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## Advisors' Update

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### Important Dates to Remember

- October 12**—Intent to Screen Deadline
- October 17**—State Officer Screening
- October 28**—FLC Registration Deadline
- October 28**—Pin Design Contest Entries Deadline
- November 11**—Fall Leadership Conference

### State Officer Screening

The deadline for submitting an *Intent to Screen* form is almost here. Forms must be received in the state advisor's mailbox by the end of the workday on Wednesday, October 12. Potential candidates should review the *State Officer Screening Handbook*, the posted Ohio Association *Fact Sheet*, and other suggested references to prepare for screening. It is our goal to select the 12 most-qualified state officer candidates possible.

**Clarification:** the candidate handbook indicates that an officer candidate must be registered for FLC. Your students can screen before registration has been completed. Advisors will have one week following screening to register candidates if the process is not complete prior to screening.

The general schedule for the October 17 screening is included in the handbook, which is posted on the Ohio BPA website. This schedule gives the time frame for each region's candidates. On Thursday (day after the Intent deadline), the advisor for each candidate who has filed an Intent will receive a specific interview appointment time.

As you plan your day for screening, the candidate can take his or her objective test and write the required essays either before or after the scheduled interview appointment. You should plan to be at Embassy Suites Dublin for approximately 1 to 1.5 hours for the interview and testing.

### Fall Leadership Conference

FLC Registration is open and quite a few schools have registered. This is encouraging. I expect that many more schools will register this week. You can register your students regardless of whether you have entered your membership for this year. It is also a good opportunity invite CTE students who are not members of a CTSO. Be sure that your administrators know that they are welcome to attend without a registration fee.

The FLC Information Packet is posted on the Ohio BPA website. We have more than 15 leadership development workshops from which your students can choose. Learning targets are given for each workshop to assist you in guiding students to the sessions that will enhance the learning objectives in your CTE program of study. A few registration reminders follow.

An instruction sheet is posted on [www.ohiobpa.org](http://www.ohiobpa.org).

1. Access the registration link

<https://www.registerychapter.com/flc/oh>.

Because we do not require that membership be paid prior to this conference you cannot use the BPA membership site.

2. If you registered for FLC last year, you will be able to log in at the above screen. If you did not register last year, click the link to enter your name and school.

3. After you have successfully signed in, enter the advisor(s) information, and then enter each student who will attend FLC. Choose a workshop for each session.
4. Be sure to identify your school's voting delegates in the *Status* category, and then register them for the Officer Candidate Speeches and for the Voting Delegate sessions.
5. You do not need to register for the opening and closing sessions; those will automatically be added to your students' schedules.
6. You will be able to edit your registration until October 28. If you complete registration and then learn after screening that you have an office candidate, you can update that student's status to *Officer Candidate*, or I will change it for you.
7. Advisors of current officers do not need to register them. I will do that.

### Pin Design Contest

Several pin designs have been received. Remember that each CTE approved program is eligible to submit a design. Be sure to include the program identification document with your design.

### Great American NO BULL Challenge

October is National Anti-Bullying Awareness Month. Fittingly, on October 4, the Cyber Safety Academy launched The Great American NO BULL Challenge. This is the first youth led program empowering students to stop cyber bullying, a problem 50% of teenagers have experienced, sometimes with deadly results.

National BPA and other youth organizations have partnered with the National Organizations for Youth Safety (NOYS) Coalition to promote the challenge. In an August communication to all CTSO leaders and other educators, NOYS announced the opportunity for two high school students to serve on its **Youth Advisory Council**.

I am extremely pleased to announce that Ohio Association's VP **Christina Green** is one of the two national council members. It will be a busy year for Christina, a senior from Akron Ellet High School, but also an extremely rewarding one. She will definitely represent BPA and Ohio well in this new, additional leadership role.

The NO BULL Challenge offers middle and high school students the opportunity to write and direct anti-bullying videos in a national competition. The winners will be recognized as celebrities at the star-studded NO BULL Red Carpet Awards in San Francisco in July. Videos can be submitted at: [www.nobullchallenge.org](http://www.nobullchallenge.org) between January 15 and March 15, 2011.

The Great American NO BULL Challenge represents the largest national campaign against cyber bullying in America's history. BPA is just one of numerous strategic partners for the challenge. Advisors, I encourage you to get your students involved in the challenge. Content from the student-created videos and footage from the red carpet awards event will be the subject of three powerful PSA's to be aired nationally, as well as a 25-minute school assembly program for schools and organizations to promote nationwide cyber safety education.

Check out the promotional video and get your students ready for the challenge!

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mgo2rwL\\_PsY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mgo2rwL_PsY)

### Membership Report

Thank you for the excellent start on getting your students' membership entered. Membership currently stands at 5,597 (5,393 students; 204 advisors). This is a great start. We hope to reach at least 9,000 total membership this year. Several new chapters have been added; I believe the goal is a realistic one. I encourage you to enroll your members as soon as possible.

### Blue Jackets Event Planned

Ohio BPA has partnered with OhioDECA for a career day with the Blue Jackets on October 25. The flyer is posted on our website.

Watch for information to be posted for the **OSU Career Day**, which will be December 14.