

Future Business Leaders of America

Greetings from the President!

Greetings North Carolina
FBLA!

First off I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for electing me to serve as your state president. Since SLC the state officer team and I have been working very hard in trying to make this next year an exciting one.

As the new school year begins we know that we are only eight months away from the 2008 State Leadership Conference, one that I hope will be more exciting than the rest. Remember, to work hard and study, not only in school, but also for your competitive events. The regional competitions will be here before you know it.

As your school begins remember that it is always the goal of the NC FBLA to increase members and chartered chapters. A way you could do this is by going out to local middle AND high schools to give presentations on FBLA.

Work with the other FBLA chapters in your area and try to divide the schools up, this way not everyone is going to the same school.

For membership in your own school, have a party. Schedule a meeting after school, find a promo video for FBLA (you can obtain these through the state or national office), order pizza or some other type of refreshment, and maybe even raffle off some FBLA paraphernalia. With utilizing these ideas and those of your own I am sure that together we can make this one of our most successful years yet.

I ask that over this next year that you use the three C plan that I laid out for you during SLC, Communication, Cooperation, and Commitment. I challenge every chapter in North Carolina to gain one new idea from another chapter in an entirely different region. Then use this idea to



help whatever your specific goal may be. Over this next year I want to see regions in west working with the east and the north working with the south. I believe that if each member of FBLA works to broaden their horizons then we will surely make a difference.

I look forward to seeing everyone at regionals and at our 54th Annual State Leadership Conference.

If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the e-mail address below.

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Greetings from Eastern Region!



Greetings from the Eastern Region! We hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. The 2007 Institute for Leaders and FBLA National Leadership Conference were held in Chicago, Illinois from June 26th through July 2nd. We would like to congratulate all those NC FBLA members that competed and/or placed at the national competition. North Carolina FBLA took home an award for the Largest Percent of Increase in State Membership. Let's keep

this going in the coming year!

For my fellow Eastern Region members, allow me to introduce myself; I am Cameron Waters, your 2007-2008 Eastern Region Vice President. I am very excited to be representing the best region of NC FBLA in the coming year. I also would like to congratulate all those Eastern Region FBLA members that competed and/or placed at this year's NLC. As the new school year approaches, I

hope everyone will do their best to recruit many new members, as well as investigate new ways

to get your chapter involved in the community. The Eastern Region's 2007 Regional Fall Leadership Conference will be held November 3, 2007 at North Hampton County West High School. I hope everyone is ready to begin [Casting for Your Future!](#)

Cameron Waters
Eastern Region Vice



Greetings from Western Region!

Hope everyone is excited about school starting back and is ready for a new school year. I want to make it a goal this year to increase communication through the regions. Over the summer my fellow state officers and I have enjoyed numerous trips across North Carolina and it showed me just how much potential North Carolina has if all the regions stick together.

Also, with the new school

year in place I hope everyone is thinking of a competitive event. It's never too early to begin working and it may possibly give you a heads up at the regional and state conferences. Western Region Fall Leadership Conference will be held Friday, October 12, 2007 at my home school of Mitchell High. Western Regional competitive events are scheduled for Thursday, January 17, which is also going to be held at Mitchell High School. As a lot of you know, snow can be an

issue so if that happens or interference should occur, Friday January 18 will be the Alternate date. Lastly, if any change in the date or location you will be notified. I look forward to meeting all of you and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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Greetings from Central Region!



Greetings NC FBLA! I hope everyone has had a very enjoyable summer and is ready to kick the 2007-2008 school year into gear. Nationals in Chicago, Illinois were a great success and I hope everyone that attended enjoyed it, as did I. Let's continue to work hard so we will experience even more success in the upcoming year!

For those in the Central Region, our Regional Competitive

Events will be on Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at West Carteret High School in Morehead City. The alternate date is Saturday, January 26, 2008 at the same location. I will update everyone on the dates for Regional Fall Leadership Conference as soon as that information is available. This year's theme for FBLA is "Casting for Your Future." I anticipate that each and every one of you will set and achieve

goals in FBLA that will help you "Cast for your Future" and I look forward to meeting many of you in the approaching year! If you have any questions, do not hesitate to e-mail me.

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Greetings from Triad Region!



Greetings from the Triad Region! I hope that everyone has had wonderful summer and are excited about the year ahead! With a new year approaching, I understand that membership is of great importance and I encourage each and every one of you to reach out in every way possible to any student interested in joining FBLA. Finding creative ways to appeal to these prospective members, such as serving ice cream or pizza at your first meeting, is a great way to promote FBLA and essentially gain membership. Share with them the opportunities and benefits that this thriving organization provides in order that they will want to start

“casting for their future!” I wish everyone the best of luck in member recruitment, as well as with all FBLA endeavors throughout the year!

Triad Region Chapters are reminded that if you need any help with preparing for back to school, I am willing to help. I will be glad to help with membership drives, speak to classes, or even install new chapter officers. You are also reminded of the Regional Competitive Events that will be held on February 9, 2007 at East Randolph High School as well as the Regional Fall Leadership Conference at Overhill High School on November 10, 2007. Hope to see you there!

If you have any further questions, comments or general concerns, please feel free to contact me! Again, good luck in the year ahead and I hope you all are ready to begin “Casting for your Future” in FBLA!

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Greetings from Southeast Region!

Greetings North Carolina from the Southeast Region! As the year begins you can expect the Southeast to keep you on your toes for we plan to have an excellent year ahead of us.

Greetings Southeast Region! I am Daila Patrick your newly elected Vice President. As the Vice President of this region I

plan to take us to new heights by encouraging the cooperation of all the schools in the region. Our upcoming events include Regional Conference; which will be Friday, January 25, 2008 and the alternate date is scheduled for Friday, February 1, 2008 both at Fayetteville Technical Community College. We would like to thank the host school for all the work that will put into this becoming a success...

Thank You South View High School!!! I am truly hoping that with your help this will be a successful year.

If you have any comments, questions or concerns please don't hesitate to e-mail me.

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Greetings from Southwest Region!

Greetings North Carolina FBLA! I hope that you all have had an AMAZING summer and are making preparations for an exciting and successful year ahead! This is the time of year that we are able to sit back and reflect on what all we have accomplished on the local, state, and national levels, and prepare for the success to come. I want to personally commend ALL of you on all of the hard work and dedication that you have contributed to make this thriving organization a success and all the spirit that you have shown in representing North Carolina as the BEST state in the nation. This year in FBLA would not have been victorious if it weren't for you! Thank you! Make sure that you take that same spirit and commitment with you as you venture off into a new year in FBLA, so that we can continue to prove that North Carolina is a state that CANNOT and WILL NOT be surpassed! I wish you all luck this year as you go forth with your various endeavors in FBLA, and I anticipate getting to know each and everyone one of you as the year progresses!

For all FBLA members in the Southwest Region, greetings! I would first like to say congratulations on another triumphant year in FBLA; you guys are definitely the best! With a new year approaching, there are several things that must be done so that we will all be on the same page, and in effect, we will start the year off right. This year, the Southwest Region will be publishing a monthly newsletter so that we can bridge the gap in communication between the different schools within our region. Please submit any information that you would like to be included in the newsletter by the 30th or 31st of each month so that your school will be recognized. I will contact you with more information on this topic in the very near future.

We as leaders know that in order for any event to be successful, it must be organized and well planned out. It takes the hard work, dedication and cooperation of the entire team to make an event a success. We feel that the same goes for

the Southwest Region Competitive Events. For this reason, the host school, North Mecklenburg High, is asking for your input in the planning of this event. We are looking for the events to take place on January 19, 2008. If you know of anything or anyone that would be an asset to these events, please let me know as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, comments, or general concerns that were not addressed, please feel free to contact me any time. My door is always open! Good Luck as you prepare for an EXCITING year in FBLA, I wish you the best, and I hope that you are ready to start "CASTING FOR YOUR FUTURE!"

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Greetings from the Parliamentarian!



Greetings North Carolina Future Business Leaders of America! I hope that everyone is doing well and is looking forward to a year of success in FBLA! As parliamentarian, it is my job to efficiently prepare you for parliamentary procedures, whether it is in your local meetings or at competitive events. For this reason, I will provide you with a parli tip that will be published monthly in the NCFBLA Business Leader Newsletter, to help you become more knowledgeable on this subject. This month's "Parli-tip" concerns incidental motions.

Incidental Motions: relates to matters of business rather than directly to the main motion.

-All incidental motions occur as secondary motions.

-Some however can be made while no other

motion is pending and are called incidental main motions.

Six Incidental Motions:

Point of Order - requires the chair to make a ruling and enforce the rules.

Appeal from the decision of the chair (appeal) - decision regarding parliamentary procedure out of the hands of the presiding officer and place the final decision in the hands of the assembly.

Object to the consideration of a question - to prevent the assembly from considering the question/motion because a member deems the question as irrelevant, unprofitable, or contentious.

Suspend the rules - used when the assembly wants to do something that violates its own rules.

Division of the assembly - requires a standing vote.

Division of the question - used to separate a main motion or amendment into parts to be voted on individually.

If you have any further questions, comments, or general concerns, please feel free to contact me. I trust that your year in FBLA will be very eventful and productive, and you are ready to start "CASTING FOR YOUR FUTURE!"

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