



Greetings Wisconsin Region VI FBLA!

I hope that all of you are enjoying the winter and holiday season! Once again,

my name is Laura Schoenike, your 2009-2010 Wisconsin FBLA Region VI Vice President. It's hard to believe that the year is going by so quickly, but believe it or not, our Regional Leadership Conference is right around the corner. Within the pages of this newsletter, you will find all the information you need to be prepared for RLC, as well as other upcoming events. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask! Always remember to make this year, "Simply the Best!"

Community Service

Community service is a major component of FBLA. One of the main goals in our state Program of Work is to create and maintain a high level of community service throughout the state. We encourage all local chapters to provide community service to members of their community.

One way for your chapter to be recognized for all the great things it does to give back to its school and community is to apply for the Regional Community Service Award. This new award will be presented on February 6, 2010 at the RLC Awards of Excellence Ceremony. The winner will be determined by whichever chapter receives the highest total of points on their application form. Points are awarded for food/clothing drives, volunteering at nursing homes, March of Dimes work, and other self-determined community service events. To apply, complete the Regional Services Award form (<http://dpi.wi.gov/fbla/commserv.html>) and submit to OHS by January 15, 2010. Good luck!

Chapter Pictures Needed

As in the past, this year's Regional Leadership Conference will include a slideshow of pictures collected from all Region VI FBLA schools. This is an amazing way for your chapter to showcase the various activities and projects you work on throughout the year. Please submit any photos of your chapter you would like to include in this presentation via email to kyla.stefan@oasd.k12.wi.us by January 11, 2010.

Local Chapter News

Oconomowoc:

Throughout the month of December, members have been busy working on their competitive events, We are also looking forward to hosting the 2010 Region VI Leadership Conference on February 6.



OHS FBLA members ring bells to raise money for the Salvation Army

Waukesha North:

In December, FBLA members shopped, wrapped, and delivered gifts to two families adopted through the Christmas Clearing Council. Megan Hoehnke, Omar Benitez, and Kelsie Wendelberger served as organizers, but several other members were able to be involved in the wrapping and delivering process.



Waukesha North FBLA members wrap presents for adopted families

Want to share your ideas with everyone in your region? Want to show off how great your chapter is? Send your ideas and pictures to wifblaregion6vp@gmail.com, and your chapter can be featured in the next Region VI Newsletter!

Regional Conference News

Plans for the 2010 Regional Leadership Conference at Oconomowoc High School are well underway. Along with the many event competitions, special points of interest include a monopoly tournament as well as entertainment by Comedy Sportz. Keep in mind any final substitutions or cancelations that need to be made to registrations are due by Friday, January 8, 2010 and that the online testing window is January 7-20, 2010. On a similar note, all RLC fees and pre-judging materials must be received at Oconomowoc High School by Friday, January 22, 2010. Please take a few moments to read through the following RLC information to be sure your chapter is as prepared and organized as possible!

Important RLC Dates and Deadlines

January:

- 7th-20th: RLC Online Testing Window
- 8th: Deadline for RLC Substitution/Refunds
- 15th: Community Service Challenge Deadline
- 22nd: RLC Registration Fees and Pre-Judged Events due to OHS
- 28th: Pre-Judging Night to be held at OHS

February:

- 6th: Regional Leadership Conference

Proposed Schedule

7:30-8:15 a.m.	Registration
7:45 a.m.	Business Ethics Sequestered
8:00 a.m.	Advisor/Judges Meeting
8:30-9:30 a.m.	Opening Session
9:45 a.m.	HS Competitive Events
9:45-11:00 a.m.	Monopoly Tournament
9:45 a.m.	Middle Level Rotation I
10:15 a.m.	Middle Level Rotation II
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Lunch in the Cafeteria
11:45-1:15 p.m.	Comedy Sportz
1:30 p.m.	Awards Ceremony

New Guidelines for Submission of Pre-Judge Materials

All prejudged and skill event documents and materials MUST be placed into a large (9x13) catalog or clasp envelope. Each event entry must be in its own envelope. Each envelope MUST be labeled with the following information:

- Event
- Participant(s) name
- School
- Software Used

Failure to submit materials in this format will result in a five (5) point deduction from the overall score.

Oconomowoc High School Address

Oconomowoc High School is located at:
641 East Forest Street
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

Remember that all RLC fees and pre-judge materials must be received at OHS by Friday, January 22, 2010.

Parking and Student Drop-Off

On the day of RLC, it is requested that all participants be dropped off at the "Gym Lobby" entrance. This entrance is located on the south end of the school, on the same side as the soccer and football fields. (Please watch for a map in upcoming mailings.) Those traveling in school vans may park the vans in this same south lot. Buses are asked to park in the north lot (this is near the Forest Street entrance).

Name Tags

Each chapter will be responsible for making nametags for their RLC participants. Every person attending MUST wear a nametag that clearly shows their first and last name as well as associated chapter.

Breakfast

On February 6, OHS FBLA will be offering a breakfast food stand for those interested. Items being served include bagels, doughnuts, granola bars, and other snacks. Water and other concessions will also be available throughout the day.

Monopoly Tournament and Business Seminars

OHS is very pleased to announce that this year's RLC will include a Monopoly Tournament hosted by our State Treasurer, Lindsay Pappenfus. The tournament will be open to all RLC participants. Prizes will be awarded at the awards ceremony for winning and a random participation prize will also be awarded, but you must be present to win. We will also be offering two seminars on business-related topics for RLC participants not involved in February 6 competition. More information will be provided in future correspondence.

Business Ethics and Business Presentation

Business Ethics: As printed in the proposed schedule, all Business Ethics competitors will need to report to their holding room at 7:45 a.m.

Business Presentation: Please remember that all business presentation participants must provide their own projector, computer, extension cord, and other materials. The only item that is available from OHS is a screen.

Adviser and Chaperone Assignments

Please note that all advisers and chaperones that were registered are considered available to be of assistance on the day of RLC. Jobs may include door monitoring, timing, and other needed tasks. Specific assignments will be emailed to advisers.

Please watch for upcoming correspondence and information as February 6 approaches.

Please note:

Oconomowoc high school is also hosting ACT testing on Feb. 6 in the same location that we will be holding RLC. Due to this scheduling conflict, nobody will be allowed on the first floor of the school except for the cafeteria and field house using only the southern most staircase. Please stress the importance of this to students so that we can maintain a successful testing atmosphere for all in attendance.

Assistance Needed!

As in the past, all RLC events with a pre-judged component will be evaluated well before February 6. This year, OHS will be hosting this pre-judging event on Thursday, January 28, 2010 beginning at 4:30 p.m. Supper will be provided for all volunteers. Any adviser, parent, or business person interested in assisting with this event should contact

kyla.stefan@oasd.k12.wi.us.

CTSO Legislative Day

On Thursday, February 11, 2010, the Wisconsin Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) state officers will gather in Madison, Wisconsin, to participate in the State Government Day hosted at the Capitol. The day will bring together these officers to listen, meet with, and ask questions of legislators and government officials on career and workforce topics. The CTSOs to be represented include DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, and SkillsUSA.

Throughout the day, officers from each organization will have the chance to meet and hear from senators and representatives from across the state. These legislators will share insight about daily state capitol activities.

Other plans for the day include the officers breaking off into geographic groups to meet with each of their local legislators. This will allow us the opportunity to share the importance of each CTSO to Wisconsin students and the impact that CTSOs have had on the lives of these students. We will also have the opportunity to ask questions of each other. In addition to all of these activities, officers are planning to thank the legislators for continued financial support.

Members, I encourage all of you to follow our example, and challenge yourself to become more involved in government. Start by reading or watching the news. Also, please vote when you're age 18. Remaining an informed citizen will prepare you for life after high school and help to make your future, "Simply the Best!"

March of Dimes

As in the past, National FBLA has once again paired with the March of Dimes to help support their cause. March of Dimes is an organization that supports pre-mature babies and their families. Over the last 30 years the March of Dimes has had a successful partnership with FBLA-PBL. In this time, FBLA-PBL has raised over \$12 million for the March of Dimes. We have reached hundreds of thousands of young people with our health and mission messages.

I encourage all chapters and members to assist this worthy organization by giving of both your time and talent to raise money and get the word out! For information about March of Dimes Partnerships contact partnership@modimes.org.

Advisers' Corner

Adviser's, please keep note of the following dates to keep your chapter organized!

January:

- 7th-20th: RLC Online Testing Window
- 8th: State Officer Application due to State Office
Deadline for RLC Substitution/Refunds
- 15th: Lorraine Missling & Kevin Colling Scholarship and
Outstanding Local Chapter Officer/Adviser
Deadlines
- Community Service Challenge Deadline
- 22nd: RLC Registration Fees and Pre-Judged Events due
to OHS

February:

- 6th: Regional Leadership Conferences (held at
Oconomowoc High School)

March:

- 1st: Business Achievement Awards due online
- 9th: SLC Materials and Reports due
SLC Adviser/Student Conduct Forms Due
State Officer Candidate Worksheets Due

April:

- 12th-13th: State Leadership Conference (held at the
Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells)

Business Achievement Awards

Along with many other programs and opportunities, FBLA is once again offering all members the chance to enhance their business leadership skills by participating in the Business Achievement Awards.

Business Achievement Awards, also known as BAA's, are a way that all FBLA members can become more involved in their local, state, and national chapter. With a strong emphasis on the eight FBLA/PBL goals, as well as service, education, and progress, Business Achievement Awards promote the acceleration of each member's individual leadership skills. Through self directed initiative, members are able to work their way through the four tiers: Future, Business, Leader, and America.

All Business Achievement Awards are due by March 1, 2010. All members are strongly encouraged to take part in this opportunity and invest in their future.

If you have any questions regarding the Business Achievement Awards, feel free to email wifblaregion6vp@gmail.com or visit <http://www.fbla-pbl.org/web/page/662/sectionid/587/pagelevel/2/fbla.asp>