



FBLA December Newsletter

Greetings from the President

Happy Holidays!

Tis' the season or so they say. First I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and I hope everyone enjoys this wonderful time. This month is probably my favorite and my least favorite all at the same time. Full of fun and laughter and stress with gifts and travel, but some how things always work out ok. On the state level things have been running smoothly. We are beginning to prepare for our next board meeting which is coming up very fast. Most regions are also preparing for their Regional Competitive Events. Studying and preparing for events is one thing and then officers must prepare for getting their RCEs in order. I know this upcoming year will be filled with great success. I hope everyone plans to compete on both the regional and state level because you are the key to your own success. As we continue to work together on Reaching our Peak I hope everyone continues to do the wonderful things they are doing. Have a great Holiday and a Happy New Year!

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Greetings from the Parliamentarian

Hello again! It's me, Robert Morris. This month my region conducted their RCE. It was great. Eight people from my school competed, and one of them, Kirstin Harris, took first place in Job Interview. I would like to congratulate her and all the other winners. While there, I had the important task of interviewing, along with a state board member, officer candidates for the vice president position for next year. They make excellent candidates. Also, my school will be holding their winter social this Friday just before Christmas break. Well that's about it for me. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!



Greetings from the Central Region

Greetings Central Region!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays Everyone!

I hope all is well, I know everyone is home with their families enjoying the holidays. Take the opportunity of being out of school to study for your regional and state events. Competition is around the corner and with less stress studying can be a lot easier! The central region is hard at work; we recently sent out home site test and have begun to organize events in the selected class rooms. We are also working very hard to organize entertainment that we hope you will all enjoy. Registration has been received and I am happy to see the total amount of members and advisors attending. Just a reminder the Central Region Competitive Events will be held at Croatan High School on January 31, 2009. Next on the State Officer's calendar is our January Board Meeting, we will be discussing and planning your 2009 State Leadership Conference. I can't wait to see you all. So please, if you have any questions, concerns, or opinions don't hesitate to send your Regional Vice President an email. Let your voice be heard; reach your peak!

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Greetings from the Southwest Region

Happy Holidays Southwest Region!

December is definitely going to be an exciting time for us. Firstly, we have one of the most anticipated events of the year, the Southwest Region Competitive Events. I encourage you all to study hard and come fully prepared. Fatz Café will be catering our event so come with an empty stomach! We also will have Lincoln High School Chapter members presenting workshops. I hope that you all can take away something from them. I know that we will all have a great time and I look forward to seeing you all. Enjoy your break from school (I know I will!) If you would like information about your schools in our newsletter please do not hesitate to email me. Again, I hope you all enjoy your holiday and happy early New Year!

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Greetings from the Southeast Region

I hope that everyone has been working hard in their FBLA Chapters over the last month and that everyone is ready for the Southeast Regional Competitive Events that will be held on January 20, 2009 at Fayetteville Technical Community College. The registration deadline for the conference has past and I wish all of the competitors the best of luck in their competitions. I would also like to congratulate our Regional Vice Presidential Candidates for their decision to run for the office of Southeast Region Vice President who will be announced at the Conference. While at Regional Competitive Events everyone must be dressed in Professional Business Attire for the duration of the Conference and for their Competitions.

Congratulations go out to the South View High School FBLA Chapter and the South View Middle School FBLA Chapter for their help at the Cross Creek Mall Salvation Army Station/Angle Tree on November 21 and December 5. During this time they were able to raise money for the Salvation Army to help out less fortunate members of the community. Their efforts turned out to be a great success. The South View High School Chapter also participated in the Cumberland County Kids Voting on election day and were treated to dinner at Spinner's Pizza with the Director of the Kids Voting.

If anyone is interesting in joining the Southeast Regional Council please contact Mrs. Grissett or myself through e-mail or written correspondence. As a reminder for Regional Council Members that they should complete at least the Future Award of the Business Achievement Awards for High School Members and for Middle School Students the Entrepreneur Level of the Middle-Level Achievement Awards by the Regional Competitive Events.

I would like to thank everyone for their hard work thus far this year for FBLA in the Southeast Region and would like you to know that your has helped to benefit the FBLA Organization and its members. Thank You!

Brandon K. Hudson
Southeast Region Vice President



Greetings from the Northwest Region

Greetings Northwest Region! I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break! As we enter the month of January, we should all be preparing for the Regional Competitive Events. This conference will be hosted by Davie County High School and it will be held on January 17th. Your local chapter advisor should have all the details for you.

Remember, your performance at this conference decides whether or not you are qualified to advance to the state level of competition, and then even perhaps to the national level of competition. For guidelines on your events, please reference both the state website, www.ncfbla.org, and the national website, www.fbla-pbl.org. These websites have excellent material to study.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I am looking forward to seeing you on January 17th.

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Greetings from the Western Region

Greetings from the Western Region! The fall has certainly set in and winter is right around the bend, which means the holidays have begun. Recently, we had our deadline for all attendees to the Western Region's Competitive Events. I hope everyone willing to compete were able to get their forms in and are eligible to compete.

Now that registration is complete, competitors should continue preparing for the events in which they will compete in. As a reminder, the date for competitive events is still scheduled for Monday, January 19, 2009. In case of winter weather or some other occurrence preventing our first planned date, our alternate will be the following Saturday, January 24. This event will be held at Brevard High School.

I would like to personally thank Mrs. Dolly McCall, Western Region Adviser, for all the hard work she has put into planning and helping with both Fall Leadership Conference and the recent registration process that is still underway. Other thanks go to Mrs. Cheryl Barton, Western Region Board Member, who has also been a great help to the success the Western Region has had so far. Thank you all for your hard work.

I once again encourage all of those senior members looking to attend college in state to research the scholarships available through FBLA. Take advantage of the unclaimed money that can assist you in your financial need for college.

Furthermore, I hope that every chapter is participating in some sort of extracurricular activity such as charity, fundraising, or just some fun event held by the local chapter. My personal chapter at Brevard High School recently completed a fund raiser through gift wrapping at a local business for two weekends. Unfortunately, with the bad economy, our first weekend was slow. Luckily, the following week had much more success with Twilight Tour being held in Brevard. Shops were open late and the streets were blocked off for a night of food, fun and entertainment. I would like to thank the person who ran the event, Athena Demas-Owen, one of our most active and dedicated members to Brevard High School FBLA.

Before departing, if any school is interested in starting or reactivating an FBLA chapter, please feel free to contact me. Also, questions are always welcome, so never hesitate to ask one. I look forward to seeing everyone at Regional Competitive Events!

Happy Holidays!

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Greetings from the Triad Region

Greeting from the Triad Region! I am your Triad Region Vice President, Joshua Mason.

It seems as if it has been forever since our last newsletter, and a lot had taken place through November and early December. I would like to thank those of you from the Triad who attended the NFLC in Washington DC. We listened to excellent keynote speakers, participated in informative workshops, and made unforgettable friends. I believe you would agree that the Secret Service and Chinese officials made our stay extremely interesting. I hope that you have taken what you learned and are applying to your FBLA life at home. Do not forget that our Triad Region Competitive Events are coming up on January 17th at Southern High School.

Still do not forget in the coming months that FBLA has a partnership with the March of Dimes. I encourage the entire state to hold fundraisers or support the March of Dimes in any way you can. Do not feel as if you are limited to just working for the March of Dimes though. I trust that you all are striving to make the biggest difference in your communities as you can. Keep fighting and we will make FBLA the most recognizable student organization in North Carolina through the change we create.

If there is anything you need or anyway I can be of service if you feel free to contact me at triadvp_fbla@yahoo.com. I am extremely excited about this year and cannot wait to meet you all. Have a good year and remember to keep involved!

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Greetings from the Eastern Region

Happy December Eastern Region! As the New Year approaches we have been very busy! With the school semester reaching its end not only has everyone been busy preparing for Regional Competitive Events but upcoming exams as well. Hopefully the Eastern Region members have been able to manage their time wisely so that they are not only successful in their school work but their competitive event as well! I look forward to having tons of Eastern Region members represented at State Leadership Conference this year in its new location of Raleigh, NC. Thank you, Eastern Region, for another great month!

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