**PEOPLE**

**GEORGIA FBLA STATE OFFICERS**

State President: Vaishu Adimulam, Alpharetta High School

State Secretary: Jason Ling, Johns Creek High School

State Parliamentarian: Elizabeth Howell, Brantley County High School

Communication Vice President: Tyler Schott, Lumpkin County High School

Southwest Area Vice President: Keerti Soundappan, Houston County High School

Southeast Area Vice President: Timothy Tucker, Coffee High School

Northwest Area Vice President: Chloe Wilson, Ringgold High School

North Metro Area Vice President: Devansh Yerpude, Northview High School

Northeast Area Vice President: Lauren Freeman, Winder-Barrow High School

**OTHER GEORGIA FBLA PEOPLE**

State Chairperson/DOE Program Specialist for Business & Computer Science: Delda Hagin

Executive Director/State Adviser: Monty Rhodes

Middle Level Coordinator: Linda Grooms

Competitive Event Coordinators: Cherie Hooks & Paula Davis

Chair of Georgia FBLA Board of Directors: Chris Jeffreys, Creekview High School

Chair-elect of Georgia FBLA Board of Directors: Tom Hatcher, Alpharetta High School

Past chair of Georgia FBLA Board of Directors: Shannon Anderson-Rush, North Forsyth High School

Other Georgia FBLA Board Members:

* Brandy Barlow, George W. Carver – Freshman Campus
* Donna Collins, Vidalia High School
* Kateau James, Deloitte
* Kym Johnson, Ringgold High School
* Stephanie McCall, Northview High School
* Johnnie Sue Moore, Jasper County High School
* Jessica Smith, Emanuel County Instiutte
* Ashley Wyatt, Thomson High School

Ex-officio Georgia FBLA Board Members:

* Shannon Anderson-Rush, North Forsyth High School (past chair)
* Monty Rhodes, Executive Director/State Adviser
* Delda Hagin, DOE Program Specialist
* Linda Grooms, Middle Level Coordinator
* Sheila Jones, Houston County High School (treasurer)

**NATIONAL FBLA OFFICERS** (partial list)

National President: Eu Ro Wang, Massachusetts

National Secretary: Keerti Soundappan, Georgia

National Treasurer: Galadriel Coury, Arizona

National Parliamentarian: Michael Zhao, California

National Southern Region Vice President: Ty Rickard, Alabama

**OTHER NATIONAL FBLA-PBL PEOPLE**

President & Chief Executive Officer: Jean Buckley

Chair of FBLA-PBL Board of Directors: Glenn Morris, California

Chair-elect of FBLA-PBL Board of Directors: Ron Pierce, Florida

Past chair of FBLA-PBL Board of Directors: Stacee McIff, Utah

Southern Region Representatives on FBLA-PBL Board of Directors: Cherie Hooks, Georgia; Jody Jones, Florida

**ORGANIZATION**

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION**

Address: 1912 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191

Founded by Hamden L. Forkner in 1937; first chapter chartered in 1942; incorporated in 1969

Nationally recognized CTSO (career and technical student organization)

Four Divisions: FBLA-Middle Level, FBLA, Phi Beta Lambda, Professional Division

Five Regions: Western, Mountain Plains, North Central, Southern, Eastern

National Service Partner: March of Dimes

National Membership Theme: Create. Lead. Inspire.

Official colors: Blue and gold

National website: [www.fbla-pbl.org](http://www.fbla-pbl.org)

FBLA dues: $6 (national) and $5 (state)

Fiscal Year: July 1-June 30

Membership Year: August 1-July 31

**STATE ORGANIZATION**

Address: 3316-A South Cobb Drive, Suite #229, Smyrna, GA 30080

Founded on December 3, 1947 at Hapeville High School (adviser: Catherine Merrill)

First State President: Russell Mercer

First State Adviser: Mrs. Zeb Vance

15 regions

State Theme: Emerge

State Project: Educating Members Early Regarding Georgia’s Economy (EMERGE)

State website: [www.georgiafbla.org](http://www.georgiafbla.org)

Part of the national FBLA-PBL Southern Region

**CELEBRATIONS**

FBLA-PBL Week: February 3-9

American Enterprise Day: November 15

World Prematurity Day: November 17

**COMPETITIVE EVENTS**

Divided into three categories: Individual, team, and chapter

New competitive events: Political Science

Know list of events that start at RLC (page 22 of Chapter Planning Guide – Scenarios 1-4)

Know list of events that are considered “straight to state (page 24 of Chapter Planning Guide – Scenario 5 – Non-RLC Events)

Know components of Official Dress (Chapter Planning Guide – Page 25)

Know which events are restricted to members in 9th or 10th grades (Chapter Planning Guide – Page 18; Grade column)

At the 2018 National Leadership Conference, we had 143 members from 34 chapters win 97 national awards, including 19 first places.

**CONFERENCES**

2019 National Leadership Conference, San Antonio (June 29-July 2)

2019 FBLA State Leadership Conference, Hyatt Regency Atlanta (March 22-23 – Registration Fee: $75; Due February 12)

2019 Middle Level State Leadership Conference, Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center, Covington (February 25 – Registration Fee: $50; Due January 29)

2019 Region Leadership Conferences, 15 locations across state (January 9-31 – Registration Fee: $20; Due November 27)

2018 Fall Leadership Conference, Classic Center, Athens (November 7-8 – Registration: $50; Due October 2)

2018 National Fall Leadership Conferences (Registration Fee: $65)

* Chicago (November 2-3)
* Albuquerque (November 9-10)
* Charlotte (November 16-17)

2018 Fall Motivational Rally, Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter, Perry (October 11 – Registration Fee: $35; Due September 11)

2018 FBLA Adviser Leadership Conferences (FALCON)

* Savannah (September 12)
* Covington (September 19)
* Macon (September 20)

2018 Summer Leadership & Officer Training Summits (SLOTS) (Registration Fee: $35)

* South Forsyth High School, Cumming (July 9)
* Cartersville High School, Cartersville (July 10)
* Swainsboro High School, Swainsboro (July 11)
* Crisp County High School, Cordele (July 12)

**CHAPTER OF THE YEAR & SWEEPSTAKES**

Bronze chapters: 600-899 points

Silver chapters: 900-1199 points

Gold chapters: 1200+ points

Superior chapters: Top 20 Gold chapters or at least 5 in each division

Chapter of the Year entries must be received by February 19; early submissions are due December 5

2017-2018 Chapter of the Year

1. South Forsyth High School
2. Alpharetta High School
3. Brookwood High School

2017-2018 State Sweepstakes

1. Alpharetta High School
2. South Forsyth High School
3. Northview High School