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Western Region National Officer Aide Appointments

By David Truong

Congratulations to the following Washington State FBLA members were selected to be part of the Western Region's Presidents' Council!

Brock Bennion - Western Region Action Council

Sam Smith - Western Region Secretary

Kendall Fisher - Western Region Public Relations Director

David Truong - Western Region Membership Committee

Oscar Foster - Western Region Public Relations Committee

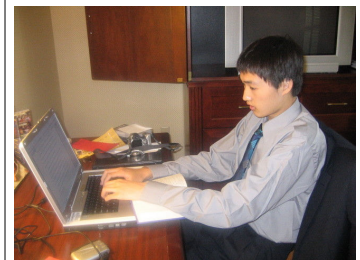
Luis Martinez - Western Region Public Relations Committee; National President's Public Relations Assistant

WR Vice President	Thomas Stratton	OR
Secretary	Samuel Smith	WA
Parliamentarian	Chris Ngoon	CA
Public Relations Director	Kendall Fisher	WA
Membership Director	Cassie Miao	CA
Webmaster	Seong Youm	CA
Action Council of State Presidents		
	Thomas Montoya	AZ
	Elizabeth Tang	CA
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	Camille Safsten	UT
	Brock Bennion	WA
Membership Committee Members		
	Pearl Rimon	CA
	Katherine Sun	CA
	Gene Lieb	CA
	David Truong	WA
	Richard Chen	CA
	Justin Griffen	AZ
Public Relations Committee Members		
	Katherine Sun	CA
	Jennifer Chu	CA
	Joy Lin	CA
	Oscar Foster	WA
	Jennifer Lieb	CA
	Luis Martinez	WA
	Connie Jao	CA

Members of the National committees, they are to attend monthly online region council meetings along with their respective committee meetings.

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Northwest Vice President, George Huang checking out the FBLA message boards at www.wafbla.org

How To Be a Future Business Leader

By George Huang

The key to success in FBLA are our leaders. The name "Future Business Leaders of America" implies this, obviously.

In FBLA leaders are created and essential everywhere on every

level. Just as our state and national officers are key to the organization, so are the local leaders, such as chapter officers and members like you.

There are many things one can do to become a better leader:

Take initiative. Start the project, be the one who volunteers to take on a large task and set things into motion.

Be organized and communicate. Being a

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leader means watching all sides of the project. That means making sure every person knows their task and also keeping in touch with them to make sure they are doing their jobs.

Plan ahead and schedule. Often times, directing a project with the blueprints only in your head can lead to problems. Write down your goals, map out each component of the project, and divide the project into smaller tasks. This way, you can easily keep track of what you have and have not done.

Engage your teammates. Leadership is teamwork. Be a team player and respect your colleagues by involving them in projects,

showing your appreciation for their help. But at the same time, stay firm with them; they must know their expectations and duties.

Be a role model and maintain professionalism.

As a leader, you must set the standards and be a role model. Others are looking up to you, and your enthusiasm encourages others and helps inspire another generation of leaders to take your place when you leave.



These are just a few things leaders must keep in mind, albeit very important ones!

As future business leaders, we all have an important responsibility. The success and value of FBLA is in our hands and we can make it as great as we wish.

A successful chapter depends on the enthusiasm and energy you and your officers put into it, therefore

the decision to succeed must be a collective one with all leaders. Put in your best efforts to reach your goals and guide others toward being future leaders as well!



2006-07 Washington State FBLA President

From the Desk of Brock Bennion

I can't help but wonder how many people read this newsletter each month. Please don't think that I find writing for the newsletter to be a time constraint or that I am complaining in any way. It is more that I want to know who my audience is.

In English class they say it is important to write your assignments to the appropriate audience. So, to better understand who is reading this, I went to another great FBLA resource: the Message Boards.

As of October 22, 2006 we have forty-nine members signed up on our message boards. Of those forty-nine people, about half of them are either affiliated with the state office or list themselves as living outside the state.

Using this as a reference, I can conclude that around twenty-five people read my article every month. With this in mind,

what should I talk about?

This is really a question I would like to get feedback about. I would like to use my "Presidents Corner" to answer questions. Not exactly like a "Dear Peggy" column, but just as a chance to give you, the elite twenty-five, a response to your questions.

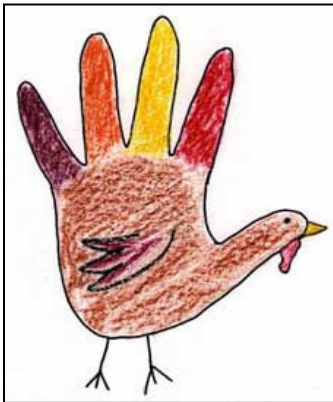
You could send me direct questions like "What should I do if I can't get members out to early morning meetings," or just send a topic like membership.

I don't claim to have all the answers but feel free to pick my brain. I would love to hear from you. You can reach me at president06-07@wafbla.org. My door is always open. I can't wait to hear from you.

Volunteer Ideas

By Cameron Yenney

With Thanksgiving approaching, volunteers are greatly appreciated. If you want to volunteer around your community, here are a few ideas to get you started



Soup Kitchen

Find out which soup kitchens are located in your area. Do a search online, look in the phone book, call information or ask your city or town clerk.

Contact a local soup kitchen and tell them you'd like to help.

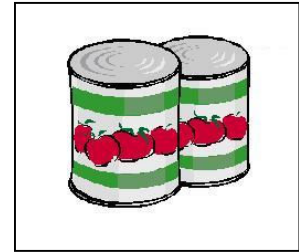
Organize a group of people from your church, synagogue or local organization who are willing to volunteer on Thanksgiving.

Understand that the soup kitchen needs lots of help in other areas besides food service. Offer to pick up donations, to inventory items, or to store them. You might also set up tables, prepare the food, and help clean up after the meal.

Food Drive

Mention to your chapter the idea of organizing a food drive. Try to get kids involved by making it fun or a competition.

Setting a goal is another good way to get kids motivated to help raise more food.



Make sure you involve everyone—even people outside of FBLA. It's okay the more the merrier!

Give your donations to your local food drive. They are always excited to receive your donations.

Phi Beta Lambda

By Dyani Turner

We all know that FBLA is really FBLA-PBL, but what is the PBL part? Phi Beta Lambda is a national organization that is closely associated to FBLA that focuses on



college students interested in business.

Phi Beta Lambda is basically FBLA for college kids. The main goal of the organization is to develop competent, aggressive business leaders while receiving a college education.

Opportunities for leadership development include planning and implementing activities such as etiquette seminars for seniors, a survey for

the Chamber of Commerce, an economic education program for elementary students, a community service project for the March of Dimes, and co-sponsorship of the Career/Leadership Speaker Series.

If you enjoyed FBLA as a high school student, imagine the possibilities of continuing your business experience into college through Phi Beta Lambda.

Mission Statement

The mission of FBLA is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs.

Be sure to check out the FBLA website at www.wafbla.org and pick up your application to run for state office!

Design Your Destiny

The FBLA Creed

I BELIEVE education is the right of every person

I BELIEVE the future depends on the mutual understanding and cooperation among business, industry, labor, religious, family and educational institutions as well as people around the world. I agree to do my utmost to bring understanding and cooperation among all these groups.

I BELIEVE every person should prepare for a useful occupation and carry out that occupation in a manner that brings the greatest good to the greatest number.

I BELIEVE every person should actively work toward improving social, political, community and family life.

I BELIEVE every person has the right to earn a living at a useful occupation.

I BELIEVE every person should take responsibility for carrying out assigned tasks in a manner that brings credit to self, associates, school and community.

I BELIEVE I have the responsibility to work efficiently and to think clearly.

I promise to use my abilities to make the world a better place for everyone.

Important Deadlines

February 15

Membership dues deadline

March 1

Postmark deadline for state & national officer applications

March 10

State Conference deadline, postmark deadline for all conference materials

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If you plan to run for state office you should consider contacting the person holding the office you are interested in. Ask them about their position!

Of course, you can contact the state officers any time regarding anything.