



Maryland FBLA

Chapter Connections

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SFLC Key Dates:

- October 10, 5pm: SFLC registration closes
- October 18: SFLC money must be received by Maryland FBLA
- October 25-26: Fall Leadership Conference – Linthicum, MD

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Other Important Dates:

- October 20: must have dues paid to National FBLA for at least 5 members in order to meet one of the requirements for the Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit
- National Fall Leadership Conference: Nov 16-15 Charlotte, NC
- State Leadership Conference: April 18-20th Hunt Valley Marriott
- National Leadership Conference: June 27-30 Anaheim, CA

Igniting Innovation at Joint CTSO Training

On August 8th and 9th, the Maryland FBLA state officer team attended joint officer training in Hunt Valley, Maryland. Also in attendance were the state officer teams of the other Maryland Career Technology Student Organizations, Skills USA, DECA, and FFA. This unique experience working with the other CTSOs helped each organization understand its role in the broader category of Career Technology Education.

The first day was full of workshops that taught important points about conducting business in a group. Then, after hearing from an alumni panel of past state officers about their experiences, each team broke out into their individual groups to work on their programs of work. The FBLA officer team used this time to ensure they had a clear plan of what they want to achieve this year.



Above: *The 2012-2013 Maryland State Officer Team*

On the second day, the officer teams participated in more workshops and each team had the opportunity to share what they did with their programs of work the night before. Then after “graduating” from state officer training, the Maryland FBLA state officer team had the opportunity to pose for a photo with a replica of the 1965 Batmobile.

This training helped the officer team to bond more to become an efficient, cohesive group. Maryland FBLA has exciting activities planned for their fall and spring state leadership conferences, as well as some new membership recruitment initiatives that they are excited to implement.

Excitement planned for State Fall Conference



Igniting Innovation is this year's National FBLA-PBL theme, reminiscent of The Hunger Games

Mark your calendars, because October 25th-26th is Maryland FBLA's annual State Fall Leadership Conference. For the first time ever, the conference will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Linthicum, Maryland by the BWI airport. This new location is more central and accessible to all of Maryland, so hopefully this will increase attendance and make this year's fall leadership conference the best one yet.

The fall leadership conference is a great way to kick off a new year of FBLA.

It's a wonderful opportunity to network with people from around the state and your state officers! Without the stress of competitions, the conference will be a fun time to listen to workshop presenters and guest speakers. Like usual, the conference will feature opportunities to donate money to the March of Dimes, door prizes, and a dance.

The state officer team and board of directors looks forward to Igniting Innovation with everyone there!