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Important dates to remember (State Events/Deadlines shown in BOLD):

- January I Action Awareness Begins
- January 27 Southwest Region Winter Leadership Conference
- February I REGISTRATION FOR ROLE PLAY TESTING OPENS
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- February 4 Puget Sound Region Winter Leadership Conference
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- February 7 Capital Region Winter Leadership Conference
- February 2 Spring Stock Market Game Begins
- February 2-8 FBLA Week
- February 14 REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR ROLE PLAY TESTING

Greetings, Advisers!

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS

Congratulations to our newest certified members of the National Association of Parliamentarians! WA FBLA is very proud of your achievement!

- Ryen Glynn, Fife High School
- Ashley Lin, Union High School
- Khobaib Zafar, Fife High School



We are also proud of Cheyenne Stirek, Tonasket High School; and Kianna Bolante, Fife High School, who are also certified members of the National Association of Parliamentarians!

## **HACK-A-THON**

This year at SBLC, WA FBLA and Starbucks, with participation from Microsoft, will be hosting a Hack-a-Thon, modeled on the Hack-a-Thons used at Starbucks to generate innovative ideas! What is a Hack-a-Thon? A competition where people come together to collaborate on and prototype a solution to a problem! Our Hack-a-Thon will last all of Friday during SBLC, April 10, 2020. It will kick off in the morning with an introductory workshop with Starbucks, where the problem will be presented, mixed-chapter teams will be formed, and guidelines will be laid out for the participants. You will then have all day to hack the problem, and will finish the day with a presentation to judges to determine the winner!

## **STATE OFFICER CORNER**

<u>Invite a Legislator Toolkit!</u> Drumroll please . . . your State Officer team is extremely excited to announce the release of the <u>CTSO Advocacy Invite a Legislator toolkit</u>—right in time for National CTE Month and FBLA-PBL Week coming up in February! This toolkit includes all the relevant information and resources you'll need to get started, including: definitions of terms related to CTSO Advocacy/state legislators, things to keep in mind before/during/after the visit, a sample timeline your chapter can follow, and pre-made email templates that your chapter can use to reach out. We're excited to share this comprehensive resource with you and hope you'll take advantage of it! Please contact a State Officer with any questions by reaching out here.

<u>Chapter Visits</u>. As we prepare for our Winter and State conferences, please consider inviting a state officer for a chapter visit. State officers can come to give information about competitive events, help practice your presentations, and appear for a Meet-and-Greet to get to know your local state officer. Click this <u>link</u> to fill out the form.

<u>SBLC National Anthem Singers Wanted!</u> It's time for our members to show off their beautiful voices during Opening Session at SBLC! Members can do this by auditioning to be the National Anthem Singer for SBLC. Applications are on the <u>state website</u> and due by Tuesday, March 10.

<u>Membership Handbook Competition</u>. The <u>Washington FBLA Membership Handbook</u> can be found on the "State Officer Projects" page of our website, <u>www.wafbla.org</u>. To supplement our Handbook we're offering a handbook competition any chapter can enter for the chance to win recognition at SBLC. Information on the competition is found in the handbook itself and <u>online</u>. All submissions will be due February 15. We hope to see all of our chapters participate!

Wishing you a happy Monday and a great week ahead! May the snow melt!