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## *FBLA Fall Leadership Conference*



On November 13th and 14th, the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter from Lee County High School and Lee County 9th Grade Campus attended the Fall Leadership Conference in Athens, Georgia. FBLA is a student organization in the Career and Technical fields with an emphasis on Business. Any student who is interested in the business, computer science, or marketing related fields is welcome to join by paying club dues. FBLA's mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs.

The combined Lee County group of 13 FBLA members was able to fellowship with other FBLA members from across the state as well as listen to energetic and inspirational guest speakers. The main keynote speaker, Jess Ekstrom, spoke to the thousands of FBLA members in attendance about her successes and failures in her journey to becoming

an entrepreneur. Jess Ekstrom is the founder of Headbands of Hope, which is has been featured on several popular magazines, and TV shows. She captivated the audience with her charismatic personality and stories of how she persevered against the obstacles that stood in the way for her starting her own business.

The fall leadership conference was held at the Classic Center in Athens. The student members experienced a lively general session, many fun filled workshops, and participated in the world's largest Monopoly Tournament. At the Fall Leadership Conference, LCHS FBLA had 4 teams participate in the Monopoly Tournament. In the Monopoly Tournament, teams of 2-3 members played against teams from other schools. The goal of the tournament was to have the largest amount of assets at the end of the timed session. Based on the results, the chapter can possibly advance to the next round of the Monopoly

Tournament where they will compete against teams from across Georgia at the State Leadership Conference in March. Upcoming events for the FBLA members include the FBLA Region Skills Testing, Region Competition Testing, the State Leadership Conference and Competition, and the National Leadership Conference.

FBLA advisers Amanda Overstreet and Betty Suggs are extremely proud of the accomplishments of the growing club. The club has reached well over 50 members in the combined chapters of FBLA at both the high school campus and the 9th grade campus.



## *Future Business Leaders of America*



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## *FBLA Region 6 Conference Info*

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- Dress Code for All attending Region Conference on Friday! Please see the Georgia FBLA Dress Code form attached in the Google Classroom.
- NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE DRESS CODE! Please READ the document.
- Minimum for Girls: Nice Business Dress, Business Pant Suit, or Business Top with Skirt (APPROPRIATE LENGTH), Dress Shoes
- Minimum for Boys: Dress Pants, Dress Shirt, Tie, Dress Shoes (Sport Coat or Suit Optional)
- IF YOU ARE COMPETING IN A PERFORMANCE EVENT, YOU MUST BE IN OFFICIAL FBLA DRESS!
- Please see an adviser with any questions you may have. Text Mrs. Overstreet with any other issues.
- Not Properly Dressed, NO GO!!!!

## *State Leadership Conference Info*



If your child has automatically qualified to attend the **FBLA State Leadership Conference and Competition** because of their academic success and/or participation at our recently held Region Competition. The state conference will be held on **March 20-21** at the Classic Center, Athens, GA. It is a wonderful experience for these young people as they have earned the right to compete against the best students from across the state of Georgia. Our students will also participate in informative leadership workshops, hear from dynamic speakers, and play in one of the world's largest Monopoly tournaments.

Unfortunately, the travel expenses for such an amazing conference are expensive. The FBLA state office charges **\$75** per student for their conference registration. In

addition, our hotel rooms are **\$168** per night and we must stay two nights. We also have to pay for the registration and hotel room for our bus driver and chaperones.

Throughout the year we have been fundraising for FBLA at the school. Fundraising helps to reduce the costs of the trip for the student. FBLA members **SHOULD bring additional spending money** for meals (Sunday dinner, Monday breakfast, lunch and dinner, Tuesday breakfast and lunch) as well as any personal expenditures (snacks, etc.).

I apologize for such short notice but GA FBLA gives us a quick turn around time for Region Conference. We are registering students on Monday, February 10th. Payments can be made on the trip in installments so if you do not have \$140 up front, we can work with you. **A \$75 non-refundable deposit will be**

**due by Monday, February 10th** but you may also pay in full. If other payment arrangements need to be made, please let me know.

Please know that your student will miss school on Friday, March 20th and will return extremely late Saturday, March 21st due to many of your spring break plans beginning the following day. Additional information will be sent out in the near future. We will also have a meeting in the coming weeks to discuss the trip and any questions you may have. Please discuss this trip over the next day or two with your student and feel free to contact us with additional questions.