

MARYLAND FBLA NEWSLETTER

Future Business Leaders of America

Special Points of Interest:

- *Looking back to the National Fall Leadership Conference*
- *Looking forward: Regional Conference Registration*

NATIONAL FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The National Fall Leadership Conference was held in Baltimore, Maryland on November 20th and 21st, and featured several workshops aimed at helping students improve their skills in business, interaction and FBLA knowledge. Workshop topics ranged from how to improve your FBLA chapter to knowing what type of a leader you are. Speakers came from organizations such as KPMG, Minerva schools at KGI, and PBL Officers. There were approximately 1000 students in attendance from all five regions. Maryland FBLA was recognized as having the largest Professional Division membership.

Students heard from Patty Hendrickson, certified speaking professional in the Opening Ceremonies on Friday night. Her compelling speech about taking on each day as a privilege and challenge inspired many students to post their pictures of them at workshops and meeting new people with the taglines “woohoo #nflc2015.” She encouraged the students to break out of their comfort zones and to meet new people, and CONNECT, as the large letters behind her boasted as this year’s national theme.

This connection was seen all throughout the weekend as students had the chance to

meet people from all over the states and attend workshops and events and it concluded with the closing ceremonies speaker, Johan Khalilian, a motivational speaker and former Ford model. Johan told the students stories of his past and how sticking to his morals and his own values helped him get to be where he is today.

Overall, the NFLC gave students a great opportunity to exhibit this years theme of CONNECT, and it kicked off the year to a great start. Students are sure to be excited for regionals, states, and of course, the next National Leadership Conference in Atlanta.



Maryland FBLA State Officers standing on the opening and closing session stage at the National Fall Leadership Conference

REGIONAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Regional Conference Registration has just opened and will stay open until December 16th. Every chapter that wants to participate in the state or national conference should register their testing students for the regional conference so that they can take their tests when they are released. The link to register can be found [here](#). In order to register students, they must be first entered into the national database as members for FBLA-PBL,

which can be accessed on the FBLA home page. After all students are in the national database, go to the aforementioned link and register under the Maryland Regional Conference event. Mail all regional checks to PO Box 60, North East MD, 21901. The regional conference dates for each region are as follows: Region 1, February 11; Region 2, February 9; Region 3, February 17; Region 4, February 6; and Region 5, February 13.

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DATES TO BE AWARE OF:

DECEMBER

10th Non-stop November ends
16th Closing Regional Registration
18th Close of Fall Stock Market Game

JANUARY

1st Action Awareness begins
6th Regional Registration Payment deadline
On-line regional testing opens
15th March of Dimes Grant: Application deadline
25th Opening of Spring Stock market game

FEBRUARY

1–28th National Career and Technical Education Month
1st LifeSmarts Competition begins
Virtual Business Finance Challenge begins (10 a.m. EST.)
Virtual Business Management Competition begins (10 a.m. EST.)
4th Online Regional Testing closes
6th Region 4 Conference
7–13th FBLA-PBL Week

FEBRUARY (cont.)

8th National Presidents' Forum & FBLA Fight to the Finish (FBLA-PBL Week)
9th Region 2 Conference
Each One Reach One Day (FBLA-PBL Week)
10th Adviser Appreciation Day/Professional Attire Day (FBLA-PBL Week)
11th Region 1 Conference
Career Awareness Day (FBLA-PBL Week)
12th FBLA-PBL Spirit Day (FBLA-PBL Week)
13th Region 5 Conference
Community Service Day (FBLA-PBL Week)
17th Region 3 Conference
26th LifeSmarts Competition, Virtual Business Finance Challenge ends, Virtual Business Management Competition ends (5 p.m. EST.)

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