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Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

- 10 Non-stop November ends
- 15 Dues deadline to receive winter publications
- 18 Fall Stock Market Game ends

JANUARY

- 1 Action Awareness begins
- 15 March of Dimes Grant: application deadline
- 25 Spring Stock Market Game begins

FEBRUARY

- 1–28 National Career and Technical Education Month
- 7-13 FBLA-PBL Week
 - 8 National Presidents' Forum
 - 9 Each One Reach One Day
 - 10 Adviser Appreciation Day Professional Attire Day
 - 11 Career Awareness Day
 - 12 FBLA-PBL Spirit Day
 - 13 Community Service Day
 - 26 PBL Business Leader—spring issue copy deadline



Message from the President

Seasons greetings, PBL members!

Where has the time gone? With the fall semester behind us, we start to look to the spring semester and the big push for membership recruitment.

As we turn our focus from fall conferences toward final projects and exams, it's important that you do not lose sight of what's ahead. Competitive event season will be here before you know it, so take the time now to choose your competition. Whether you're competing in an individual, team, or chapter event, make sure you prepare so that you can join us on stage during the Awards of Excellence Program at the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia in June.

Take full advantage of the competitive event guidelines on our redesigned national website, fbla-pbl.org, or even the sample tests from our MarketPlace. Wherever you look, there are endless opportunities for you to learn more about your event or the association as a whole.

During the holidays, take some time to tell your members, advisers, and administrators how thankful you are to have them in your life. I know that there is one—make that eight things—that I'm thankful for this holiday season ... my wonderful national officer team. Make sure you CONNECT with them to get the most out of your membership experience.

From my team to yours, we wish you happy holidays.

Yours Truly,

Karthik Krishnan

2015-16 National President

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2014–15 MEMBERSHIP AWARD WINNERS*

Largest Local Chapter

Johnson & Wales University (RI)—201 members

Largest Local Chapter—Professional Division

Central Carolina Community College (NC)—20 members

Largest State Chapter

California—684 members

Largest State Chapter—Professional Division

North Carolina—134 members

Largest Increase in State Chapter Membership

Alabama—164 members

State Recruitment of Chapters

Virginia—8 chapters

*awards were presented at the 2015 NLC





















CONNECT through Recognition

Below are national programs you can use to recruit and retain members and earn recognition for you and your chapter. See the awards chart on page 28 of the Chapter Management Handbook for deadlines, awards earned, and application/information links.

Membership Awards

Local Chapter

- Largest Local Chapter
- Largest Local Chapter Membership—Professional

State Chapter

- Largest State Chapter
- Largest Increase in State Chapter Membership
- Largest State Chapter Membership—Professional Division
- State Recruitment of Chapters

Individual Recognitions

Membership Madness

Recruit five new members.

Membership Mania

Recruit 10 new members.

Career and Membership Achievement Program (CMAP)

Leadership development program that focuses on Service, Education, and Progress. Three levels: Director, Executive, and President.



Nominated by state chair, recognizes most outstanding member in each state.

Outstanding Local Chapter Adviser

Nominated by state chair, this recognizes a local adviser who makes an outstanding contribution at local, state, and national levels.

Adviser Service Recognition

Recognizes local and state advisers for years of service (5, 10, 15, etc.).

Adviser Wall of Fame

Recognizes advisers and state chairs with 20 or more years of service to FBLA-PBL.

Businessperson of the Year

Nominated by state chair, this recognizes a business leader who contributes to the success of FBLA-PBL on the local, state, and/or national level.

Chapter Recognitions

Connect Ten—NEW

Local chapters increase membership by ten or more members over last year's number.

Big Ten (September 1-April 1) Largest ten chapters in the nation are listed on fbla-pbl.org.

100 Percent Class Participation

Local chapters recruit 100 percent of a single class.

Membership Achievement Award

Local chapters increase membership over last year's total.

Chapter Challenge

Contest that encourages recruitment, retention, and member involvement. NLC delegates from chapters that complete Super Sweeps, Non-Stop November, and Action Awareness receive a pin in their NLC registration packets.



Super Sweeps (August 1-October 20) Complete 10 tasks focused on recruitment and retention.

Non-Stop November (November 1–December 10) Complete five tasks focused on membership involvement. The tasks will be specifically related to March of Dimes Prematurity Awareness Day/Month and American Enterprise Day.

Action Awareness (January 1–March 1) Complete four tasks focused on FBLA awareness. The tasks are specifically related to FBLA-PBL Week, CTSO Month, and America Saves.

Outstanding Chapter—local chapters complete a series of membership, community service, and education activities.

Good Neighbor

Local chapters charter or reactivate any chapter (FBLA, PBL, FBLA-Middle Level).

Gold Seal Award of Merit (Hollis and Kitty Guy Award) Chapters are nominated by state chair. Local chapters participate in projects and programs identified with the goals of FBLA-PBL. Each state may select two chapters or 15 percent of its total number of active chapters (whichever is greater).

THANK YOU TO OUR NATIONAL SPONSORS!

FBLA-PBL expresses appreciation to our new and returning 2015 NLC competitive event sponsors. For more information on our partners, visit the scholarship, fundraising, and educational programs pages on *fbla-pbl.org*.

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FBLA-PBL swept the ACTE Outstanding Business Education Student Awards in the secondary and postsecondary divisions for the second straight year!

Congratulations to these PBL members earning national recognition.

Region I Karthik Krishnan PBL Virtual Chapter (MD)

Region II **Elizabeth Alvarez** Florida International University (FL)

Region III **Kimberly Clark** Culver-Stockton College (MO)

Region IV **Kennedy Reynolds** Oklahoma State University (OK)

Region V Tory M. Arnberger Fort Hays State University (KS)

Congratulations to the state and local chapters earning Super Sweeps recognition.

Place	State	Points
1 st Place	Oklahoma	4,090
2 nd Place	Nebraska	1,144
3 rd Place	Kansas	724
4 th Place	North Carolina	649
5 th Place	Florida	529



Appalachian State University (NC)

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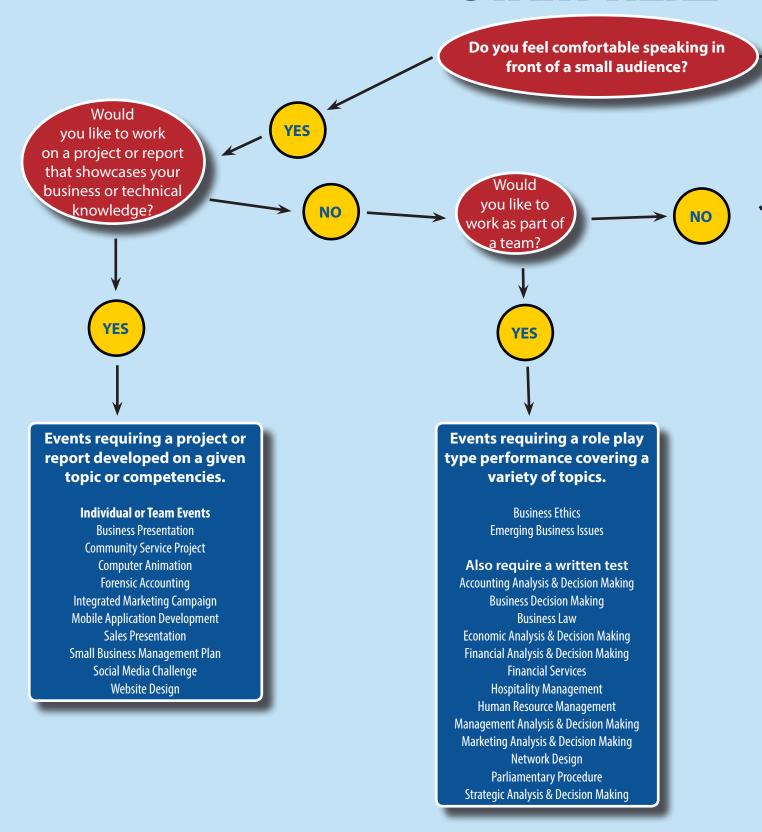
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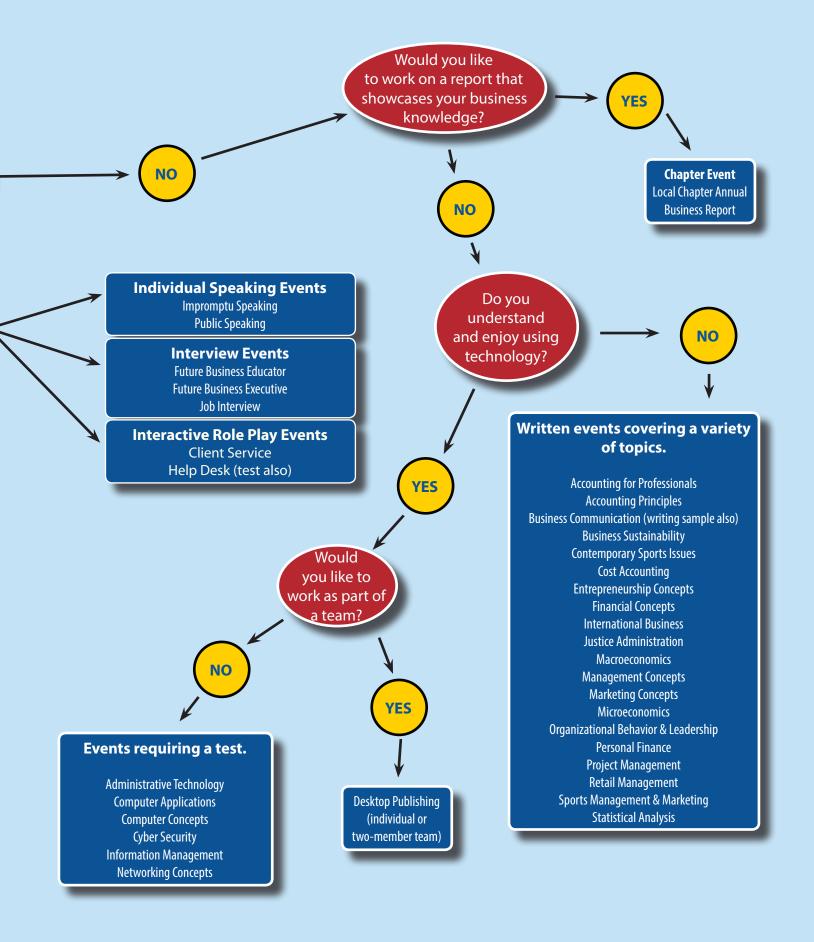
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FBLA-PBL members and advisers across the country CONNECTed at this year's National Fall Leadership Conferences (NFLCs). More than 5,000 attendees met in Omaha, Nebraska; Charleston, South Carolina; and Baltimore, Maryland in November.

Opening keynote speaker Patty Hendrickson (@PattySpeaks) told attendees "Don't cheat the world out of your wonderful." Hendrickson, national partners, business professionals, and state leaders helped members enhance their skills through interactive and informative workshops. Each city also featured résumé review for attendees performed by members of the FBLA-PBL Professional Division.

Attendees at all three conferences had the opportunity to network with members and exhibitors, meet national officers, vote on the 75th anniversary membership theme, and bid in the pilot online auction.

The Omaha NFLC included business tours and an exclusive track for state officers and closing keynote speaker Aaron Davis (@acdavisco). Charleston highlighted the FBLA-Middle Level Program, the state officer track, and closing keynote speaker Alex Sheen (@becauseisaidiwould). Baltimore hosted the PBL Pathways program, state officer track, the pilot FBLA Foundations track, and closing keynote speaker Johan Khalilian (@Johanneus).

Each conference ended with the March of Dimes Blue Jeans for Babies Dance. Attendees donated \$5,434.74 to help save babies.

The 2016 NFLCs host cities are:

- Milwaukee, Wisconsin (November 4–5)
- Daytona Beach, Florida (November 11–12)
- Dallas, Texas (November 18–19)

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The PBL Career and Membership Achievement Program (CMAP) is a leadership development program focused on Service, Education, and Progress. This program encourages students to participate in various community service, professional development, and leadership activities and submit evidence of their participation through an online program in order to achieve the three different levels: Director, Executive, and President, CMAP is an excellent tool to help members of your chapter increase their participation in leadership activities while rewarding them for their efforts.

CMAP has been revamped and new activities have been added this year. Some of these new activities include creating a LinkedIn account or writing an email to one of your state or national officers and telling them about your FBLA-PBL experience. These new activities will certainly help PBL members become responsible business leaders who are prepared for the workforce.

Within my own chapter, we have found it successful to make it a requirement for our members competing at the State Leadership Conference to complete at least the director level of CMAP. This encourages our members to increase their participation within our chapter when it comes to community service, attending general meetings, and remaining aware of all the opportunities offered by the FBLA-PBL National Center.

Using CMAP within your chapter can help you have a more involved membership. It helps to inform your membership of the ease of completing the activities within this program, since many of them are things that they have already done such as creating a résumé and cover letter or participating in a community service event. If used to its full potential, CMAP can be used as an incentive for your chapter members to participate in activities and to bring home more recognition for your school and state! Learn more at go.fbla.org/CMAP.



The CMAP Director level focuses on an introduction to community service, career research, and PBL involvement at the local

Recognition: Pins presented at a local awards ceremony or PBL event.

Deadline: March 1

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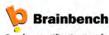




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GEORGIA

Columbus Tech PBL students welcomed guest speaker
Connie Ramsay-Austin of Habitat for Humanity who spoke about how
Habitat for Humanity creates a sense of pride for new homeowners and
builds teamwork characteristics for volunteers. She stressed how having
a positive and safe living environment benefits both the lives of parents
and their children, while revitalizing lower income communities. She also
discussed the process of owning a home via the organization and tips on



becoming a responsible homeowner. In an effort to become more involved in the local community, the students will be volunteering their time on homes in Columbus Tech's own backyard.

OKLAHOMA

Nine Oklahoma Panhandle State University PBL members participated in the chapter's first-ever career day visiting Happy State Bank and Brown, Graham, & Company, P.C. Certified Public Accountants in Amarillo, Texas. Members toured both organizations, heard presentations from employees, and were also treated to a networking lunch with many tax shareholders and audit staff members at Brown, Graham, & Company. According to PBL Vice President Sam Lemin, "[It was] a great experience that helped me understand what it would be like in the workplace."



NEW JERSEY

Rutgers University-New Brunswick PBL participated in the annual Scarlet Day of Service, one of Rutgers' largest community service events. Members worked outdoors at Rutgers Gardens. All 19 volunteers helped lay soil for crops to grow or helped dig up tree roots to clear the field. It was a truly remarkable experience to help conserve the environment.



VIRGINIA

George Mason University (GMU) PBL participated in Witch Watch 2015. Witch Watch is an opportunity for student organizations to ensure those in the Fairfax and Mason communities enjoy a safe trick-or-treating experience. GMU PBL gave out candy and played mummy bowling with trick-or-treaters. GMU PBL had a blast giving back and connecting with the community!



Submit your chapter news and photos at go.fbla.org/news

FBLA-PBL Week

February 7-13, 2016

Make plans now to celebrate #FBLAPBLWeek2016!

The second week of February is FBLA-PBL Week. Chapters are encouraged to publicize their activities, boost their membership, and gear up for spring events. FBLA-PBL Week also coincides with National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month. This is an excellent opportunity to inform the public about the purpose of school-to-work activities and programs.

Monday February 8

National Presidents/Forum

All three division national presidents (FBLA, PBL, and Professional Division) host a live Internet broadcast to kick off FBLA-PBL Week.

Register today at go.fbla.org/webinar_2-8-16

Tuesday
February 9

Each One Reach One Day

Talk to peers and community members about your FBLA-PBL experiences. And, of course, ask them to join!

Wednesday February 10

Adviser Appredation Day (Professional Attire Day

Dress for success and share your appreciation for those that teach, lead, and mentor your chapter.

Thursday February 11

Carcer/Awareness Day

Get involved with your Professional Division and connect with community leaders.

Friday February 12

FBLA+PBL Splitt Day

Show your FBLA-PBL spirit by posting a group photo on instagram and tagging @fbla_pbl

Saturday February 13

Community Service Day

Choose a community service project to support. Suggested activities include working with the March of Dimes, volunteering at a homeless shelter, or conducting a blood drive.