



March 13, 2020

I wanted to start off by addressing the elephant in the room – COVID-19 or coronavirus. **As of now, SLC is still planned to go on April 6-8.** We are taking precautions and are working with the Westin to minimize risk of transmission by implementing a no-handshake policy and additional safety measures. They provided an information sheet which I've provided in this email as well. At this time, we will be following the CDC Guidelines for handling COVID-19 and will be following the [Pima County health department's guidance](#) when it comes to conference planning and gathering. The Arizona Department of Education also has a constituent hotline that you can call with any questions **(602) 542-7378.**

If any of you have travel restrictions in place and are unable to attend SLC will you, please email me and let me know? I want to thank those of you who have kept me in the loop on what is going on regarding travel restrictions in your school and districts so far. These are such uncertain times and things are changing day by day so communicating changes is critical. If you have hotel reservations at any of our hotel blocks, please email me and I will take care of cancelling those for you. I will keep you updated the best I can of any changes that occur on our end with this situation as soon as I know as well.

Now onto state updates:

BAA Submissions: We are still fighting to the finish on our BAA submissions. Currently, we are holding strong in second place and are only 200 submissions behind first place. If you have students who have not submitted yet, encourage them to finish by the March 15 deadline. Here are the instructions and information on it <https://www.fbla-pbl.org/fbla/programs/education/baa/>.

On-line Testing: Please remember online testing is going on until April 3. You are doing all online testing at your school sites. We are not doing online testing at the SLC. Please remember to complete the proctor form each day your students are taking online tests <https://fblaarizona.wufoo.com/forms/s1ah44yr0kxm615/>.

Skill Event Testing: Needs to be done by March 17 at 5 pm. Again, the skill events are word processing, computer applications, database design and applications, and spreadsheet applications. Pre-submissions are due March 19 at 5 pm so we can let you know if your student is moving on to do the production tests at SLC. If your student is not moving on in these events, you will have time to change their event before the March 20 registration deadline.

SLC is open until **March 20**. All **pre-submissions are due March 19 by 5 pm**. Please remember all computer testing is done on your school campuses as we do not have any computer labs at State. The computer online testing opens March 2 and closes on April 3 so plan to test your students accordingly.

- **Registration Links**
 - High School Testing Link: <https://www.registermychapter.com/fbla/az>
 - Middle Level Testing Link: <https://www.registermychapter.com/fbla/az-mlslc>
- **Testing Links (Testing closes April 3)**
 - High School: <https://www.answerwrite.com/fbla/az>
 - Middle Level: <https://www.answerwrite.com/fbla/az-slc-ml>

Pre-Submissions: All pre-submissions are due on March 19 by 5 PM. The links for these events are located at <http://www.azfbla.org/2020-slc-event-submission/4594002688>. Pre-submissions include:

- (Middle Level) Local Chapter Activities Report
- (Middle Level) Multimedia and Website Development
- (High School)
 - 3D Animation
 - American Enterprise Project
 - Business Financial Plan
 - Business Plan
 - Community Service Project
 - Digital Video Production
 - Digital Photo – Professional Business Portfolios (Must include the Model Release Form)
 - Digital Photo – Commercial Photo Portfolio (Must include the Model Release Form)
 - Future Business Leader
 - Job Interview
 - Local Chapter Annual Business Report
 - Partnership with Business

Chapter Events: Since the Chapter events (Local Annual Chapter Business Report, Community Service Project, American Enterprise Project, and Partnership with Business) have a new presentation element to them, they will count as part of the student's five events. The Arizona only chapter events (Business graphics, Battle of the chapters, Scrapbook, T-shirt, and Chapter sign do not count as part of the five events.

Overflow Hotels: Notifications have all been sent out on this and we are fully booked at all three hotels. Let me know if you have not received an invoice yet or if you are at the Westward Look and are having problems reserving rooms. You have to click on the link to complete the reservation process for the Westward Look. All hotel reservations at the Westward Look must be made before May 16. Also, I have been told that if you make the reservation it is for the two nights (April 6 and 7).

State Judges: We are still looking for judges. If you know someone who would be interested, have them complete this form <https://fbloorizona.wufoo.com/forms/r10rro3x1inj7j8/>.

Photo ID: Our state is piloting using photo ID's for this year's state competition as Nationals will be going to photo ID checks for all National Competitors. New this year, your students will need to show Photo ID in order to compete at State Competition. **This is for high school students ONLY!** Please read below:

Arizona is piloting a national initiative of requesting photo identification of all competitive event participants. For performance competitors the member will be required to show a photo ID to the event facilitator before entering the event competition.

Requesting competitors to show photo identification helps increase the fidelity and integrity of FBLA's competitive events. We encourage government issued identification or school identification to be presented. The competitor must present an original, valid current photo ID that is issued by a city, state or federal government agency or by the competitor's school. The photo must be current and recognizable.

Some Examples:

- **Government-issued driver's license or non-driver ID card**
- **Official school-produced student ID card from the school the competitor currently attends**
- **Government-issued passport or U.S. Global Entry identification card**
- **Government-issued military or national identification card**

March 15st Deadlines:

- BAA/CSA's – We have had over 5,000 BAA's submitted so far and we are currently second. Let's keep fighting to the finish. Here are the instructions for inputting and submitting these awards <https://www.fbla-pbl.org/fbla/programs/education/baa/> and <https://www.fbla-pbl.org/fbla/programs/recognition-awards/csa/>.
- Do you have a student who will be completing their America Award? Please email me their name by March 15 so we can get them recognized.

March 19th Deadlines:

- Chapter Awards [click here](#)
- Scholarships [click here](#)
- National Business Honor Roll [click here](#)
- Who's Who [click here](#)
- Adviser of the year [click here](#)
- New Adviser of the year (Less than 3 years) [click here](#)
- Middle Level Adviser of the year [click here](#)
- Administrator of the year [click here](#)
- Business person of the year [click here](#)

Retiring Advisers: Do you know someone who is retiring or are you retiring? Please email me and let me know.

National Anthem Request: Know someone who would be interested in singing the national anthem at SLC? Have them complete this form <https://fblaarizona.wufoo.com/forms/sp1oc5p0k8cjzq/>

I know this is a lot of information, but I am trying to keep you in the FBLA happenings. I hope you are all enjoying your rest and relaxation of your spring breaks and that we can all get through these times of uncertainty. I will communicate any changes to you as soon as they happen if they do. Thanks for all you do! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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