



COLORADO FBLA OCTOBER BRIEFING

- **Colorado Fall Conference:** Thank you for attending. It was a great success. Please send pictures to be posted on the web. Over 1,350 attended.
 - **Updates from the Adviser Meetings:**
 - New Event: Computer Game & Simulation Programming
 - Retired Event: Internet Application Programming
 - Podiums will not be available for any event
 - There will be no sequestering for preliminary events at Districts and State
 - All registration materials for District Conference will be sent to your District Adviser and VP of your District.
 - Dress Code: Remind students that tennis shoes and flip flops are not part of the dress code. Districts and State will enforce the dress code.
 - Students may compete in only two events:
 - They may not participate in two judged events at District Conference (Example: Job Interview and Business Ethics)
 - They may only compete in one event at State
 - They may not compete in two Computer Production Events (Example: Word Processing and Desktop Publishing)
 - The two events may be both in the objective category (Example: Accounting I and Business Calculations)
 - They may compete in two team events as long as they are not judged at District Conference (Example: May compete in Global Business and Business Ethics. Example: May not compete in Business Ethics and Emerging Business)
 - Volunteer to help grade Computer Production Events (contact your District Adviser and VP)
 - Volunteer to help provide workshop presenters and judges
 - Encourage your students to run for state office. Remind to submit an article to the newsletter by December 1 or March 1.
 - Barney will be sending out receipts for the conference

- **National Fall Leadership Conference:** The NFLC will be held in Denver, November 13 and 14. This is a great opportunity to send your students to a national conference. Information can be found on the National Web Site (Conference link, NFLC Guide link). We will have a State Meeting at 8:00 p.m., November 13. Location not determined at this time
 - Early Bird Registration – October 16 - \$60.00
 - Regular Registration – After October 17 – \$70.00
 - On Site Registration – November 13 - \$80.00
 - Hotel Information: Hyatt Regency – 650 15th Street – 303.436.1234
 - \$140 plus tax – single/double
 - \$150 plus tax – triple/quad
 - Check-in – 11:00 am
 - Hotel parking - \$24.00 a day for self-parking and \$28.00 a day for valet

- **National Fall Leadership Adviser Hospitality Bags:** Colorado FBLA will be giving each adviser attending National Fall a hospitality bag to hopefully include items from Colorado (such as Eldorado Water, Boulder Chips, etc.) If your chapter would like to donate something for the bags, we will be glad to receive the items by November 1, to the state office. If you know of someone who would like to donate items, please notify the state office. We will take almost anything: coupons for restaurants downtown Denver, pencils, pens, stress balls, etc.

- **FBLA-PBL Night with the Avalanche:** On November 14 (following the closing session of the NFLC), the Colorado Avalanche will host a FBLA-PBL Night with the Avalanche. Cost: \$22.00 with \$2.00 being contributed to March of Dimes. Information can be found on the Colorado Web Site. You can attend if you do not attend the Conference.

- **Peak Awards:** The Peak Awards have been updated and are posted on the Competitive Event Link of the Colorado Web Site. FYI: For those chapters attaining the Peak V Award – This Peak has been written to correspond with the National Outstanding Chapter Award. Don't forget to apply for the Outstanding Chapter Award with the National office if you complete the Peak V Award.

- **MDA Telethon:** The FBLA-PBL State Officers donated their time and money to the Jerry Lewis Telethon over Memorial Day Weekend. They answered phones and donated \$650.00.

- **Newsletter:** The Fall Edition of the Colorado FBLA Newsletter is posted on the Newsletter page of the web site. Please take time to look at it and let your students know that there is a Colorado FBLA Newsletter. The Winter Issue deadline is December 1, and the Spring Issue deadline is March 1. If you have a student running for a state office, remind them that their article needs to meet one of these deadlines. Use the newsletter as an activity in your classroom (make it a scavenger hunt for your students).

- **State and National Dues:** Please send your dues for state and nationals to the national office. The check must be received by the National Office by **December 1, 2009** for your students to be eligible to compete at Districts. **Your password is: service.** You will not be able to register for the District Leadership Conference if you are not registered and have not paid the national office by **December 1.**
- **District Registration Packet:** The registration packet for your District Conference is located on the Conferences Page of the Colorado Web Site. Hard copies of the registration forms can be found in this packet and are due to your Vice President and Adviser by December 14. Included in this packet are the changes for this school year.
- **District Online Registration:** Online registration for the District Leadership Conference will be posted on the Conference Information Page on the Colorado Web Site, www.fbla-pbl.cccs.edu, December 4. Registration will close for both online and hard copy, December 14. Follow the instruction link for registering for the conference. You must register online and submit hard copies to your Vice President and Adviser of your District.
- **District Computer Production Events:** The computer production event tests will be mailed out by your District Adviser and Vice President the latter part of December and due back to you District Adviser and Vice President by January 15. Computer Production tests will include: Accounting II, Computer Applications, Database Design & Applications, Desktop Publishing, Spreadsheet Applications, Word Processing I and Word Processing II.
- **District Computer Production Event Grading:** Your District Adviser and Vice President will notify you as to the date your district will be grading your computer production events. Please notify your District adviser to offer your help with this grading. A great opportunity to network.
- **National FBLA Conference:** Plan NOW for attending the conference in Nashville. The national registration will be due very shortly after state (about one week after state). Plan on about \$1,300 per person for 7 days (a shorter time period package will be available).
- **Dress Code:** Please discuss the dress code with your students. Colorado FBLA has adapted the national dress code. Please refer to the national dress code guidelines. Remember to encourage your students to dress appropriately and in business attire. The dress code can be found on the Advisers' Corner and Conference Information Page of the Colorado Web Site. We had many violations at the Fall Conferences. Let us hope this was a learning experience.
- **Code of Conduct:** Please discuss this code of conduct form with your students. This Code can be found on the Advisers' Corner and Conference Information Page of the Colorado Web Site.

- **Verification Form for Code of Conduct and Dress Code:** Remember to collect these forms from your students. You will verify that you have these forms on file with state registration. (Located on the Advisers' Corner and Conference Information Page of the Colorado Web).
- **Colorado Competitive Handbook:** Please refer to this handbook, located on the adviser page of the Colorado web site. There are many changes to our competitive events. Colorado has adopted all of changes and the one and only new event, Game & Simulation Programming (similar to Desktop Application Programming)
- **State Conference Observers:** You will only be allowed to bring as many observers as you may bring voting delegates. For example: If you are allowed two voting delegates, then you may bring two observers.
- **March of Dimes:** Encourage your chapter to continue raising funds for our state community service project. Our goal is \$10,000 (to match last year's contribution). Send your checks to Colorado FBLA and made payable to Colorado FBLA.
- **Pictures, Pictures, Pictures:** Please submit your chapter activity pictures for the Colorado Web Site, and for the State Conference, Year in Review.
- **Tomorrow's Business Leader:** Did you know that you can submit an article to the National Newsletter? Hopefully, Colorado will be published in the next newsletter.
- **Lost or Confused:** Contact the state office if you want some HELP!
- **Received Deadline Dates:** Please make certain that your materials for District and State Conferences meet the **RECEIVED** deadline dates. Please give your registration materials plenty of time to reach their destination.
- **Important Dates:**
 - **December 1:** State and National Dues deadline. Dues must be paid to the national office to register for the District Leadership Conference. Dues: \$13.00 per student, \$23.00 per adviser and professional member. Encourage your advisory committee, administrators, as well as all your instructors in your department to join.
 - **December 4:** District Leadership Conference (DLC) online registration opens.
 - **December 14:** DLC online registration closes. Hard copy materials due to your Vice President and Adviser of your District.
 - **January 5 – 15:** Computer Production Event (Skill Events) testing window.
 - **January 15:** Computer Production Events due to your VP and Adviser of your District:

- **January:** Dates to be determined by District VP and Adviser to grade computer production events and testing window for online testing for objective test events. (Computer production events will not be graded at the state office. Each District will grade their own events.

- **January/February:** District Leadership Conferences
 - District 1: February 3
 - District 2: January 29
 - District 3: February 4
 - District 4: February 10
 - District 5: February 5
 - District 6: February 10
 - District 7: February 9
 - District 8: February 9
 - District 9: February 1

- **March 5:** State Registration Received Deadline

- **March 8 – 19:** State Computer Production Testing

- **March 19:** State Computer Production Events due to State office.

- **March 24:** State Computer Production Grading

- **April 18-20:** State Leadership Conference: Vail

- **July 14-19:** National Leadership Conference: Nashville