



# CTSO ALASKA

## Performance Based Assessment Conference

### FINDING OUR WAY

~ BPA ~ DECA ~ EdRising ~ FCCLA ~ FFA ~ HOSA ~ SkillsUSA ~

Black Spruce Design

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**B**ringing together all of the components for a successful CTSO experience.

**I**ntegrating leadership, competitive events and organizational business for a complete CTSO experience.

**N**avigating through education and job training opportunities for an enhanced CTSO experience.

**G**iving of our time and talents to provide our students with a meaningful CTSO experience.

**O**ffering all we can to the future workforce through the complete CTSO experience.

**BINGO!** Yes Bingo. That AHA moment when we realize the importance of the moment, and BINGO the game. We have lots of Bingo moments when teaching and advising our students, and this year, our special event on Friday evening during conference will be a lively and exciting Bingo festival.

Various prizes will be awarded for the regular games and the final five games will feature gift packages provided by each CTSO each with a \$40 value and a grand prize yet to be determined. We're excited as the planning progresses and we hope you are too. Stay tuned for more news as we near our conference!

The last weekend of September the State Advisors and Officers met and have chosen the theme "Finding Our Way" for the 2018 CTSO PBAC Conference. Our logo is in the final stages of design and should be released for use by the November newsletter. It's bold, bright, and depicts our search in learning and training as we move forward in our education and our careers.

Additionally at our Fall Planning Meeting all five of the committees began organizing and planning their specific events. The energy and enthusiasm kept us busy even as we ran to our buses and planes to take us back home. Many new ideas are in the works and you can anticipate additional tour options this year and a

wider range of workshop topics to reach even more of our attendees interests.

#### **REGISTRATION!!!!**

All registration dates open this year on **December 1** and will be closing on Tuesday, **January 16**. This will allow our advisors and schedulers the time needed to create the best schedules during conference for our competitive events, workshops, tours and special events. We'll also be able to have firm registration numbers by our January Planning Meeting so that room sizes are better matched to events and supply ordering needs. Please keep this in mind as you may need to register with your national office prior to registering for State Conference.

Be sure in the coming weeks to check out the website for updated documents and information as it becomes available. Contact information for myself and your State Association are also posted for your convenience. As always, you can email or call me with any questions you may have.

Enjoy the last vestiges of fall and see you soon.

#### **Future Important Dates:**

Scheduling our conference is always a challenge. We have to juggle spring breaks, sports, Easter, hotel venue availability, and National CTSO registration dates. We try our best but there will always be conflicts. As such, here are the tentative dates for the next two years:

Winter Planning - State Officers . . . . .	January 19 - 20
2017-2018 State Conference . . . . .	Mar 22 - 24
for BPA, EdRising, FCCLA and HOSA	
DECA State Conference . . . . .	Contact State Advisor
SkillsUSA State Conference . . . . .	Mar 22-24
TBD . . . . .	Hotel and Meeting space
Competitive Events . . . . .	KCC/UAA/MatSu

**These dates may be adjusted and additional dates may be announced for special events.**