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Greetings from the President



Happy New Year!!! Wow does the time fly. Embarking in on a new year is very exciting but there wasn't much time to rest after the holidays. This past weekend on January 9th and 10th there was a board meeting in Raleigh to begin the final preparation stretch for State Leadership Conference. I know many regions are preparing for RCE and a few regions have already had theirs. To those members who are preparing to compete, I wish you good luck in all of your competitive events. I hope everyone is beginning to prepare for SLC as it is in a new location this year. The officer team is very excited for what we have planned for all of you this coming April. Many things were finalized and put into motion at the January board meeting so I am looking forward to everything coming together. To all possible candidates for the 2009-2010 officer team I also wish you luck in your campaign. Remember the officer team is here to help you so please feel free to communicate.

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**NC FBLA -
"Reach Your Peak"**

Greetings Eastern Region!



Happy New Year Eastern Region! I hope all of you, as I did, had a great holiday! With the New Year finally here it is getting mighty close to Eastern Region Competitive Events. Registration packets are coming in everyday and we look forward to having everyone here for what we expect to be another successful conference. Be sure to thank your advisors for all of the work they put in to help you succeed. Without them, where would you be? Thank you Eastern Region, for another great month in NC FBLA.

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Greetings Western Region!



Happy New Year! Winter is finally here and how could I forget with the first day of winter being my birthday. I hope everyone who wished to attend regional's were able to get their forms in because it is now here.

With January already underway, I recently attended the NC-FBLA board meeting in Raleigh. It was great to see all the other state officers since I had not seen them since the September board meeting. We focused a lot on planning the upcoming State Leadership Conference in its new location. This is a great year for FBLA members with the opportunity of being the first to attend SLC in Raleigh. We worked hard to plan some new things for this event that I think everyone will enjoy. Also, the state officer team and I worked on our theme and how it will be incorporated into this year's SLC. I better stop here before I tell you everything, but I know everyone will enjoy all the hard work that goes into the planning of this event. It is incredible how it all gets coordinated and put together especially in a new location. I can't wait to see everyone there.

On a regional level, competitors should begin making their final preparations 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 once again encourage all of those senior members looking to attend college in state should 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. To recap on our holiday fundraiser, Brevard High School FBLA ended up raising over \$240 which is a huge success considering the current economic times. I would like to once again thank the person who ran the event, Athena Demas-Owen, one of our most active and dedicated members to Brevard High School FBLA.

Wow, second semester is already here which means new members for the second semester. I encourage all chapters to participate in recruiting members for the second semester of FBLA. This is a great opportunity for lower classmen because they are able to gain experience in FBLA before diving into the competition portion. FBLA offers much more than competition, such as leadership, social, and teambuilding schools.

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!

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Greetings Northwest Region!



The Regional Competitive Events Conference is almost here! I hope that you are all ready to ace these tests, and show the other regions who's best!

The conference will be hosted by Davie County High School on January 17th, 2009. Registration will begin at 8:00am and the conference will actually begin at 9:00am. Please plan to arrive in time for registration. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. I am looking forward to sharing this time with all of you, and I know that we will make this Regional Competitive Events Conference the best ever. As previously mentioned, for guidelines and study material on your events, please reference both the state website, www.ncfbla.org, and the national website, www.fbla-pbl.org.

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Greetings from the Parliamentarian

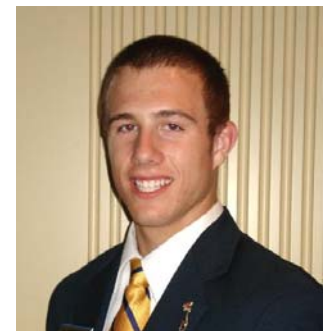


Hello again! It's me, Robert Morris. This month I attended the FBLA State Board Meeting. It was very

important. This is when the other officers and I, along with the other board members, get a lot of important work done in preparation for SLC. We stayed at the same hotel we will all be at in April. We worked on our speeches, our skit, our script; it really was a lot of work. Good luck to everyone that is competing in the upcoming RCEs.

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Greeting Triad Region!



Hello, I am Joshua Mason your "Terrific" Triad Region Vice President!

We are less than a week away from our Regional Competitive Events at Southern High School, in Durham. I hope that you all are as excited as I am for this wonderful opportunity to show off what you have learned in your course and from FBLA this year. I know that you all have worked diligently and will give your best performance this coming weekend. Do not forget that this weekend is your opportunity to qualify for events at the State Leadership Conference, which will be moving to Raleigh this year! The rest of your State Officer Team and I are extremely excited about SLC moving to this new, exciting location. See you Saturday!

I want to remind you that FBLA has a partnership with the March of Dimes. Therefore, I encourage all chapters across the entire state to hold fundraisers and support the March of Dimes by donating your nickels, dimes, etc.

No donation is too small when it comes to saving the lives of premature babies. We can all make a big difference in our communities through our support of the March of Dimes. Collectively, we will help FBLA to continue to be the #1 student organization in the Nation to contribute to the March of Dimes.

Finally, as the Triad Region VP I am here to serve and assist you. Therefore, if there is anything you need me to assist you with please do not hesitate to ask. I can be contacted via email 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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Are you ready Central Region???



Regionals are right around the corner and I hope you all are ready. Here at Croatan we are working very hard, with home site tests coming in left and right we are constantly working to stay organized. We are now to the final stages of planning and getting ready. We have reserved our food order, arranged for event rooms, and set up plans for entertainment. At one point I thought there was no way my organizational skills could get any better, but every day comes with a surprise. Take the time you

have now to study hard because without struggles there is no progress. I know here at Croatan we are working very hard to make this event fun and successful for you all. With so many different activities to keep you all entertained in your down time, I am sure you will enjoy yourselves. I have been very happy with the amount of schools we have that are planning to attend; although it is not as many as last year it is still a great turn out. With this year's theme being "Reach Your Peak" I hope you all are pushing to reach your full potential. Take advantage of the many tests that are posted on line they are very helpful tools.

Although we have not finished with regional's I hope you all are keeping State Leadership Conference in the back of your mind. Throughout the state we have so many bright students, as competitors fighting for first place are truly going to take hard work and determination. I have faith in you all Central Region!

You all have the potential for success, see you all soon!

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Happy New Year Southwest Region!



I hope everyone had a Happy Holiday and enjoyable break. I must say our region had an exciting 2008. We had a successful Regional Fall Leadership Conference and Regional Competitive Events. Our region is a very giving region—leftover food

and drinks from our Competitive events were delivered to a local Soup Kitchen managed by Christian Ministries in Lincoln County. I would like to thank Mrs. Helms and Ms. Luper, Lincolnton High School Advisors, for delivering these items for our region. First I would like to congratulate all the winners from RCE. I know each of you will represent your school and the Southwest Region well at the State Leadership Conference in Raleigh on April 16th-18th. I have a few words of advice for all members planning to compete and attend the conference: Please do not forget to study for your events and pay close attention to the dress code. The dress code will be *strictly* enforced this year. Also remember to check our new website (www.ncfbla.org) for all of your questions regarding FBLA, information regarding registration, deadlines and much more. If you are not able to find an answer to your question please feel free to contact me at ncfblaswvp@lincoln.k12.nc.us. I as your Vice President will gladly either answer your question or direct you to the correct resource. North Carolina FBLA needs strong representation in June 2009 at the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California and I really want the Southwest Region Competitors to shine. One advantage we have to early competitive events is more time to refine and study—so prepare well in order to Reach Your Peak in Raleigh! I hope 2009 can be as successful as 2008. I cannot wait to see you all again at State! Good Luck to all competitors and do not forget to think of ways to raise money for March of Dimes at your local chapter meetings. If you ever have any FBLA events at your school that you would like to be publicized on the web site or the newsletter please feel free to let me know. North Carolina FBLA would love to hear from you! I hope you all have a great year.

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Greetings Triangle East Region!



I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. As we begin a new year filled with excitement and fresh ideas I am sure that you and your chapter are ready to continue “reaching your peak”. Let me remind you that as you participate in and plan events for your chapters do not forget to invite students to join FBLA. Show your schools all the great things that FBLA offers that other clubs cannot. I will be posting membership ideas on the regional website. Membership is important to having successful chapters and regions as high membership increases collaboration and innovation, which ultimately lead to greater participation that will help to accomplish more events for all.

I also want to address concerns that you and your chapters may have about regional, state and national conferences. First, conference information can be viewed on the state or national FBLA website which includes all the information about registering. Keep in mind that State Leadership Conference is right around the corner so please check out that information on the NC FBLA website. Also I understand and sympathize that economic conditions are very tough and may hinder some students or chapters from attending upcoming conferences. I want to encourage you that there are many ways to raise money for these conferences. First, I suggest that members or chapters get a list of businesses within your community. Solicit financial donations from them. Many businesses are willing to contribute to school organizations such as FBLA chapter to help with

conference fees. Tax season is approaching so now is the best time to ask for donations because businesses given donations as a tax write off. Also, you can hold school fundraising events for you chapter. This way of getting money requires more work and approval from your administrator and county office. Or perhaps your chapter can work at your school’s concession stands during ball games. I have given you many ways that your chapter can use to raise funds and I encourage you to try these suggestions. Also, State Leadership Conference (SLC) this year may be during your spring break (April 16-18). SLC is only three days in which there are so many opportunities for you to meet new people, compete, and learn many valuable tools and concepts. But ultimately I guarantee that if you attend SLC you will have fun and you will grow as an FBLA member and as a leader. Please let me know by email if you have any questions or concerns. I will be glad to be of any assistance.

Humbly,
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Greetings Southeast Region!

Well another month has come and gone and that means that we are one month closer to the Southeast



Regional Competitive Events, which will be held on January 30, 2009 at Fayetteville Technical Community College. I would like to thank the Cape Fear High School FBLA Chapter for being this year’s RCE host and I know that they have a great Conference planned. As a reminder we will not be in the Fayetteville Tech. Auditorium as we

normally have but we will be in the H. Sisk Gym instead.

I hope that all members planning to compete at Regional’s have been preparing for their competitive events and I wish you all the best of luck. I would also like to wish the best of luck to the two students running as a candidate for Southeast Region Vice President, best of luck in your interviews and with your campaigns.

Also as a reminder the Dress Code for the Conference will be strictly enforced so please ensure that you are within the Dress Code. A copy of the Dress Code can be found on the NC FBLA State Website.

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 all 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!

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**NCFBLA wishes you a
happy Martin Luther King
Jr. Holiday**

