



# CTSO ALASKA

## Performance Based Assessment Conference

### BUILDING SUCCESS TOGETHER

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

Black Spruce Design

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

Nothing ever goes quite as smoothly as one hopes. This year is no exception and after the bumps of a needed software upgrade and the associated troubleshooting, I'm off and running again with our CTSO newsletters, albeit a month late. Learning never ends, which is a good thing, and that leads us to the theme for 2015-2016.

***Building Success Together*** is our theme this year. Just as Adobe and I worked today on building success together to download and install and work out the bugs on my computer, our CTSO members, Advisors and members alike, and everyone else invested in our young students futures, will work together to build their success in their future endeavors. What are the building blocks for success in their future? Our State Officers have worked together very hard this year in planning our conference and have found that leadership, compassion, community, teamwork, innovation and professionalism are all integral to Building Success Together. Our logo for the year is just about complete and we will forward it to you once the final concept has been approved.

Along those lines, our Civics Committee has picked Building Up Our Home as our project. How can you and your local chapters help? Food, toiletry, professional dress, and winter clothes drives are only a few ideas put forth by your State Officers. In connection with this, Covenant House will be the recipient of our Money War funds. How can you help out? Think about homeless youth and families in your communities and what they need, what your local chapter can do, what difference you can make no matter how small. Please participate and connect somehow, someway.

Another exciting choice the State Officers made at our Fall Planning meeting was by selecting Layman Hicks as our Keynote speaker this year. In speaking with Laymon on the phone, his energy and enthusiasm is contagious and a distinctly different choice. From his website, this is Laymon's overall message:



#### **Get Up, Get Out, and Go Get It**

Energy, empowerment, motivation, strategy: Laymon leads your students through the most powerful life principles they need to pursue their dreams and goals. And more – to achieve greatness! Laymon shares his

own unique story – no holds barred – connects with their core and shows the students how his personal epiphanies can positively spin their world around and change their lives forever.

#### **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  
 HOSA registration ends . . . . . January 14  
 Skills registration ends . . . . . February 29  
 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.*