



From the president

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As I sit here composing this message, I think about the fact that another year is coming to an end. The weather is turning warmer; we are looking forward to proms, certification testing, graduations and our own plans for professional development. What happened to this school year? Did you take the time to Reconnect, Rejuvenate and Renew your commitment to Business and Information Technology?

I recently returned from the National Business Education Association (NBEA) conference and was able to Reconnect with other Business and Technology teachers throughout the country. I was able to share with other state presidents how VBEA operates in terms of structure, leadership development, professional development and conference planning. I am proud to tell you that Virginia continues to lead in terms of curriculum, professional development and the strength of its professional organizations. It is simply amazing the strength of Virginia Business and Information Technology!

I was able to rejuvenate and renew my commitment to Business and Information Technology by becoming totally absorbed by James Bradley, who was the Opening Session, keynote speaker. He encouraged us to turn the "impossible" into the "possible". He shared the story of his father's experience as one of the six young men who raised the American flag on Iwo Jima and how his father's experiences gave the younger Mr. Bradley the strength to write *Flag of our Fathers*. It was through this powerful story that we knew as educators that we are in a position to make such a profound difference in young people's lives. As I left the opening session I was rejuvenated and ready to renew my commitment to Business and Information Technology. I knew that I could look at situations, problems, barriers, and/or obstacles in new ways--feeling empowered to turn the seemingly "impossible" situations into "possible" situations. Each and every one of us can do this.

Developing a Bright Future is the theme for the 2009 joint CTE/VBEA Professional Leadership Summer Conference to be held in Richmond, Virginia on August 3 – August 6. VBEA has the good fortune to be located in the Hilton Garden Inn, which is directly across from the Richmond Convention Center where all of the sessions on Tuesday will be held. Conference Coordinator Dana Dingell has been working hard at coordinating, planning, and meeting all of the deadlines set by VA Tech in order to ensure VBEA's participation in this year's joint conference.

Take advantage of the pre-conference training and certifications that will be offered on Monday. On Tuesday, take the opportunity to hear the gubernatorial candidates and participate in sessions. On Wednesday you can continue to participate in technical training, round tables, or exciting concurrent sessions. That evening, VBEA's First Time Attendees will attend a "meet and greet" that is designed just for them. Thursday, we will conclude with our annual business meeting and Awards Brunch featuring our keynote speaker, Chad Foster. I invite you to join other Business and Information Technology educators at the exciting 2009 Conference.

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President's Message Continued

Many of you recently returned from the FBLA State Leadership Conference and perhaps are preparing to go to Anaheim. Many of us will get caught up in the excitement of "Anaheim"; remember that this is an opportunity for our students to network, attend leadership sessions, compete and of course show their professionalism as our future business leaders. Keep in mind what we ask of our students. We ask them to join and be active in their professional organization, FBLA. We need to join and stay active in our business organization, VBEA.

An incredible thank you goes to the VBEA members. You are the life blood of the VBEA organization. You are the mentors of future leaders. Continue to spread the word--encourage Virginia's Business and Information Technology teachers to get involved in VBEA. Offer your expertise by speaking at a conference, being session coordinators, working at the registration tables, or just attending the VBEA Conference itself. Take the time to recommend individuals for the many awards and scholarships that VBEA has to offer. Stay involved and get others involved. You will both be rewarded for it!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent such a vibrant organization. I have enjoyed getting to know you and being able to represent you. I look forward to seeing you at the VBEA conference in Richmond.

Robin Albrecht, President

GREAT IDEAS

A special thank you to those who submitted a lesson plan for the Great Ideas project, "Your Great Idea for Teaching Students 21st Century Skills in the Classroom." Winners will be announced at the VBEA summer conference in Richmond. The lesson plans will be available for download after the conference.

Visit the VBEA site <http://www.vbea.net> to see last year's winners.

If you haven't made plans to attend the VBEA conference, please consider it this year. It's an excellent way to gather and to share "Great Ideas!" with your colleagues. Hope to see you there!

Glenna Hensdill
Great Ideas Chairman
ghensdill@wise.k12.va.us

Summer Conference Update



As the school year comes to a close, I trust you have all made plans to attend this year's summer conference. Judith Sams and the Virginia Department of Education have plans in place for a wonderful day of pre-conference training and certification on Monday, August 3. The joint CTE conference, *Developing a Bright Future*, opens on Tuesday, August 4 at the Richmond Convention Center, with a full day of engaging speakers, sessions, and exhibitors. Wednesday, August 5 and Thursday, August 6 are dedicated to the VBEA portion of this summer's professional conference with many technical and concurrent sessions, insightful speakers, professional networking opportunities, and (of course) food and fun!! Following is a brief summary of the week's activities.

If you haven't yet registered, please visit the registration website and do so immediately: <http://www.cpe.vt.edu/cte/vbea/index.html>

VBEA will be headquartered at the *Hilton Garden Inn Downtown Richmond*, a lovely new property located at the site of the historic Miller & Rhodes building. Make your reservations now to secure your room at the VBEA conference headquarters location by calling the hotel directly at 804-344-4300 or toll free at 1-877-STAY-HGI. To ensure that you receive the conference rate of \$123 Single; \$143 Double; \$163 Triple or \$183 Quad per night, plus applicable taxes, please ask for the VBEA (Virginia Business Education Association) room block and make your reservation by **July 6, 2009**.

If you have questions, please contact me via email at VBEA2009@myway.com or Dana.Dingell@fcps.edu. Have a wonderful end to the school year, and we'll see you in August in Richmond!

Monday

PRE-CONFERENCE INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION ACADEMIES

MOS/IC3/DreamWeaver preparation training and industry certification testing for teachers are pre-conference technical sessions offered by Virginia Business Education Association and sponsored by the Virginia Department of Education.

Facilitator: Judith Sams, Virginia Department of Education

- Registration packets for Pre-Conference industry certification academy participants may be picked up today from 7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn.
- Buses to high school technical session locations will depart from the Hilton Garden Inn at 8:00 a.m., returning from the training locations at 11:45 a.m. to the Hilton Garden Inn. Buses will resume drop off schedule at 1:30 p.m. from the Hilton Garden Inn to school locations and return at the conclusion of training at 5:15 p.m.

Conference Overview

Continued for Monday:

- Lunch and snack breaks will be provided to Pre-Conference industry certification academy participants, sponsored by Virginia Department of Education.
- VBEA Board task force meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, Amethyst, 6:00 p.m. Board dinner at 7:30 in Rhoads.

Tuesday

**CTE Professional Development Institute
General Session
Greater Richmond Convention Center**

- Registration packages for all CTE Professional Development Institute participants will be available at the Greater Richmond Convention Center 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m.
- There is no bus transportation today as the Hilton Garden Inn is across the street from the Greater Richmond Convention Center.

See the General Session portion of the program for Tuesday's schedule.

Wednesday

Registration and Professional Association tables will be staffed at the Hilton Garden Inn from 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Day at a glance....

- Continental breakfast, Hilton Garden Inn, Miller, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.
- Bus transportation to high school technology session locations will depart Hilton Garden Inn at 8:00 a.m., returning from each location to the Hilton Garden Inn at 11:45 for lunch. Bus pick-up for afternoon sessions is 1:30 p.m. from the Hilton Garden Inn, and returns to the hotel at 5:15 p.m. Participants may also choose to drive their personal cars. Directions to each location are included in the registration package.
- 3-hour technical sessions are scheduled 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. 6-hour sessions (full day training) are scheduled 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., lunch at the hotel, and resuming from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Concurrent sessions, Hilton Garden Inn, begin at 8:30 a.m. and are one-hour in length in Amethyst A, Amethyst B, Rhoads, and Gerhart meeting rooms.
- Round-table curriculum discussions are located in Old Dominion, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Conference Overview Continued

- All meal functions are located in Miller and include continental breakfast and boxed lunches which may be eaten in Miller or taken to alternate locations.
- Concurrent Sessions resume at the hotel at 1:00.
- Buses depart Hilton Garden Hill for afternoon technology sessions at 1:30 and return from off-site locations at 5:15 p.m.
- First time attendees reception 6:00 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn.

NOTE: THERE IS NO MEAL FUNCTION WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Thursday

VBEA annual Business Meeting will be held 8:30 a.m. in the Miller/Rhoads/Gerhart ballrooms. All members are encouraged to attend. Breakfast pastries and beverages will be served during the meeting.

Concurrent Sessions from 9:45 – 10:45 in Amethyst A and B

Closing Session and Awards Brunch, 11:00 a.m., featuring keynote speaker, Chad Foster, in the Miller/Rhoads/Gerhart ballrooms.

VBEA conference concludes at 1:00 p.m.

VBEA Board task force meeting, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m., Amethyst A meeting room.

Mississippi State University
Post-Conference Insurance Institute
Sponsored by Virginia Department of Education
in conjunction with VBEA
1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Amethyst A meeting room.
Institute concludes Friday, August 7, 2009.
Prior registration required.

Conference Registration

BUSINESS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 2009 Summer Conference August 3-7, 2009

Your registration fee of \$125 (VBEA members) or \$150 (non-VBEA members) includes: all general sessions; concurrent sessions; and First-Time Attendees Reception (if applicable). Technology sessions and meal costs are in addition to the registration fee (see below).

All meals during the Business & Information Technology conference are covered by a required \$75 fee. Meals included in the fee are: Continental breakfast and boxed lunch on Wednesday, August 5th; breakfast pastries and coffee and the closing Awards Brunch on Thursday, August 6th. Beverage breaks will be provided each day, morning and afternoon. PLEASE NOTE: There is no dinner function on Wednesday night.

Pre-Conference Training and Certification participants on Monday, August 3rd will be provided breakfast, lunch and breaks by the Virginia Department of Education at no cost to participants.

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Attendees must make hotel accommodations directly with the Hilton Garden Inn, 501 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, Phone: 804-344-4300 or toll free at 1-877-STAY-HGI. Special conference rates are: Single, \$123; Double \$143; Triple \$163; or Quad \$183, plus 13% tax and a \$2.60 per room, per night Community Development Assessment tax. All rooms are non-smoking and include free wireless Internet access. You must refer to VBEA when calling to make your reservations and all reservations must be made by **July 6, 2009** to guarantee the hotel conference rate.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____
Title: (please circle one) (Mr.) (Mrs.) (Ms.) (Miss)

School Division: _____

School Name: _____

Summer Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Summer Phone Number: _____

Summer Email Address : _____

First-time Attendee to VBEA Conference? (Yes) (No) VBEA/FBLA Region: _____

(First-time attendees' names are automatically entered into a \$50 stipend drawing when noted above)

Are you willing to serve as a workshop facilitator? ____ Yes ____ No

Conference Technology

Technology Workshops (All technology sessions are limited to 28 participants.)

VDOE sponsored Industry Certification Academies: Please note that session numbers 1-4 provide preparation and testing for industry certifications. Attendees should have basic knowledge of the software and be prepared to test.

| Certification & Training Academies | Session No. | Price |
|---|-------------|-------|
| MOS 2003, Training/Testing, Monday, August 3, 8:30-5:00 | 1 | N/C |
| MOS 2003, Training/Testing, Monday, August 3, 8:30-5:00 | 2 | N/C |
| IC3 Training/Testing, Monday, August 3, 8:30-5:00 | 3 | N/C |
| MOS Testing, IC3 Testing, Adobe Dreamweaver, Flash Testing Monday, August 3, 8:30-5:00 | 4 | N/C |
| Intro to Game Design and Technology, Monday, August 3, 8:30-5:00 | 5 | \$30 |
| IC3 Test Prep—How to Prepare Students for the Certification Test, Monday, August 3, 8:30-11:30 | 6 | \$15 |
| Keyboarding Methodology, Monday, August 3, 2:00-5:00 | 7 | \$15 |
| MOS Testing, IC3 Testing, Adobe Dreamweaver, Flash Testing only , Wednesday, August 5, 8:30-5:00 | 8 | N/C |
| Adobe In-Design, Wednesday, August 5, 8:30-5:00 | 9 | \$30 |
| Adobe DreamWeaver CS3, Wednesday, August 5, 8:30-5:00 | 10 | \$30 |
| Adobe Flash CS3, Wednesday, August 5, 8:30-5:00 | 11 | \$30 |
| Stock Market Game, Wednesday, August 5, 8:30-11:30 (<i>This session will be offered again in the afternoon</i>) | 12 | \$15 |
| Adobe Photoshop CS3 Beginning, Wednesday, August 5, 8:30-11:30 | 13 | \$15 |
| Adobe Illustrator CS3 Beginning, Wednesday, August 5, 8:30-11:30 | 14 | \$15 |
| *MS Word 2007, Laptop Session, Wednesday, August 5, 8:30-11:30 | 15 | N/C |
| Introduction to Multi-Media, Wednesday, August 5, 8:30-11:30 | 16 | \$15 |
| Screen Casting, Wednesday, August 5, 8:30-11:30 | 17 | \$15 |
| Podcasting/Blogging, Wednesday, August 5, 8:30-11:30 | 18 | \$15 |
| *MS Access 2007, Laptop Session, Wednesday, August 5, 8:30-11:30 | 19 | N/C |
| Adobe Photoshop CS3 Advanced, Wednesday, August 5, 2-5:00 | 20 | \$15 |
| Advanced Multi-Media, Tuesday, August 5, 2:00-5:00 | 21 | \$15 |
| Stock Market Game, Tuesday, August 5, 2:00-5:00 (<i>repeat of morning session #12</i>) | 22 | \$15 |
| Adobe Acrobat Professional, Wednesday, August 5, 2:00-5:00 | 23 | \$15 |
| *MS Excel, 2007, Laptop Session, Wednesday, August 5, 2:00-5:00 | 24 | N/C |
| Electronic Portfolio FBLA Competition Prep, Wednesday, August 5, 2:00-5:00 | 25 | \$15 |
| *MS PowerPoint, 2007, Laptop Session, Wednesday, August 5, 2:00-5:00 | 26 | N/C |

***PARTICIPANTS IN LAPTOP SESSIONS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN LAPTOP WITH MS OFFICE 2007 INSTALLED.**

Conference Technology Con't.

| SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE FEES | Quantity | Price | Total |
|---|------------------|---|--------------|
| Conference Registration | | VBEA Member \$125 or Non-VBEA Member \$150 | \$ |
| SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE | Quantity | Price | Total |
| Conference Meals FEES | | Required \$75 Per Registrant | \$ 75.00 |
| Technology Workshops Conference Registration | | VBEA Member \$125 or Non-VBEA Member \$150 | \$ |
| Session # _____ Price \$ _____ | | | |
| Conference Meals | | Required \$75 Per Registrant | \$ 75.00 |
| Session # _____ Price \$ _____ | | | |
| Technology Workshops | | | \$ |
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| | TOTAL DUE | | \$ |

VA TECH then concludes the form with our standard payment options and mail-to instructions.

Membership

Greetings Virginia Business & Information Technology teachers! Spring has finally come to Virginia, FBLA SLC has come and gone, and we begin to prepare for the end of another school year, FBLA NLC, and the annual summer professional conference.

I am pleased to report that as of April 30, 2009, VBEA is 405 strong in membership! Thank you for your dedication to our profession. Together we can work to prepare our students for a bright future, and continue to spread the word that Business & Information Technology is alive and well in the Commonwealth of Virginia!

Please allow me a moment to thank the membership representatives for their hard work and dedication:

Linda Davis, Community College Representative
Cheryl Davis, College & University Representative
Eleanor Bowler, Germanna Region
Charlene Alexander Taylor, J. Sargeant Reynolds Region
Mary Beth Blessing, Longwood Region
Shellie Hartley, New River Regional
Mark Campbell, Northern Virginia Region
Christy Sellers, Virginia Western Region
Tammy Bullock, Shenandoah Region
Zanette McMillan, Thomas Nelson Region
Toinette Outland, Tidewater Region
Sherry Allen, UVA's College at Wise Region
Yvonne Mullins, VSU Region
Betty Humphreys, SBEA/NBEA Representative

These dedicated men and women are your local “eyes and ears” to your State association. They stand ready to assist you with membership and professional development issues.

It's not too late to join! Membership forms are found in this newsletter, on the VBEA website (www.vbea.net), or from your representative or me. There's even a link from the 2009 Conference registration page! A membership year runs from September 1 through August 31st.

Membership Desk

As of this report, the following schools have attained 100% membership:

VBEA 100% Membership Schools 2008-2009

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| Annandale High School | Lebanon High School |
| Azalea Gardens Middle School | Lloyd C. Bird High School |
| Bland High School | Longfellow Middle School |
| Brentsville District High School | Madison High School |
| Bruton High School | Mount Vernon High School |
| Bryant High School | Mt. View High School |
| Carroll County High School | Norfolk Technical Center |
| Castlewood High School | Northside Middle School |
| Edison High School | Phoebus High School |
| Frost Middle School | Pimmit Hills High School |
| Giles High School | Poe Middle School |
| George Wythe High School | Powell Valley High School |
| Grassfield High School | Rachel Carson Middle School |
| Harrisonburg High School | Richlands Middle School |
| Hayfield Middle School | Rocky Gap High School |
| Haysi High School | Robert E. Lee High School |
| Herndon Middle School | Ruffner Academy |
| Honaker High School | Rural Retreat High School |
| J. J. Burton High School | St. Paul High School |
| Jackson/Hughes Middle School | Stone Middle School |
| Kettle Run High School | Tazewell High School |
| Key Middle School | Thoreau Middle School |
| Kilmer Middle School | Warhill High School |
| Kings Fork Middle School | Whitman Middle School |
| Lafayette-Winona | Woodrow Wilson HS |
| Lanier Middle School | Woodson High School |

If your school is not listed, and you have 100% membership, please complete the 100% Membership form found on the website and in this newsletter and return to me.

Again, thanks for your hard work and dedication to business education. See you in August at the conference!

Dana Dingell

Dana Dingell
Vice President - Membership

NBEA/SBEA Update

Betty Humphreys, NBEA/SBEA Membership Director

This is the first year I have not attended NBEA/SBEA for the past twenty-five or more years. It has always been that extra boost of energy I need for completing the semester. When I am asked, frequently, why I continue to teach when I could retire, it is because I have always enjoyed what I do. Part of the enjoyment of teaching has been to implement ideas and techniques I have gotten at professional conferences. I can assure anyone had I never attended a conference or convention; I would have retired out of boredom and burn out. The speakers, the workshops, the keynote speakers and viewing the many exhibits always give me new ideas for the current years, and an opportunity to reflect on what can be done for the fall semester. I feel as if I have missed something very important!! I heard from **Linda Rounsavall, Member and Program Development Director at NBEA**, and **Ann Godfrey, SBEA Membership Director**, that it was a great convention that was very well attended.

I hope to see many of you when you stop by my membership booth at the **VBEA Conference in Richmond, August 4-6, at the Hilton Garden Inn**. You will read more about the convention in other parts of this newsletter. *Again this year there will be an added incentive for attendees who are not members to join.* We need every teacher, supervisor and administrative to join forces in these economically challenging times, to support our professional organizations. We especially need to remember our professional organizations that are responsible for so many educational materials and are fighting for our survival through lobbying for educational funding.

The **SBEA Convention** will be held in **Huntsville, Alabama, October 21-24, 2009, at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Spa**. A variety of Office 2007 workshops are available, plus some of the latest technology, such as, Face Book and Twitter, and YouTube, just to mention a few. In addition to the technology opportunities, there will be an Alabama Night with a fabulous Jazz trio. The theme for the SBEA convention is **SBEA – Launch Your Future!** This is an appropriate theme as the Saturday tour will be to the U. S. Space and Rocket Center. The keynote speaker will be from the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville. A great program is planned. I hope to see many Virginia NBEA/SBEA members in Alabama.

Honors



News Release for the Virginia Business Education Association Newsletter

Linda Davis, Associate Professor at Virginia Western Community College and your Virginia Business Education Association Community College Representative, served as a guest speaker on April 21, 2009, for the Roanoke Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals. She presented a session entitled, "Microsoft Office 2007 Overview" at the *Workshops for 21st Century Administrative Professionals* seminar which was held at the Holiday Inn Tanglewood in Roanoke. Over 40 administrative professionals attended this session. Linda serves as one of the co-advisors for the VWCC student chapter of IAAP.

Glenna Hensdill:

This year's Adviser of the Year has served as a local chapter adviser for the last 32 years. She has had several regional and state officers, and her



chapter recently became a life member of the Virginia FBLA-PBL Foundation. According to her principal, the 2009 Adviser of the Year exemplifies the qualities of an outstanding educator. She represents the highest ideals of scholarship and leadership and had proven to be a strong advocate for students and a positive role model. A co-worker states that this teacher is one of the most genuine individuals she has ever met. "She leads by example, and she is the standard to which we should all aspire."

Germanna Region

The King George High School moved into a new facility this year, so we have had an all-around busy school year. In spite of the hectic school year, our FBLA organization members planned and planned several events:

1. The FBLA organization sponsored a huge step team competition to support Project HOPE, which is a local church group, raise funds for scholarships to support needy children. The step team competition involved teams from Northern Virginia and Maryland. We raised over \$1,000 that evening for scholarships. The FBLA Organization members worked free of charge to support the project.

2. FBLA "Going Green Project."

Our organization worked in conjunction with Optimist Organization to make our new high school green. The students established a recycling program at the new school. They also went to the local elementary schools and did public appearances in the classrooms to teach the younger generation why it is so important to preserve our natural environments.

The students took pledges from all of the CTE classes on how they would implement the Green policies in their everyday lives. These pledges were displayed on "leaves" by hanging them on a huge "tree" in the hallway.

The students will submitted their efforts to the Going Green FBLA project in the month of May.

3. FBLA Organization members participated in "Relay for Life" on May 16, 2009, by sponsoring a carnival at the relay. All proceeds were donated to the American Cancer Society.

4. A business luncheon/dinner was planned for the FBLA Organization members. A local etiquette trainer was invited to teach our members how to behave properly during a business luncheon/dinner.

5. FBLA Organization members celebrated their end of the year by taking a group trip to Kings Dominion.

Bobby Camp, Adviser

The Thornburg Middle School FBLA Organization is excited to announce that Maggie Pilson and Emily Lindsey achieved a first-place win in the Middle Level Achievement Program of Web Page Design. Nearly every member in the chapter participated in one of the competitive events.

The FBLA Conference left our organization members with a high momentum. We sponsored a dance, conducted a clothing drive for Project ASK, and designed, made, and sold buttons at various events. We are looking forward to our end-of-the-year cookout and party at our adviser's house on May 30.

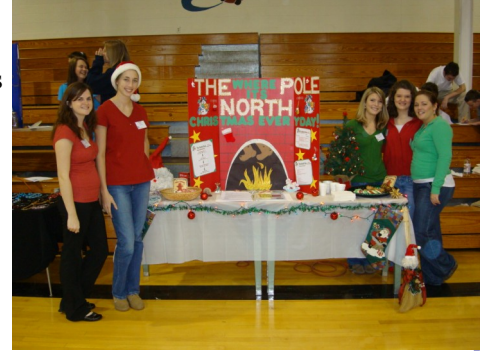
The students enjoy planning the activities to support their FBLA Organization!

Tina Cook, FBLA Adviser

New River Region

Bland High School 7th Annual “Mock” Job Fair

Bland High School, in Bland, Virginia hosted its Seventh Annual “Mock” Job Fair. There were 17 groups of business students showing off their entrepreneurial creations. Some of the “Mock” companies that were represented were Cakes Galore, The Delicious Cheesecake and Cobbler Bar, Amour Dresses, Smart Business Attire & Conference Setup, Svetlana’s Custom Jewelry, and The North Pole. Community members and teachers also were present to walk around and find out more about the student’s business plans. While the companies were actually created on paper, the work the students put into the event was very real. In addition to the display boards and other materials, the students also presented PowerPoint presentations providing information about what their company was about, benefits, wages, hours of work, and products. The founders of “The North Pole” (a year round Christmas store) were the winning company at this year’s event.



NOVA Region

The NOVA Region’s Spring Conference was held once again at George Mason University in Fairfax with an inspiring keynote speech, officer elections, and the all-important awards ceremony recognizing our students for their success in regional competitions. Students that placed high enough earned the honor to compete at the State Leadership Conference at the Hyatt in Reston in April.

Like students and advisers from around the state, NOVA Region advisers and students pitched in to help out at the State Leadership Conference in areas such as timing, coordinating, and registration. At the SLC, the NOVA region had great success with students qualifying for national competition in 23 separate events.

Shanandoah Region

Some of our regional winners were:

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

3. James Wood HIGH SCHOOL
Morgan McDaniel

PUBLIC SPEAKING I

3. Elizabeth Lauer, Sherando High School

PUBLIC SPEAKING II

Jimmy Dingess, Sherando High School

AMERICAN ENTERPRISE PROJECT

Sherando High School

BUSINESS FINANCIAL PLAN

James Wood HIGH SCHOOL

BUSINESS PLAN

Millbrook HIGH SCHOOL
Zachary Butler

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Sherando HIGH SCHOOL
Elizabeth Lauer
Liz McCrary

ACCOUNTING I

Max Triantafillou, Millbrook High School

BUSINESS CALCULATIONS

Robbie Mitchell, Briar Woods High School

BUSINESS PRESENTATION

3. Sherando HIGH SCHOOL
Paige Mills

BUSINESS PROCEDURES

2. Abigail Bullock, Luray High School

COMPUTER PROBLEM SOLVING

5. Benjamin Garrand, Sherando High School
Cody Knickerbocker, Millbrook High School

DATABASE DESIGN AND APPLICATION

5. Brian Brown, James Wood High School

DESKTOP APPLICATION PROGRAMMING

4. James Wood High School

DIGITAL VIDEO PRODUCTION

Briar Woods High School

FBLA PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES

Meghann Butler, Freedom High School

INTERNET APPLICATION PROGRAMMING

James Wood High School
James Cave

INTRODUCTION TO TECHNOLOGY CONCEPTS

5. Ryan Duffin, Millbrook High School
Quinten Burns, James Wood High School

MARKETING

4. Sally Kardos, Harrisonburg High School

NETWORK DESIGN

5. Sherando High School
Erich Perrault
Brad Yakubovich

NETWORKING CONCEPTS

3. Nicholas Minor, James Wood High School

SPREADSHEET APPLICATIONS

5. Kyle Slack, Briar Woods High School

WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT

1. JAMES WOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Thomas Nelson Region

Business & Information Technology teachers in the Thomas Nelson Region are keeping their students busy this school year involved in FBLA activities. The Lafayette High School chapter sponsored a guest speaker in February; a former WNBA basketball player turned ECPI Freshman Recruiter. The chapter is continuing “Go Green” activities this spring including a celebration of Earth Day. Seventy-five flyers created by business students were hung in the building on various environmental themes, and an announcement was made each morning with a TIP FOR THE DAY regarding conservation. Spring plants for the flower bed were purchased to finish the national FBLA GO GREEN initiative soon.

The Grafton High School FBLA chapter was recently named the second largest chapter in the state with over 230 members. The chapter will also be taking a business trip to New York City in May.

The TNCC Region will be well-represented at the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California, June 24 – 28 following an outstanding performance at the State Leadership Conference in Reston.

Several schools took their students to the Career Expo at the Hampton Convention Center as part of the National CTE week activities. Students had the opportunity to practice their job seeking skills by presenting their resumes to business persons and participating in mock interviews.

Schools in York County are focusing on certification testing by providing testing opportunities for their students in IC3 and MOS. Students in the division continue to participate in Dual Enrollment with Thomas Nelson Community College.

Gloucester High School is pleased to announce that two students placed 1st and three students placed 2nd in the Spring 2009 Stock Market Game.

UVA-Wise Region

Communication through Games----

Volunteers at the UVA-Wise Spring Leadership Conference continued their goal of encouraging local regions to improve communication between chapters. During registration for this year's conference Castlewood High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter volunteered to organize an event where members and advisers could play Bingo for prizes. Each school in the region donated three to five items for prizes. Prizes for the event included movie and dinner gift cards, food, jump drives, DVDs, office supplies and much more. FBLA members enjoyed visiting with other chapter in the UVA-Wise region. All money collected at the event was donated to the UVA-Wise region adding to next year's budget for awards and activities sponsored by the region.

FBLA State Leadership Conference 2009----

The Virginia FBLA State Leadership Conference 2009 was held in Reston, Virginia, on April 17-19, 2009. UVA-Wise was represented with 164 students in attendance and 27 advisers. Katlin Wohlford of Castlewood High School won the \$1,000 Sarah Lowe Thompson Scholarship while the Castlewood chapter was recognized for the largest donation in the UVA-Wise region. Who's Who in FLBA included students from St. Paul High School, Castlewood High School, and Lebanon High School. The UVA-Wise region were recognized with four fourth place awards, eight third place awards, six second place awards, and one first place award. All first and second place awards have an opportunity to advance to the National Leadership Conference this summer in Anaheim, California, where St. Paul High School Glenna Hensdill will be honored as the Virginia FBLA State Adviser of the Year. UVA-Wise Honor chapters include Castlewood, Honaker, Grundy, Lebanon, Lebanon Middle, and St. Paul High Schools. Castlewood High School was named 3rd Most Outstanding Chapter during the state leadership event.

Two State Officers Represent the UVA-Wise Region

The UVA-Wise region is represented on the state level with two state officers. Drew Mullins, St. Paul High School has served the region as the 2008-2009 State vice-president as well as serving as regional president. In 2007-2008 Mullins served as State corresponding secretary and regional vice president. During his sophomore year he served as the St. Paul High School chapter vice president. He was named one of FBLA's Who's Who during the 2009 state leadership conference. He plans to attend UVA's College at Wise in the fall and will serve as an intern for Senator Jim Webb in Washington DC this summer.

During his career in FBLA Mullins attended the 2008-2009 SLTC, Roanoke College, June 08; NFLC, Washington, DC in Nov 08; SLC in Reston 09, 2007-2008: SLTC, Roanoke College, June 07; NLC, Chicago, June 07; NFLC, Birmingham, Nov 07; SLC in Reston 08. Mullins plans to attend NLC, Anaheim in June 09. He is a member of Dominion Leadership Committee, student representative on the executive committee of the St. Paul Alumni Association, a member of the St. Paul Voice for Community Schools committee.

Hensdill Named FBLA State Adviser of the Year

Mrs. Glenna Hensdill of the UVA-Wise region was named the FBLA State Adviser of the Year during the Spring 2009 State Leadership Conference held in Reston, Virginia. Hensdill is actively involved in VBEA, NBEA, VACTE, and is an FBLA professional member. Hensdill has been an adviser at St. Paul High School for 32 years. She is married to Russell County Vocational Director, Dennis Hensdill and make their home in Castlewood, Virginia where they are actively involved in the Fort Gibson United Methodist Church.



UVA-Wise Region Continued

The Lebanon Middle School FBLA has been involved in many activities throughout the school year. The LMS FBLA started out the 2008-2009 school year by selecting its officers and recruiting its outstanding record number of members (115). Following this installment, our activities included:

- A cell phone drive for the Russell County Sheriff's Office to help victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.
- Extensive homecoming activities supported funds (\$3,250) that were donated to the Cancer Outreach Foundation.
- Book drive for Annie's House for Children's Advocacy.
- Collected monetary donations, purchased, and distributed supplies for the LMS White Christmas program.
- Celebrated Christmas by letting Santa accompany us on our visit to Maple Grove Retirement Home to sing Christmas carols and distribute holiday greeting cards to its occupants.
- Sold Valentine's Day lollipops to LMS student body for Project ASK.
- Held a successful school beauty pageant to raise funds for the state conference at Reston, VA.
- Attended the UVA-Wise Spring Conference and discovered our state competition results. The results are as follows:
 - 1st place- Keyboarding Applications II – Bryanna Spaulding
 - 1st place- Local Chapter Activities Report – Erlein Tacastacas & Tyler Skeen
 - 1st place- Community Service Project – Dustin Keith & Danielle Kiser
 - 1st place- American Enterprise Project – Jakob Deel and Morgan Herndon
 - 2nd place- Computer Slideshow – Krista Willis, Marcus Combs, & Maggie Bundy
 - Julie Leonard, our Assistant Secretary, was appointed as the Regional Corresponding Secretary for the Regional President and State Vice-President, Kristen Perkins for the UVA/Wise Region during the 2009-2010 school year.

The FBLA competition winners and participants traveled to Reston, VA for the state conference on April 16-19. During that time, they had the opportunity to tour Washington, D.C. The LMS FBLA received recognition for their Project ASK contribution, being an Honor chapter, and received a 2009 membership achievement award.

We are presently planning an end-of-the-year trip to Dollywood and recruiting members for the 2009-2010 school year.



VSU Region

The VSU region held their Spring Awards Conference on March 12 at Matoaca High School. Participating schools included Dinwiddie, Hopewell, Matoaca, Meadowbrook, Surry, Sussex Central, and Thomas Dale High Schools. Also attending was Peabody Middle School.

We had 196 students and advisers attend our meeting. Officers for the 2009-2010 school years were elected and installed. Congratulations to all new officers. Everyone was excited during the awards ceremony as students from each school went on stage to receive their plaques.

Winning awards at the FBLA State level from the VSU region were students from Dinwiddie, Matoaca, Meadowbrook, Surry, and Thomas Dale.

Yvonne Mullins

VWCC Region

CHRISTY SELLERS:

At the FBLA Executive Board Meeting in October, officers and advisers discussed the unfortunate fact that regional officers of local chapters have little opportunity to interact and bond with each other. As a result, a team was formed to plan the region's first of what is hoped to become an annual event—an Officers' Leadership Retreat. This event was held on Friday, November 14th at the Selu Facility in Radford, VA. Students from Radford University and Virginia Tech led the sessions and activities, which included workshops on "How to Become a Better Leader" and "FBLA Officer Roles: Become a Better Chapter", as well as an outdoor challenge course designed to help students overcome obstacles in teamwork. The retreat also offered the unexpected but quite welcome opportunity for advisers to network—something we never seem to get enough of! In fact, the following items of interest were obtained during the retreat. It was great to participate in this retreat, and hopefully it is the beginning of a new VWCC FBLA tradition. Special thanks to **Eastern Montgomery High School's** Karen Carrier, whose hard work and planning made the retreat so special!

Glenvar High School's Business teacher Kari Hancock has been named the Economic Educator of the year for the Radford Center. There are ten centers in the state of Virginia. Congratulations, Kari!

Glenvar's Business Department is working with the Rescue Mission to prepare for the Drumstick Dash, a half marathon that raises money for the Mission. They will be loading a truck with food and taking pictures during the race.

Andy Huray announced that **Cave Spring High School's** VCEE Stock Market Game competitors were the state champions for the spring 2008 game. They, along with other schools in the region, are competing in the game again this year. Cave Spring's Business students are also currently conducting a local area food drive.

Patrick Henry High School's Business department and FBLA have been very busy this year, according to Business teacher Kim Elliott. Activities include attending the FBLA Fall Regional Conference and Officers' Retreat, participating in the Salvation Army Toy Distribution, preparing for FBLA competitions, and competing in Lifesmart.org and Knowledge Matters' Virtual Finance/Management competition. They are also planning to attend the Spring Regional Conference and State Leadership Conference.

Burton Center for Arts & Technology (BCAT), formerly Arnold R. Burton Technology Center, offered Game Design and Programming for the first time this year. It is offered as a dual enrollment course. Interest was so great that there are two sections with a waiting list! Next year, BCAT's Digital & Web Design class will be taught in its Mass Communications program. This decision was made due to the determination that students need to know web design skills to be successful in the mass communications field.

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