

**Maryland FBLA
Board of Directors Update #4
January 10, 2016**

Dear Maryland FBLA Advisors:

Please take a few minutes to review the following information:

- State Leadership Conference information, including fees and deadlines
- Blue Ocean Entrepreneurship Competition

Maryland FBLA 60th State Leadership Conference – Hunt Valley, Maryland – April 14-16, 2016

Hold the date! The Maryland FBLA State Leadership Conference will be held at the Hunt Valley Inn from April 14-16, 2016. This is our 60th State Leadership Conference and there will be special events and guests to help celebrate our diamond anniversary! Attached is the tentative conference agenda and conference registration fees. In addition, a document explaining registration and payment deadlines is attached.

Blue Ocean Entrepreneurship Competition

Looking for an exciting way to engage your students with entrepreneurship and business? The Blue Ocean Entrepreneurship Competition serves a platform for high school students to present their next big idea, product, or service to a panel of judges and win over \$2,000 in cash prizes. The competition is being held this year at Centennial High School in Ellicott City, MD on April 23rd, 2016. The registration, which can be done at www.blueoceancompetition.org, is entirely free! They will have the author of the international business bestseller Blue Ocean Strategy giving a keynote speech at the event as well. Please share the attached flier to any interested students in your school. If you have any questions or want more information, please email blueoceancompetition@gmail.com or visit www.blueoceancompetition.org! A flyer is attached.

Note: The Blue Ocean Entrepreneurship Competition is not sponsored or endorsed by Maryland FBLA but we are happy to promote it to all of our chapters because it is an excellent opportunity for our members who have an interest in business.