



COLORADO FBLA... SIMPLY THE B.E.S.T. Business Excellence Starts Today

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Welcome Back FBLA

Welcome to an exciting new year with Colorado FBLA. The 2009-2010 school year begins with a motivated state officer team who have chosen "FBLA...Simply the B.E.S.T. (Business Excellence Starts Today)" as Colorado's state theme. The National FBLA theme is "FBLA-PBL: Simply the Best". Colorado members can gain leadership skills as local members and open their eyes toward national success. The State Officer Team and Advisers, Board of Directors, and State Adviser wish all Colorado FBLA chapters an exciting year.

In this 2009-2010 Fall Update you will find a variety of items that will help your chapter be "Simply the Best". Review the information and share it with your colleagues and especially FBLA members!

State Officers

The 2009-2010 State Officer Team is ready to help you be "Simply the Best" for a successful new year. I encourage you to utilize their expertise throughout the year and call upon them to assist your chapters. They have a great deal of talent to offer and are willing to work with you to help make this the best year ever for Colorado FBLA. A contact list for the 2009-2010 State Officer Team is located on the state website, State FBLA Officer Page, (www.fbla-pbl.cccs.edu).

The 2009-2010 Program of Work is posted on the web. The state officers encourage the FBLA local membership to utilize this Program of Work when planning local activities.

Membership Dues

The initial dues deadline for National FBLA is **October 20, 2009**. State and national dues are \$7 and \$6 respectively for a total of \$13 per member. You should receive your membership information from the National FBLA-PBL office. Online membership is completed on the National Website at www.fbla-pbl.org. If you do not receive National updates by August 31st, please contact the Membership Department at the National Center (1-800-FBLA-WIN).

Send ONE check for both State and National dues to the National office. Rosters will only be processed when payment (check) is paid in full to National FBLA-PBL. Purchase orders are not considered proof of payment

IMPORTANT: Online membership (with proof of payment) will be accepted until **December 1, 2009** for participation in the competitive event segment of the Colorado FBLA awards program at the District Leadership Conference. Dues will be accepted until March 1 **ONLY** for participation as a voting delegate or in a chapter project at the State Leadership Conference. Plan ahead and make certain your payment is received and processed by the National Office by **December 1**.

PLEASE NOTE: Advisers must pay dues for the Professional Division (\$23 of which \$8 is returned to Colorado FBLA). Encourage your colleagues in your department or your advisory committee members to become a professional division member.

Colorado FBLA will rely heavily on the FBLA-PBL website and emails to transmit information to advisers. **Please notify Colorado FBLA-PBL of any changes to your mailing address, email address or phone number as soon as possible.**

IMPORTANT

Membership

FBLA represents the largest chapter in the Mountain Plains Region . Our goal is to maintain or increase to our previous year's membership of students and advisers.

1994	5,433 members	2004	6,665 members
1995	5,599 members	2005	6,169 members
1996	5,686 members	2006	6,150 members
1997	6,053 members	2007	6,200 members
1998	6,365 members	2008	6,299 members
1999	6,232 members	2007	6,200 members
2000	6,283 members	2008	6,299 members
2001	6,204 members	2009	6,464 members
2002	6,321 members		
2003	6,313 members		

Let's all work to stay on top and achieve a new membership and professional membership goal across the state in 2009-2010. Make Colorado "Simply the Best" with your FBLA Membership.

Chapter Management Handbook

The Colorado Chapter Management Handbook (CMH) is updated and on the Colorado Website. The Colorado handbook follows the National Chapter Management Handbook and has a few deviations in the Competitive Event Section. The National office will have some revisions in the National CMH and will be sending these revisions to you.

If you do not receive these revisions by August 31, contact the National Center (1-800-FBLA-WIN). Colorado FBLA will provide updates for the Colorado CMH and Colorado Competitive Handbook on the Colorado FBLA-PBL website, Adviser's Page.

Medical Release/Code of Conduct and Dress Code

Medical Release, Code of Conduct, Verification Form, and the Dress Code can be found under the Conferences link on the FBLA-PBL state website. Advisers are required to have students read these forms as they become members. The local adviser should keep all forms in their possession for ALL FBLA activities. The Code of Conduct Verification Form must be completed for each member before attending any FBLA activity.

FBLA Calendar

The FBLA 2009-2010 calendar has been prepared for utilization by the local chapters. Visit the FBLA-PBL state website and click on the Calendar link to download the 2009-2010 FBLA calendar.

Colorado FBLA Board of Directors

Contact information for the 2009-2010 FBLA Board of Directors is available on the state website. These individuals serve in an advisory capacity for your state association. The Board will meet September 8, 2009. If you have questions, concerns, or recommendations for the betterment of Colorado FBLA, please contact one of the Board members prior to this date. Welcome our new Board Member: Sue Terrell, District 3

Integrating FBLA into your Classroom

Utilize the Colorado Peak Awards and the National Business Achievement Awards for ideas of implementing FBLA into your classes. Also, the competitive events can be incorporated into your curriculum.

Job Postings

Colorado FBLA-PBL would like to add a Job Postings page to the state website. This page will be located under the Adviser's Corner. If anyone has information about business teacher vacancies, please email Deborah Ramirez at deborah.ramirez@cccs.edu.

Colorado Business Educators

I encourage your support in the Colorado, Regional, and National professional organizations. Membership and contact information is on the web. The CBE Fall Conference will be September 24-26. An intensive program is being planned with excellent workshops and professional opportunities. Your business program and FBLA chapter will benefit from your attendance at the CBE Fall Conference! Make CBE strong and join today. More information to follow. Keep your eye on the web for more details: cbeweb.org

FBLA-PBL Professional Division

We received a first place Mountain Plains Award for Largest State Chapter Professional Division FBLA Affiliation with 190 Members.

CONGRATULATIONS COLORADO!!

The formation of the FBLA-PBL Professional Division has had a positive impact on our association. Advisers, I encourage you to support the Colorado FBLA-PBL Professional Division. A membership form is available on the state website, which, upon completion, should be sent to the Colorado FBLA-PBL state office. This form may also be used to recruit local business people to join the Professional Division. FBLA-PBL continuously seeks committed business persons willing to share their knowledge about the world of business and what is expected in the workplace. Keep copies of your recruitment forms and checks for the National Business Achievement Awards and Colorado Peak Award documentation.

Colorado Fall Leadership Conference... Coming to a Town Near You!!!

TRI Leadership Resources and Colorado FBLA are traveling the state to activate your leadership skills at the Fall Leadership Conferences this fall. Plan to attend any one of the following conferences!

September 28 Grand Junction
September 29 NJC, Sterling
September 30 UNC, Greeley
October 1 UNC, Greeley
October 2 CSU, Pueblo

The conference will show new members the many FBLA possibilities, enhance returning members skills, and drive executive officers to new levels. Check out the CFLC Guide and Registration form on the FBLA state website for more details. **Registration (\$20) is due by September 14. All monies and modifications are due by September 25.**

Conference registration may be limited to each site, so plan early as once the numbers are met registration will be closed. You won't want to miss this opportunity!

State Leadership Conference: VAIL, CO

The 2010 Colorado State Leadership Conference will be held April 18-20 in Vail. Registration is \$100 per attendee with a **received registration deadline of March 5.** See you in VAIL!

National FBLA-PBL Fall Leadership Conferences

Plan on attending in November!

November 6-7	Baltimore
November 13-14	DENVER
November 20-21	Orlando

If you have not already received the brochure from the national office describing the conference, it is available on the National website. The National Fall Leadership Conference promises to be an excellent educational experience for all FBLA members and advisers.

2009 NFLC: Denver
November 13 and 14

FBLA New Event:

Computer Game & Simulation Programming

FBLA Modified Events:

Visit Page 7 of the National CMH for details

FBLA Retired Event:

Internet Application Programming

Judge's Needed

The Judge's Profile form for the State Leadership Conference is now available on the website. **CONNECT WITH BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY!** Please submit potential State Leadership Conference judges to Colorado FBLA.

Glenwood Invitational

The Glenwood Invitational will not be held this year. We encourage you to attend the National Fall Conference to be held in Denver, November 13 and 14.

2009 NATIONALS—Anaheim

Colorado FBLA Members "Peaked to Success" at the 2009 National Leadership Conference. Colorado had great success in Anaheim.

Mountain Plains Awards:

Most Professional Members	1st Place
Largest State Chapter	1st Place
Largest Increase In Membership	2nd Place

National Awards:

Visit the Colorado Web Site, www.fbla-pbl.cccs.edu, for the listing of our national winners.

**CONGRATULATIONS COLORADO ON A
 SUCCESSFUL NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

2010 National Leadership Conference

FBLA-PBL:
 Nashville, Tennessee
 July 14-17, 2010

Keep your eye on the web for more details.

Orlando, Florida
 2011

COLORADO FBLA TODAY Deadline

The state officer team encourages chapter advisers to share the Colorado newsletter, *Colorado FBLA Today*, with all members and advisers. The newsletter is a useful tool for recruitment. Likewise, *FBLA Today* is a useful public relations tool for administrators, advisory committee members, and your local business community. Please make certain your local chapter reporter, or an officer candidate submits materials to make the publication a success. Ask your local reporter to send articles to:

Erik Wislinsky
FBLA State Reporter
Fbla.erik@gmail.com

The **first** article **deadline** for the Fall issue is September 1 and the Winter issue is **December 1**. Members interested in running for state office are required to submit an article to *FBLA Today*. The article **deadline** for the Spring issue is **March 1**. Do not wait until the last minute, or your article may not fit into the newsletter (especially officer candidates).

Colorado Peak Awards

The Colorado FBLA Peak Awards were designed to further the local chapter involvement in statewide activities, increasing membership, and boosting the morale and spirit of Colorado FBLA. The Peak Awards will closely follow the guidelines for the Business Achievement Awards. A copy of the **PEAK AWARD PROGRAM** for local chapters is available on the FBLA-PBL state website. Fill out the form as you complete the activities, provide appropriate documentation in report format and submit with your state leadership conference registration. I challenge each chapter to set a minimum goal to obtain Peak I recognition at the 2010 SLC!

Adviser Recognitions:

Carol Sessums of Sangre de Cristo High School was recognized at the National Conference as Colorado's Adviser of the Year.

Kristina Ham of Holyoke High School, was recognized for her service to the National Awards Program (NAP). Thank you Kristina for your dedication to the National Office.

Sponsorships

Colorado FBLA was successful in securing sponsorships for the State Leadership Conference Awards Program last year. However, an increased effort will be continued this year to secure awards sponsorships for the 2010 SLC. If you know of individuals or businesses that would be supportive of Colorado FBLA's endeavors, please send their names and addresses to your respective state vice president or to Colorado FBLA-PBL. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendars: RECEIVED DEADLINES



The following are **received** deadline dates. Send materials to Colorado FBLA-PBL. Any checks mailed to the state office must be made payable to Colorado FBLA

September 14	CFLC registration deadline
September 25	CFLC check received deadline
October 20	Initial national dues Chapter Data Update form due
December 1	State and national dues submission deadline for competition eligibility. (Including a check for payment of dues)
December 14	District Online Registration deadline District Materials deadline
January 4-15	District Computer Production Testing
January 15	District Computer Production Event Tests due to District VP and Adviser.
March 5	State Leadership Conference Registration deadline
March 8-19	State Computer Production Testing
March 19	State Computer Production Tests due to State Office
May 3	National Leadership Conference Regis- tration

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