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Greetings from the President!



Greetings North Carolina FBLA!

Here we are, nearing our Regional Fall Leadership Conferences and even our National Fall Leadership Conference. I hope that everyone is working hard to attend both of these wonderful experiences and have been working actively in your local chapters.

As we near ever closer to Regional Competitive Events and the NC State Leadership Conference, I trust that everyone has been looking at what areas they would like to be competing in this year. Remember that not only are you here to learn new skills and meet new people, but you also are here to take the knowledge that you have gained over the years and put it to use for the ultimate experience, at the National Leadership Conference.

As you go throughout this month I hope to see everyone using the 3 C's that I discussed at State Leadership Conference. Last month I talked about Communication, so this month I wanted to share with you Cooperation.

We all know the basic meaning of cooperation, working well with others as a team. So I am not going to spend a paragraph on the definition; but why it is important, to build a stronger, more productive FBLA. In the business world there are leaders and there are followers. Being a leader does not mean that it is okay to tell people what to do, then not help them achieve that goal. We must work together to move our organization into the future.

NC FBLA has roughly 8,000 members; the state officer team has eight. The state officers are not here to dictate and order the state around. It is our job to ignite that spark within yourself to make you a better member, but not only that, a better student and leader. The state officer team is here to *work with* you to make our great organization even better. We (and when I say we I mean every member of

NC FBLA), are the leaders of tomorrow, but more importantly we are the leaders of today. We all must work together as one central unit to further the success of our state chapter.

As you go throughout the year remember that you are here to make a difference. If that is the one thing that you do in your life; to change one other person's, you can definitely say **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED**.

I hope everyone has a wonderful month and I look forward to seeing everyone ***Casting for Your Future*** throughout the year and at our State Leadership Conference in April.

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 the Triad Region!



Greetings from the Triad Region! I hope that everyone is preparing for a great year in FBLA! Some Regional Fall Leadership Conferences have already passed but a few are still left. I hope that everyone who has already attended their conference has learned new leadership

skills. For those that have not yet had their conference I encourage to take full advantage of it: learn from your workshops and network with others. The Fall National Leadership Conference in Birmingham, Alabama is coming up in a couple of weeks. I look forward to see you all in Alabama and I wish you a great year in FBLA.

February 2, 2008. If you ever have any comments, concerns, or an event you would like me to attend I am always here and willing to help all you have to do is send me an Email. As always good luck in your endeavors and start "Casting for Your Future."

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Triad Region Chapters are reminded that the Triad Region Fall Leadership Conference will be held on November 10, 2007 at Overhills High School. I look forward to seeing all of you there. Triad Region Members are also reminded that the Triad Region Competitive Events will be Held on

Greetings from the Western Region!

Greetings from the Western Region! For the month of November, I would like to start by encouraging everyone to please continue to be looking at and working toward a competitive event. The western regional competitive events will be held Saturday, January 19, 2008 at Mitchell High School.

Also, keep in mind that November is an excellent time to plan local chapter activity. One activity that we are participating in is American Enterprise Day celebration hosted by Mountain Heritage High School at the Burnsville town center. Speakers will be talking about the travel and tourism industry in Western North Carolina.

The National Fall Leadership Conference this year will be held in Birmingham, Alabama on November 16-17, 2007. Please come and attend sessions and join us in networking with others.

Lastly, if any chapter or school is interested in starting or reactivating a FBLA chapter please let me know.

Feel free to contact me if you have any other questions as well.

Macie Peterson
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Greetings from the Southwest Region!



Greetings North Carolina FBLA! Let me first say that I am EXTREMELY proud of the progress that we've made over the last couple of months in membership recruitment and I encourage each and everyone of you to keep up the good work. You guys never cease to amaze me! I hope to see you all in Birmingham, Alabama next month as we venture off to our National Leadership Confer-

ence! I wish you the best of luck as you continue building your individual chapters, and, as always, let's continue to prove that North Carolina is the best state in the nation!

Southwest Region, Greetings! We have climbed mountains in membership recruitment and are still continuing to climb! I am VERY proud of you guys, and I also encourage all of you to keep recruiting! National Fall Leadership is approaching quickly, and I would love to see if not all, most of the Southwest Region in attendance. It will be held on November 16-17, 2007 in Birmingham, Alabama. If you have any questions concerning this event, please contact me as soon as possible. In addition, Regional Competitive events are impending swiftly as well. (January 19, 2008). If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or SUGGESTIONS con-

cerning this event, please contact me as soon as possible also. If you have any other questions, comments or concerns that on issues that I have not addressed, please feel free to contact me as well. Southwest Region, I feel extremely honored to be the Vice President of such an AMAZING region, keep up the great work and I will be in contact with you soon, and good luck as you put your "LEADERSHIP IN ACTION", and are "CASTING FOR YOUR FUTURE!"

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Greetings from the Eastern Region!

Greetings from the Eastern Region! I hope everyone is settled in school and preparing for a wonderful year in NC FBLA. The regional and national fall leadership conferences are fast approaching. These conferences are great opportunities for developing leadership skills. The 2007 National Fall Leadership Conference in Birmingham, Alabama will be held on November 16th and 17th. This conference should be very informative and enjoyable. Also, chapters should continue recruiting members. Everyone needs to remember to check the NC FBLA Calendar of Events on the NC FBLA website, www.ncfbla.org, regularly for updates.

To the Eastern Region members, hello! I would like to welcome all of our new and reactivated chapters to our FBLA family. Every chapter should be trying to increase their membership, as well as attempting to recruit new chapters. Also, the 2007 Regional Fall Leadership Conference to be held on November 3rd at Northampton County-West High is an advisors' and officers' training session only. Advisors and officers should take advantage of this session to help them become successful FBLA leaders. I wish everyone the best of luck in all of their endeavors. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me.



I hope you all have begun **Casting for Your Future!**

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Greetings from the Parliamentarian!

Howdy North Carolina Future Business Leaders of America! I hope all has been going well for everyone. This month's parli tip is tips for the presiding officers.

While presiding the following techniques are quite handy:

- Share the ownership
- Set the tone
- Reduce confusion
- Reduce extraneous debate

©Remember no matter who is presiding over the meeting the presiding officer needs to be a facilitator not a dictator. ©



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Presiding officers should have the following qualities:

- Credibility
- Neutrality
- Judgment
- Fairness

Presiding officers should use the following skills as well:

- Communication
- Facilitation
- Organization

Any comments or questions please feel free to contact me..

Thanks

