

E-NEWS



A Message from the President

Dear Pennsylvania Phi Beta Lambda Members and Advisors:

Can you believe that another great year of PA PBL is almost over?! As the school year comes to a close, I'd like to thank you for all of the hard work you have put into PBL in 2008-2009. We have accomplished so much together! PBL members across PA came together to do wonderful things for Habitat for Humanity, the March of Dimes, and Alex's Lemonade Stand. We have welcomed Bucknell University, California University of PA, McCann School of Business and Technology, the Everest Institute in Pittsburgh, and Waynesburg University to the PA PBL family. Your recruitment efforts led to an increase in PA PBL membership. And our state continues to have a strong presence on the regional and national level. Congratulations on all you have accomplished!

The State Executive Council is very much looking forward to this year's SLC in Harrisburg, PA, and we hope you are, too! This year's SLC promises to be more exciting than ever. We have some fantastic workshops scheduled that are sure to offer valuable insight into the world of business, and we will be continuing with the basket raffle that raises hundreds of dollars for the March of Dimes each year. We can't wait to see you at the SLC!

Once again, thank you for all of your hard work and congratulations on what you have accomplished so far this year! Let's finish the year off strong!

Sincerely,

Diana Trench

State President

Pennsylvania PBL

Natronia Heights Habitat
for Humanity Help-out
Day.



Indiana University Of Pennsylvania

By: Brandon J. Marasco

This year at IUP PBL, our chapter did a whole week of events so as to bring our organization closer together as a team and to show our PBL pride. Being that Saturday was Valentine's Day, throughout the week we took rose orders as a fundraiser and distributed them on Friday on top of our normal activities. A lot of people appreciated our fundraiser since students may not have time to stop and pick up flowers for their significant other. Also during the week, we went to the theater and watched "Paul Blart: Mall Cop". Thanks to the connections members have throughout town, everyone was able to watch the movie for free.

Other days, we decided to do more business related activities and so we had Dr. Mark Anthony come in to talk to us about the importance of networking and how to present ourselves. It is important to make a good first impression in a business environment. This was a very informative lecture that I think many people got a lot out of, especially when it comes to going to job fairs or going to interviews. Lastly, we took a whole day and decided that as a PBL chapter we would show pride in our organization and wear PBL's colors of blue and gold. The whole week was a great success and I believe the IUP PBL chapter will grow closer because of it.

Members of Bloomsburg University's
Chapter who placed 2nd in the Free
Enterprise Activity



Bloomsburg University

By: April Parker

Bloomsburg PBL Chapter has done a lot of activities so far this semester with many more to go. We had our first general January 26th and our committees started brainstorming on our events for this semester. We have some fun events lined up so far such as wing night, movie night and bowling. For community service, we will participate in the March of Dimes on March 26. We decided to make T-Shirts for a University event as a fundraiser, our Gertrude Hawk candy sell last semester was a huge success with our member raising over \$1,000. We have an etiquette dinner set up for March 16th for our members to learn a little more about manners. Our chapter also celebrated Free Enterprise week by having the members come up with a product out of random items in a paper bag. The winners were judged by the previous years winners and were awarded candy as prizes. We have a few of students who will be attending the State Conference April 3-5th at Harrisburg East Holiday Inn. We have a number of seniors graduating including most of our executive board members which we will be electing members to fill opening position. We hope this semester will be as successful as the last one and are looking forward to having an even better one.

March of Dimes

By: Chrissy Pullin

March of Dimes Fundraising Ideas

Over the past 40 years PBL raised over 15 million dollars for the March of Dimes. In order to make this year as successful as it has been in the past there are a few new inexpensive fundraising ideas for chapters. You can hold a Baby Bingo Night where you charge people for a baby themed card each game and give out a prize to the winner of each game. It is easy to obtain bingo cards, just simply Google baby shower bingo cards and you can pick your favorites. Another fundraising idea is to hold a Baby Scavenger Hunt. Advertise this event at your college and charge an admission fee for each group that signs up. Compile your own list of baby items or baby related things for groups to find. One last idea is to hold a cutest baby contest. You can do this with current baby pictures or hold it on campus and have students submit their own baby pictures. Charge for each picture submitted and have people vote on their favorite. Give the “cutest baby” a prize at the end of the contest.

We hope you have fun with these fundraisers and feel free to vary them to make them your own. Remember... “A new baby is like the beginning of all things-wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities.”

-Eda J. Le Shan



University of Pittsburgh

By: Amanda Markle

Showing Some Pitt PBL Love For A Great Cause

Every year during PBL/FBLA week, Pitt PBL shows their spirit by letting CBA students know how wonderful PBL is. This year, on Tuesday February 10th and Wednesday February 11th we tabled in Sennott Square to show our PBL spirit by giving out Valentine's Day candy. Donations were accepted and sixty one dollars were raised in just those few hours of tabling. These donations will benefit the March of Dimes. Many members helped to table the event and many more stopped by. Thanks to our dedicated members, we were able to show our PBL love and raise money for a wonderful charitable organization.

State Leadership Conference Reminders

Please make note of the following:

- Please remember to bring a basket to be raffled off on Saturday (all proceeds will be donated to March of Dimes and the chapter whose basket raises the most money will be awarded \$50).
- Changes to the national dress code can be reviewed at www.fbla-pbl.org.
- Professional dress is required at every meal (including breakfast).
- Don't forget about the Spirit Competition at the SLC! Remember to bring posters, banners, pins, T-shirts, or whatever else you can think of to show your spirit for PA PBL. The most spirited PA PBL chapter will be presented with an award! Last year's Spirit Award winner, Duquesne University, will be watching for the most spirited team from registration through the Awards Ceremony, when the new winner will be announced!
- The state officers will host a game night on Friday night.
- There will be two professional speakers (one at opening session and one at the second session).
- If you have any questions please feel free to ask any state officer or state advisor, visit www.papbl.org for their email.

Amanda Cappellitti and Alissa Soto have resigned due to personal reasons, we wish them the best of luck in all that they do. Amanda's PCI's may contact any state officer or state advisor with any questions.

We welcome Heather Deakin as the new Testing Coordinator, and beginning next year Bob Durney will be taking over as Conference Coordinator.

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