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

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- 1** Dues Deadline for Chapter/State membership awards at the National Leadership Conference
- 19** Webinar for 2017 National Leadership Conference
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River Hill High School



Hammond High School

State Officers Visit Governor Hogan

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On President's Day, the State Officer Team had the unique opportunity to meet Governor Hogan at the Maryland State House in Annapolis. Although meeting Governor Hogan was the highlight of the day, the day was full of humbling and inspiring experiences that the state officers will remember for the rest of their lives.

The day began at 2:15 PM, when three of the State Officers, Lauren, Prateek, and Jonathan, arrived at the State House a little early. Enjoying the warm weather, they waited in the courtyard surrounding the Thurgood Marshall memorial. As they looked at the monument in awe, Maryland Senator Edward Reilly approached them and introduced himself. He then went on to educate the state officers on Thurgood Marshall's accomplishments and influence in Maryland and the state government's decision to create a memorial for him. He mentioned that the state government chose to commemorate Thurgood Marshall to counteract the statue of Roger Brooke Taney, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court who oversaw the Dred Scott decision, on the other side of the State House.

At 2:45, it was now time to enter the Maryland State House and visit the Governor. After clearing security, the state officers were free to roam around the historical exhibits of the first floor of the State House. The State Officers were humbled to be standing in the exact location where



Governor Hogan meets all of the State Officers.

George Washington's resignation from the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army.

After touring the historical exhibits of the main floor, the state officers finally went upstairs to meet the Governor. The State Officers and Governor Hogan were extremely excited to meet each other. Engaging in a conversation regarding the historical significance of the State House, Governor Hogan met all of the State Officers and the members of the Board of Directors, Mr. David Jones, Mr. Alan Rzepkowski, and Mr. Karthik Krishnan.

After meeting Governor Hogan, the State Officers continued to tour the rest of the state government's facilities. Mr. Rzepkowski took the state officers around the variety of buildings around the State House and introduced them to a few delegates that he knew. The State officers had the opportunity to meet with Delegate Micheal Malone. Mr. Malone taught the officers about the legislative process of creating a law and about the importance of committees and sub-committees

in the legislature. He even told the officers about House Bill 881, which aims to reinstate the Death Penalty for certain situations that involve police officers, first responders, and correction officers. The bill hadn't been revealed to media outlets and the public at that time, so the officers had behind-the-scenes exposure to a piece of legislature that could impact the entire state.

Overall, the State Officers thoroughly enjoyed the extremely unique opportunity to meet the Governor and create memories for a lifetime. Through the visit, the state officers learned about the rich history of Maryland and gained inspiration to leave a Legacy of Leadership throughout the rest of their lives.



State Senator Edward Reilly with State Officers.