

REACH YOUR PEAK!

# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

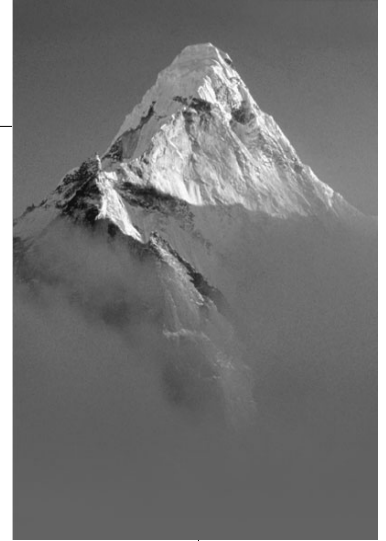
I hope everyone is off to a great start with their new school year. I know that state officer team is! This summer has been filled with exciting activities that have challenged our abilities but they have also made us better officers. We have begun to plan some amazing things for you guys and I hope you can all be as excited as we are. Personally things have been great for me, I just had a birthday on the 7<sup>th</sup>



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and every time I meet with the officer team we become closer and closer. This year will come and go faster than we think so I hope everyone takes full advantage of the opportunities placed in front of them. I will continue to have you all in my thoughts and prayers. I hope everyone chooses to compete this year

on the regional level the state level and that national level. This year we are focusing on "Reaching our Peak" so I hope each one of you start this year off with an optimistic mindset that you can achieve everything. I hope to talk to everyone soon. I do check my email daily so please feel free to contact me with any comments or concerns. Have a GREAT year!!



## GREETINGS FROM THE PARLIAMENTARIAN

Welcome back to another great year of FBLA! I'm your State Parliamentarian Robert Morris. The whole officer team and I have been very busy this summer preparing for the remainder of the year. We attended events such as the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, the Broyhill Institute in Charlotte, and the Summer Con-



ference in Raleigh all in an effort to become a better officer team. Our next meeting will be a board meeting in September on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Have a great year!

### Special points of interest:

- Regional Fall Leadership Conferences
- Regional Competitive Events
- National Fall Leadership Conference

## GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTHEAST REGION

Greetings to North Carolina FBLA from the Southeast Region! Every member of the Southeast Region is ready to embrace the State Theme of *"Reach Your Peak"* and the National Theme of *"Get the Edge"* and we hope you are as well.

Greetings to the Southeast Region! I am Brandon K. Hudson, your 2008-2009 Southeast Region Vice President and Southeast Regional Council President. I am a senior at Cape Fear High School in Fayetteville and I look forward to serving you this year.

The Southeast Regional Fall Leadership Conference this year will be held on Friday, October 17, 2008 at Fayetteville State University. Also if anyone is interested in serving on the Southeast Regional Council please e-mail me for the information.

For those of you who did not know the Triad Region VP, Joshua Mason has composed a list of all active and inactive FBLA chapters in the state from information off of the national website. I would like all of the Local Chapter Primary Advisors in the Southeast Region to please e-mail me with your e-mail address, name, and school so that we can have an accurate database. Also if you would like a copy please e-mail me.

I would like to thank all of the people who helped me during my campaign;

Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Waters, Mrs. Grissett, Ashleigh Dorman, and the CFHS FBLA members who all made my campaign a success!

So let's all get ready for another great year in FBLA and prepare yourself to *"Reach Your Peak."*

If you have any questions, comments, ideas, or concerns please do not hesitate to e-mail me.

Brandon K. Hudson



Southeast Region

Vice President

## GREETINGS FROM THE TRIANGLE EAST REGION

We have a busy year in store for FBLA and it gives me great pleasure to help you all as we achieve success this year. We have several new items on our region's agenda that have not taken place before. The first is a regional Walkathon, which will be held right after our Regional Fall Leadership Conference, October 18, 2008. Also, I am working with the region to establish a theme for the year. This theme will serve us throughout the rest of our region's activities and conferences. I am working on a regional website that will be the porthole (do you want to say "window") or (do you want to say "doorway" portal) for



information on our regional, state, and national organization. This website will serve as a link of communication between chapters through the region. Also, we hope to have tools, documents, ideas, and current news to help out advisors and members. As you can see, our region has quite an agenda so far and I hope that we can plan many more activities to have through the year. Remember, the success of our region can only be measured by the amount of teamwork and support we give each other. I encourage you to reach out and help your fellow members, chapters, and advisors. We could make many plans; however, unless we all work diligently together with passion and dedication, we cannot be successful. From

experience as a FBLA member and an officer, the more dedicated you are at something the more successful you are at it. Therefore, I believe that if we truly want to have a wonderful and successful region then we must work together with passion and dedication. As we begin our new FBLA year, I look forward to working with the wonderful members and advisors of our region. It is my aspiration that through teamwork we can strengthen and increase membership within our region and make the Triangle East Region of FBLA the best there is. Please feel free to contact me at anytime if you ever have any questions, concerns, or ideas. Thank you and I wish you all the best of luck this month as we strive to "Reach our Peak" in the Triangle East Region and in NC FBLA.

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## GREETINGS FROM THE CENTRAL REGION

The central region has been hard at work, pulling resources and ideas all together planning for regional competition. I myself have been busy too, as we all know one of my goals was to increase middle level membership and I am working hard to do that. I am in the process of getting the chapter at Broad Creek Middle School started. My advisor and I have also been working hard to make the Central Region's regional

competition fun and exciting but also filled with a learning experience. But how can you really learn if you're not having fun, we are also



working hard to make sure all our testing will be online. Our judges are being pulled together... it's not what you know, it's who you know as my advisor told me. Study hard and I hope to see you all standing on the stage at State Leadership Conference.

Andi Cochran  
Central Region Vice President

We are Working our hardest to help you GET THE EDGE!

## GREETINGS FROM THE TRIAD REGION

I am your Triad Region Vice President, Joshua Mason. The State Officer Team and I have been working diligently to ensure the success of North Carolina Future Business Leaders of America this upcoming year. I trust that you all are rolling into this new and exciting year with FBLA, and I look forward to working with you.

Terrific Triad Region, the Triad Region Fall Leadership Conference will be held at High Point Central High School on November 8<sup>th</sup>. I encourage you all to attend and to stop by my workshops on "How to lead your Chapter" and "How to prepare for a State Office." I also encourage you to attend the National Fall



*Leadership Conference in Washington, DC starting on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Triad Region Advisor Lois Brooks, Triad Region Board Member Marion Jordan, and I are working to make the Triad Region Competitive Events a success and they will be at Southern High School in Durham on January 17<sup>th</sup>.*

I would like to encourage the Triad Region to make its own destiny in FBLA this year by getting involved in the community. By increasing community involvement you will see a definite in-

crease in membership. Also, if you have any activities, articles, or other news you want in the media, and then feel free to send it to me. Triangle East Vice President, Jonathan Bridges, and I are working on establishing an FBLA presence in the state and local media.

If there is anything you need or anyway I can be of service of 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 NORTHWEST REGION

I hope that you all have had an excellent summer as well as several excellent first weeks of class! I have truly enjoyed all of the wonderful summer experiences with FBLA. After a summer full of leadership enriching experiences, I am sure that we will have an excellent year together! As this summer culminates and as the school year begins, we must each begin to think of how we can better FBLA and our communities. Aside from the normal primary goal of "increasing membership," I propose that we focus on community service within our communities. And through this,

membership will most certainly increase. It is my aspiration that each local chapter in the Northwest Region should actively pursue and fulfill a monthly community service project requirement. Our regional conferences are right around the corner—Are you all preparing to ace that computer test? The Regional Fall Leadership Conference will be hosted by East Surry High School on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The Regional Competitive Events will be hosted at my



home school, Davie County High School, in Mocksville, on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

I am eager to meet each of you, and if I may be of assistance this school year, please feel free to contact me.

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## GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTHWEST REGION

The Southwest Region has had a very productive year so far. My advisor and I have started to put a list together for all schools in the southwest region. I plan to send each school a letter informing them about FBLA and all it has to offer. Hopefully with information they will want to join FBLA and for those chapters who are currently inactive will be come active. We have also scheduled or Regional



Competitive events for December the 13<sup>th</sup> at Lincolnton High School. Our plan is to serve pizza to the students and have salad available to those who don't like pizza as well as the teachers. For leisure time students who are trying to achieve future, business, leader, and America positions will be able to do so at this time.

Our Regional Fall Leadership Conference will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup> 2008 at Stanly Community College. Our state parliamentarian Robert Morris will be attending and we are very excited for this upcoming conference. As for me there really hasn't been anything to interesting besides starting my first real job! I must say it has been quite and experience.

LaToya Wilson  
Southwest Region

## GREETINGS FROM THE WESTERN REGION

Welcome back to a new and exciting year of FBLA. Unfortunately summer has come to an end but at least we are getting closer to next summer. I hope that this year is even better than the last for FBLA, especially with some new experiences. One of which is our new location for State Leadership Conference. The convention center we will be located at is beautiful and will allow all those alumni who have been to Greensboro so many times a chance for change. I am hopeful for a membership increase in the Western region this year since we have added a new addition, Cherokee



and speak for your school if you would like. Coming up in October is our Regional Fall Leadership Conference which will be held at Brevard High School on October 27, 2008. We hope everyone can attend. Also, our Regional Competitive Events will be held on December 18, 2008 at Brevard College. In

case of weather issues, we will have an alternate date for the beginning of January.

Lastly, please begin helping students decided on events they would like to compete in. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

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*As a state officer team we are very anxious to see what wonderful things you all will accomplish this year. Please, continue to be active members and get involved. Pay close attention to dates and deadlines for Regional Fall Leaderships Conferences, and Regional Competitive Events for they are coming up fast. We know you all will do a fabulous job this year and we will talk to you soon. Remember we are here for you so feel free to email us at any time. Enjoy your year!*

*NC FBLA State Officer Team*