! We will have a networking bingo activity similar to FLC. This year our guest speaker Meaghan Delawter, a lawyer who is a Frederick County native graduate of Catocin High School, will be presenting a workshop titled "Chasing the Lion" to elevate your future. We will also hear from Guru Bandekar, a vice president at Global Engineering & Program Management at JLG Industries, who will present about "The Entrepreneurial Mindset."

Region 2: January 5th

Perry Hall High School

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This year's Region 2 Conference is the largest we have ever had with an expected attendance of over 750 students! We will be fortunate enough to hear from Senator Klausmeier as our guest speaker who will discuss politics and possible careers in politics. We will hear from Jordan Davis, a 2017 BCPS graduate who also placed at Nationals this year for public speaking. He will discuss how to differentiate yourself and how to become a better leader.

Region 3: January 10th

North East High School

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Region 3 is expecting 300 members attending, as well as 75 others such as judges, advisers, and volunteers. Our keynote speaker will be Kelly Keeton who is currently the Assistant in Administration and Coordinator for the Business and Education Partnership Advisory Council (BEPAC) in Cecil County Public Schools. She is a product of Cecil County Public Schools, graduate of Perryville High School in 2002 and then from Elon University in 2006. She is currently pursuing a graduate degree from Wilmington University. We are very excited to have her!

Region 4: January 10th

Northern High School

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Region 4 conference will include engaging and informative workshops lead by exceptional guest speakers! This year we are fortunate enough to have Thomas Ridenour who is the Student Member of the Board (SMOB). We will also hear from Pamela Cousins, president of the board of education for Calvert County Public Schools. We will also have qualified judges who range from business professionals to school board members for our competitive events.

Region 5: January 6th

Long Reach High School

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This year's Region 5 Conference will include plenty of networking opportunities with more than 200 FBLA members with over 50 special guests. We are delighted to have Misti Burmeister as our guest speaker. She is an award-winning author, entrepreneur, innovator; her work has been featured on National Public Radio (NPR), in the Washington Business Journal, and the Huffington Post. She started her career with a passion for helping young and seasoned professionals understand how to communicate effectively with one another. Lunch will also be provided, we look forward to seeing you there on January 6th, and be ready to elevate your future!