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LDI- North
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Leadership Development Institute North was an amazing success! Members from all around northern California gathered for three days of this enormous conference. State and Section officers administered multiple workshops on a variety of topics: from "The Amazing World of Networking" to "Public Speaking 101."

Two guest speakers were in attendance at the event, and both of them gave long lasting and inspiring messages. Zayn Ali, a former Sutter Union High School FBLA member graduated high school to play professional Call of Duty on the international level. Jim Danz is the previous Homestead High School FBLA President, as well a past State Public Relations Officer. After recently graduating from Harvard University, he now works at a tech-startup firm with an old acquaintance he met through FBLA.

There were multiple social activities for members throughout the conference. Sessions of Zumba Dancing and a Photo Scavenger Hunt were held in the Ballroom for all members to attend. The State team led networking activities for all members to get acquainted with their fellow FBLA associates.

LDI-North 2012 held an unprecedented attendance, and is surely an event that will be the hallmark of any FBLA member's career. Your State team thanks you for your continual participation and involvement in FBLA as we move towards Pioneering Possibilities together in the future.

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



Lynbrook FBLA at LDI-North

OAT Days Summary

By Eric Xu, State Vice-President of Bay

Every year, the seven Sections of California FBLA host their own Officers and Advisers Training Days (OAT Days), at which the officers and advisers of local chapters learn to complete their duties and promote FBLA at their chapters from Section and State officers while networking with members of other chapters. The Section and State officers of each Section organized their OAT Days somewhat differently. Here is a recap from each Section:

Bay – 154 students from 25 schools traveled to Live Oak High School on September 22 for a day filled with interactive workshops about topics related to chapter management and officer duties. There were also many opportunities to network and share exciting ideas for officers to bring back to their own chapters.

Central – Central Section's OAT Day was held at Lindsay High School on September 22 and included officer responsibilities roundtables, State Project presentations, chapter liaison groups, and program of work planning, as well as exciting icebreakers and games. Central Section is on its way to a successful year!

Gold Coast – The Gold Coast OAT Day was very successful, with 71 members from 10 chapters attending a variety of workshops, including but not limited to topics such as "Business Achievement Awards," "Section Projects," and "Running for Office." There were also multiple icebreakers and a fun dance competition with a prize of two tickets to Six Flags.

Inland – The Inland Section held a very successful OAT Day on September 22nd at Santiago High School, with over 100 members, officers, and advisers in attendance and many interesting workshops covering the state and section projects and general office training. There was also a March of Dimes mini-walk to raise money for the March of Dimes.

Mission Valley – A total of 114 members from 13 of Mission Valley's 16 FBLA chapters met at the Exposition Park and California Science Center for OAT Day on September 23. The event featured two rounds of workshops about topics ranging from officer responsibilities to state and section projects, interactive icebreaker activities, and a tour of the California Science Center.

Northern – On August 10, the Northern Section chapter officers and advisers met in Colusa, California for the annual Northern Section OAT Day. Officers in attendance were able to learn about the new revisions to the California State Projects, drop box, competitive events, and Business Achievement Awards. Officers also enjoyed fun activities promoting teamwork and communication, as well as workshops about essential officer skills.

Southern – The Southern Section held its annual Chapter Adviser Planning (CAP) Day on September 29 at University High School, with 97 officers and advisers in attendance. The event featured workshops, focused on state projects, which were designed to give new members/officers a glimpse of what FBLA has to offer aside from competitive events. There were also fun teambuilding activities and chapter planning time for all chapters in attendance.