

# January 2009

Happy New Year!



## Maryland FBLA



### Maryland FBLA Facebook Group

Want to access the most up-to-date documents such as the Newsletter or the Committee Application Form? Want to see pictures and videos of your friends at conferences? Want to communicate your ideas, questions, and concerns with State Officers? Then join the Maryland FBLA Facebook Group! Just search Maryland FBLA on Facebook and you'll have access to all that and more in no time!

### What you and your Chapter Should be Doing

- Competitive Events—Study, study, study. Don't forget to register for the Regional Conferences and submit your online testing before January 27th.
- Communication—Contact State Officers about exciting events you are holding. State Officers love to hear about what you are doing!
- SLC—Begin preparing for State Leadership Conference in the spring.

### Executive Committee Opportunity

Calling all FBLA members! Do you want to be more involved? Looking for a position within the State? Well, here's your opportunity! We are now accepting applications for Vice Chairman of three State committees: Fundraising, Go Green, and Membership. Please contact Vice President Aaron Moore at [amoore@mdfbla.org](mailto:amoore@mdfbla.org) for more information.

## Interview with National Eastern Region Vice Pres. Paul Cohen

Paul Cohen is a senior at Vineland High School in New Jersey. He is our Eastern Region Vice President, New Jersey's State President, and Vineland High School's President. I hope you enjoy this interview with this impressive National Officer.

### How long have you been involved in FBLA?

Paul Cohen: I have been an FBLA member since freshman year of high school. I became Chapter Vice President as freshman, and then I was the Chapter Vice President again in my sophomore year. I was the State Webmaster, Eastern Region international director, and the National President's technology assistant my junior year.

### What does a typical day consist of for you in terms of FBLA activities?

PC: As a State and National officer I receive a lot of e-mail from members, with questions about the dress code, how to get more involved, programs were running, and competitive events. I also often call state presidents and talk to them about improving communication, work with the Eastern Region board, create databases for membership, construct the New Jersey newsletter, and help start new chapters through answering start up questions.

### What is your favorite aspect of FBLA?

PC: Honestly, I love the opportunity FBLA presents to people. Every member has the chance to improve their self-confidence just through being involved in activities. FBLA encourages business experience and people's varied skills, and provides a nurturing environment for members to develop.

### What is your favorite new, exciting, or innovative program for FBLA?

PC: I am really excited about the Go Green initiative. One of the main features of this program was to eliminate the enormous packets of paper that were mailed out for registration. Registration is now completely online. Being a technology person myself, I really enjoy seeing our organization breed the next leaders of the world through adapting to new technology and improving the environment.

## Regional Testing Rapidly Approaching: Compete and Qualify for States!

Regional Competitions are coming up! Here are the list of dates for Regional Conferences:

Region 1	Region 2A	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6
2/12/2009	2/5/2009	1/16/2009	2/11/2009	1/29/2009	2/3/2009

A date for the Region 2C Regional Conference has not yet been set. The State Leadership conference will be held on March 26—March 28 in Hunt Valley. Be sure to study hard and compete well to place to compete at the State Leadership Conference!

Please contact your Region Vice President or President James Ko with any questions.