



# CTSO ALASKA

## Performance Based Assessment Conference

### LIGHT UP YOUR FUTURE

~ BPA ~ DECA ~ FCCLA ~ HOSA ~ SkillsUSA ~ FEA ~ FFA ~

Black Spruce Design

December/January 2016-17

### ***Hello Local Advisors!***

Onward and upward has become the mantra of your State Advisors and Officers this year! Their determination and drive to plan and execute another great CTSO Conference in March continues unabated. Through our twice-monthly conference calls and our Wiki site, planning progresses. So . . .

Here is our logo for CTSO 2017. Thank you to Heidi Lee from Kodiak High for taking the lead in the design and modifications of the idea. Another great year with another great logo!



### Highlights -

Activities is working hard on Friday evening events. We're planning on having a Movie/Game room, each CTSO is looking at a quiz bowl, a selfie booth will be set up, and a Dance/DJ is being worked on.

Due to cuts to our budget, the Dance/DJ is subject to \$750 being raised to offset the cost. It was agreed that each CTSO would be responsible for raising \$150 towards this amount. At this time BPA has raised their portion of the funds. If your local chapter can assist with this, please contact you State Advisor for additional details.

Civics continues to plan connections with governmental representatives with ways to showcase CTSO,

and develop ways your local chapters can assist in our Civic Project, MyHouse.

Workshops have already completed a full schedule and will soon be working on other learning activities during Thursday afternoon and evening. A separate registration site may be used starting March 1 for scheduling participation in these events. Please stay tuned.

Registration has increased \$4 this year and we will continue to provide a conference t-shirt. Please be sure to include your size when registering so that we can make our order and complete and correct as possible.

Our Winter Planning Meeting for our State Officers and Advisors is January 19-21. Be sure to forward any comments, questions or concerns to your State Association so that we can address and discuss them during this time.

### ***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:

### **Registration Dates:**

BPA . . . . . January 10 - February 10  
 FCCLA/FEA . . . . . February 1 - 15  
 HOSA registration ends . . . . . January 17  
 Skills registration . . . . . February 1 - 28  
 Late registration ends . . . . . One (1) week after your date  
**State Conference . . . . . March 23 - 25**

2017-2018 Conference . . . . . Mar 22 - 24

Winter Planning Meeting . . . . . January 19 - 22  
 (for state officers only)

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