



CTSO ALASKA

Performance Based Assessment Conference

BUILDING SUCCESS TOGETHER

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Hello Local Advisors!

Hard to believe that December is here already. Time is sure flying by and I can't quite figure out how that can be. I'm not needing to keep up with all the deadlines of grades and Yearbook deadlines anymore now that I am retired. But so many friends and acquaintances had all said that I'd be busier in retirement than when I was working. I'm finding that to be true, as odd as it is, and between now having the time to really dig in to culling out junk in the house, new volunteer activities, regular daily life and CTSO, the calendar is really flying by.

Isn't that part of what we're teaching our students? How to build their success now and in their future jobs, how to plan and save and achieve in their own manner, and to enjoy the future that they will have hopefully built because of their success in their careers. And you continue to put in the long hours and time needed everyday to help your students build their success.

Our State Officers continue to work on the success of our State Conference in March/April of 2016. They're putting the finishing touches on the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and will be practicing at the Winter Planning meeting. Civics continues to coordinate with Covenant House and inform you of ways your chapters can contribute to ***Building Up Our Homes***, our civic project. Activities is working on the song list for the DJ and planning alternate activities for those not wishing to dance. Workshops have made many, many contacts and are starting to line up an exciting list of informative and helpful presenters.

Our State Advisors continue to mentor the State Officers and have begun to formulate and plan a day of training for local advisors, especially new advisors. Tentative plans are for this to occur in September of 2016. We hope to have a survey ready in late January to assess what you might look for in this opportunity.

So, busy is the word, time is whizzing by, and the end of the year approaches. Be safe and enjoy your

Holidays.

Final edits have also been completed and this is our Conference Logo for 2015-2016.



Enjoy a restful winter break, good times with family, and a happy New Year.

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 three years:

Registration Dates:

Registration starts February 1
BPA/FCCLA/FEA registration ends . . . February 15
BPA/FCCLA/FEA late registration ends . February 22
Skills registration ends February 29
Skills late registration ends March 7
State Conference March 31-April 2

2016-2017 Conference Mar 23 - 25
2017-2018 Conference Mar 22 - 24

Winter Planning Meeting January 15 - 17
(for state officers only)

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