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## LDI- South

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The Leadership Development Institute-South was held from November 17-18 at the Hyatt Regency Irvine with over 925 members from across Southern California in attendance. On Saturday, members had the opportunity to attend workshops presented by section and state officers, as well as professional speakers. Michael Costigan, the keynote speaker in the opening ceremony, delivered an inspirational and motivational speech that encouraged members to discover more opportunities in life and business. After dinner, members donated money to March of Dimes and The First Harvest Food Bank, allowing them to dress casually to the annual dance. On Sunday, three competitive events practice sessions were held with on-site scoring, which gave members a preview of their respective Section Conferences and competitions. Overall, LDI-South was a great opportunity for members to network, explore career interests, improve leadership, and experience FBLA.



State Officers: Yadanar Oo, Jane Chen, Cameron Khansarinia, Nikitas Kanellakopoulos, Alice Liu, Yvonne Lee at LDI-South

### Upcoming Information and Deadlines:

1/17/2013

- Online Conference Registration Opens--Section Conferences

1/18/2013

- Section Officer Applications for 2013-2014 POSTMARKED  
- Skill Events, School-Site Testing Forms for All Section Conferences--REQUEST DEADLINE

2/1/2013

- Leaders in Action Project (Ind.) Due  
- Internship Project (Ind.) Due -  
Professional Division Project (Chapter) Due

## Important: State and Section Office Applications

Attention California FBLA members, the application for 2013-2014 state and section office is now posted on the State Leadership Team Tab. Your State Executive Board looks forward to reviewing your applications. Applications are due by January 18th for Section President Candidates and March 5th for candidates for all other positions.

Every state position varies in their duties, and each one is integral in helping maintain California FBLA as a whole. Most importantly, state officers serve as liaisons for CAFBLA members to get their questions and concerns answered in a timely and efficient manner.

State officers are also in charge of leading workshops and events at his or her respective Leadership Development Institute, as well as the State Leadership Summit, Officer Adviser Training Day, Section Leadership Conference, and State Leadership Conference.

A candidate's local chapter adviser is required to attend the State Leadership Summit, Leadership Development Institute, Officer and Adviser Training Day, the Section Leadership Conference, State Leadership Conference, and all three State Executive Board Meetings throughout the year. An adviser's inability to attend any of the aforementioned events may result in the officer's termination.

Becoming a State Officer is the best way to further immerse oneself in the journey that is FBLA. On behalf of the state team, all members are encouraged to take this next step in Pioneering Possibilities together

Please consider the following questions, as you will be required to answer each with appropriate depth in the application.

- Why are you a member of FBLA?
- Explain your reasons for wanting to be a state officer?
- If you were elected as a state officer, what is one activity/project you would like to accomplish?
- Serving as a state officer is a major commitment of time, energy, and resources. Describe the arrangements you have made to ensure you can dedicate adequate levels of each if elected.