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FBLA Advisers and Members

Welcome to the 2008 -2009 FBLA year of activities, leadership training, and conferences. The year promises to be outstanding.

The state officer team has developed and revised projects that help local chapters when developing their program of work. The board of directors is developing a strategic plan to lead California FBLA to new levels of service and accomplishment. However, most exciting is the news that the grant, which California FBLA helped to develop two years ago, is now a reality. If the funding remains, adviser stipends for active chapters, adviser and member inservice, support for programs and competitive events will be funded. This is a real victory and will help on all levels. More information will be shared as it becomes available. The National FBLA team has designated California as a target state and is working with us to increase chapters and members. They are pleased with our programs but see the possibilities of unlimited growth!

The California FBLA leadership team is here to help. We want each chapter to be successful and participate in activities that develop leadership, make a statement in the community, and promote FBLA. If you need help or have questions, please contact a member of the state team. They are:

- Section Directors. They can answer questions about the section activities, conferences and section projects. They work with new chapters and existing chapters. Make them your first contact for chapter questions.
- Competitive Events. Contact Jayne Campbell about questions regarding competitive events. Mrs. Campbell is the expert and is responsible for updating and working with the national competitive events program.
- Web Site. Sue Christensen manages the CAFBLA.org site. For latest information, check this site. Information about conferences, training, section news, can all be found here. If you have comments or suggestions for the site, please let Mrs. Christensen know.
- State Conference. Kiki Nakauchi is the chairperson for the 2008 – 2009 State Conference. When it comes to state conference questions, contact her!
- Business Manager. Are there questions about paying dues? Joe McFarland handles all the finances including budgets, income, and payments.
- Program Coordinator. Judy Nunes runs the day-to-day operations of the state office. She is always there to help and will point you to the right contact.

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This mailing contains information about projects, State Leadership Directory, State Management and Structure, Professional Membership Form, Summary of Changes to 2009 California Awards Program, and the FBLA Calendar. The calendar has every date needed. Please read it carefully and note dates that apply to your chapter. It is comprehensive and demanding.

Finally, congratulations to all the advisers, members, parents, chaperones who attended the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta. Once again California led the nation with 54 winners. Many of the events were associated with monetary awards, and California winners received \$13,750. We are very proud of you and your association with FBLA.

My best wishes to all for a very successful year. In case it doesn't show (after 40 years), I love FBLA and want it to be a positive experience for all. If I can be of help, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am here to help along with the rest of the team.

Sincerely



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