



CTSO ALASKA

Performance Based Assessment Conference

LIGHT UP YOUR FUTURE

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

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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 . . .

This year, our theme is ***Light Up Your Future***. We are stressing the importance of plugging in to the resources and opportunities available for each member to “Light” their skills and abilities as they work towards their full potential and future careers. We should have our Conference Logo designed and ready for distribution by next week.

The service project and money war for the year and at the spring conference is My House. Their mission is to provide a safe shelter for homeless youth with a goal of connecting kids to a network of caring individuals and agencies able to assist them in becoming self-sufficient. My House offers food, clothing, shower and laundry services, employment services, public health care, mediation services, help with legal issues and support and referral for mental health and substance abuse treatment. More will be coming in the next newsletter with ideas from our Civics Committee as to how your chapters can participate in the service project to benefit both your community and My House.

Another change to be aware of this year is that the registration fee will be increasing from \$95 to \$99 dollars. We’ve tried hold down our expenses over the years and have done very well. In spite of that, and with the cuts to the grant funding from the state, the State Advisors and I felt that to continue to provide certain aspects of the conference, this slight increase was needed.

Attendees will still receive a conference T-shirt and other conference amenities, but we will be eliminating the dinner. New sponsorships and funding are being secured for the DJ so a dance is in the works. Other activities for Thursday, and additionally on Friday eve-

ning, will be a Selfie-booth and a Selfie-Scavenger hunt along with the usual Quiz Bowl for SkillsUSA and now also for BPA and HOSA.

Lots is in progress and being planned, so stay tuned. We’re excited and hope you are too!

BPA State Officer Candidates -

A change in the requirements for BPA State Officer Candidates this year will be that each candidate will need to earn their Next Step Academy’s Digital Certification Badge prior to state conference. Should you have additional questions, please email Mrs. Riddle for more information at amy.riddle@matsuk12.us. There is also a link at

<http://ctsoalaska.org/forms/nextstep.pdf>



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 16
Skills registration ends 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.