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Meet Your 2010-2011 State Officers

Greetings North Carolina FBLA, please welcome your new North Carolina Future Business Leaders of America State Officer Team. Everyone who attended the NLC in Nashville, TN represented NC well. We pride ourselves in being some of the top participants in FBLA's competitive events. We have already been working hard on our new Program of Work. We are pleased to announce our new state theme, "Igniting The Fire." We know through your involvement that you have a burning passion for NC FBLA. As this scorching summer comes to end and school starts back please focus on your local chapters. Remember our involvement in the March of Dimes. Our association has raised over \$12,000,000 for the March of Dimes. Thank you for your support. Also, keep in mind member retention and new member recruitment is crucial to the well being of our association. We are striving in every way to make one of the best student organizations in the nation even better. Please contact your regional vice president or myself with questions or suggestions. Thank you for hard work and dedication to North Carolina Future Business Leaders of America.



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Hey North Carolina FBLA!

I'm Sierra Moraven your Central Region Vice President and am delighted to serve you this upcoming year! I'm a rising senior whose favorite color is pink. I enjoy spending time with my friends, traveling, dancing, and just having FUN! This year North Carolina FBLA is going to be amazing and I hope you all are as excited as I am!

My summer so far has been extremely busy, but definitely worthwhile! I started out this summer going to the American Legion Tar Heel 71st Girls State, a weeklong camp where all the girls in the camp set up their own government. Yeah, I know it sounds boring, but it was a whole lot of fun and one of the best parts of my summer! I was elected Governor of the entire Girls State, which is a pretty big honor, and am happy to serve my girls as Governor, as well as the entire Central Region!

FBLA has also been keeping me and the other officers busy this summer. We all participated in a week long leadership camp in addition to FBLA National Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN. The Institute for Leaders and a short conference rounded out my summer training. Everything we've attended has been great and I thank FBLA for giving me this opportunity. I've been able to meet some magnificent people everywhere I traveled, and I developed friendships that will most definitely last a lifetime. This summer has by far been one of my best and I look forward to a great FBLA year with you all, so get EXCITED!



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I am Niko Peele and I am honored to serve as your Eastern Region Vice President. FBLA has given me the opportunity to discover and activate my leadership potential. It was in middle school when I gained a passion for this great organization, attending regional, state and national conferences. In my many years of being a part of FBLA I learned that it does more than prepare the next generation of business men and women. It prepares the next generation of leaders of integrity. The transferable skills offered by FBLA is unlike any other Career and Technical Student Organization. As an FBLA member, grasping the knowledge of leadership has allowed me to set clear goals and preserve a vision of success. It is my sincere desire to help give other students the same opportunities FBLA has given me. Thank you Eastern Region for allowing me to broaden my service to FBLA by serving as your Eastern Region Vice President.



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Alaina's welcome article was not available at the time of printing due to Alaina being out of town. Alaina's news will appear in the next issue of the newsletter.



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Hello NC FBLA! I am Jen DeLong, your Southeast Region Vice President. I attend South View High School in Cumberland County and will be a junior this year. I have been an FBLA member since my freshman year and have also served as an officer both my years as a member. Last year I served as an officer on the Southeast Regional Council. I would like to interject here and say that we are looking for dedicated members to be on the council this year. For more information you may contact me at southeastvp@ncfbla.org, my advisor, Mrs. Grissett, at shirleyjgrissett@ccs.k12.nc.us, or Ms. Colvin at evelyn-colvin@ccs.k12.nc.us.



This year, as a state officer, it is my mission to establish better communication between our regions. All of your state officers have agreed on this ambition, and we are actively working together to accomplish it. As a promise to my region, I am also working on increasing our membership. In addition to this, I have undertaken another goal: I wish to bring in our 5th graders and get them involved with our organization. This will get them excited about FBLA and intensify our middle level membership.

I hope that all of you are enjoying your summer vacation. It is coming to a close soon, and I know some of you have already started school. I wish you the best in each of your endeavors for your chapter this year.

Jen DeLong
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My name is Lauren Deville and I am a junior at Marvin Ridge High School near Charlotte, North Carolina. I have been involved with FBLA and an officer in my local chapter since my freshman year. I am sixteen years old and I was born and lived for five years in New Orleans, Louisiana. I love to volunteer at my church and in the community. I want to attend a four-year university majoring in International Business. As your state officer, I hope to help increase membership, help with fundraisers, and help local chapters raise money for the March of Dimes. Thank you to all North Carolina FBLA members and advisers in the Southwest region for helping me obtain my office and supporting me in my campaign. I cannot wait to work with the entire state to help North Carolina break barriers and ignite the fire!



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Hi, I am Chris Connelly and I am your 2010-2011 Triad Region Vice President. I am a senior at Orange High School and I plan on studying pre-med at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

I joined Future Business Leaders of America two years ago. Since that time I have been amazed at all of the opportunities the organization offers. As the Triad Region Vice President, I strongly encourage all of you to take advantage of these opportunities.

Other extracurricular activities that I take part in are: First Robotics, NTHS (National Technical Honors Society), Link Leader (help rising freshmen) and I also work a part time job at Harris Teeter and have my own Computer Repair Business Called Connelly's Tech. Computers are just a hobby for which I get paid.

If you have any questions or comments or just want to get acquainted, send me an e-mail or call me. Again thank you for electing me as your Triad Region Vice President.



Chris Connelly
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Greetings! It is an honor to be your Triangle East Region Vice president for the 2010-2011 year. I am looking forward to the exciting events to come. There are various activities that I would like for everyone throughout the region to partake in this year. All that's in my power I will do to make NC FBLA Triangle East Region the very best.

The State Leadership Conference turned out to be a great success for the Triangle East Region. I am so proud of all the members because of the many awards we all received. The Regional members took time to face all of the challenges and most of all "Take Care of Business".

Among the many awards received at SLC, the most exciting award was recognition of the largest high school local chapter. This year I would like to make it a Triangle East Region goal to enlarge the region on the middle and high school levels. I know that the goal can be reached with everyone's help of spreading the word. Tell your friends what FBLA means to you, which will surely, persuade them to join.

I am hoping to see all of you at the Regional Fall Leadership Conference which will be held at Southern Vance High School. Local chapters please start the process of registering for the conference. The conference will be an exciting experience for all FBLA Triangle East members.



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North Carolina Future Business Leaders of America, I am Summer Ray your Western Region Vice President. My hometown is in Burnsville North Carolina. I attend Mountain Heritage High School. I am involved in many organizations, clubs, and sports. I am very involved in sports such as Cross Country, Basketball, and Softball. I am not only an active member of FBLA but Skills USA where I serve as a regional officer. Also, I am a member of Student Council, Huddle Club, and Prom Committee. I have been an active member in FBLA for the past two years; and am now serving as your 2010 -2011 Western Region Vice President. This has truly been the best experience I could have ever asked for this far throughout my journey. I would like to thank former Western Region VP Dillon Vess, who now serves as our President, for encouraging me to pursue the role as Western Region Vice President. In addition, I would like to thank my adviser, Tonya Ray who has helped and given me the opportunity to become a state officer. When I took the position state officer, I knew this would be a hard task with me being involved in many extracurricular activities, but I am committed and dedicated to the Western Region and North Carolina FBLA members.



Summer Ray
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I am Paige Garner, your 2010-2011 NC-FBLA Parliamentarian. I would first like to say that it has already truly been an honor to serve as the Parliamentarian in such a great group of state officers. The summer is almost over and school is about to begin. Although many of you may not be looking forward to this, it presents a great opportunity for you to become more involved in your FBLA chapter, along with many other organizations within your school and state. For example, at North Moore High School, I am an officer in my school's BETA and FBLA clubs, as well as a member of the Key Club and Prom Committee. I greatly anticipate the beginning of the school year for many reasons, as I am also very involved in sports at my school, including cross country as well as soccer. In past years I have also been a member of the Marching Band. This being my senior year, my goal is to participate in as many organizations and social events as possible. Although I have been a member for the past three years, it was not until last year at the beginning of my term in office that I took the initiative to be more active in FBLA. I would like to thank my business teacher, Mrs. Helen Maness, for convincing me that being a state officer would be a good experience. I wasn't sure about taking the position at first, but soon after my first encounter with my fellow state officers, I was certain that the experience would be worthwhile.



I know many of you are probably wondering "what is a parliamentarian?" Well, don't feel bad. Nearly a year ago, I had no clue either. Throughout my term in office, each month I will include information about parliamentary procedure and its uses. "Parli-tips" will be included beginning next month.

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