



CTSO ALASKA

Performance Based Assessment Conference

NAVIGATING YOUR FUTURE

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

Black Spruce Design

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Navigate The Future

First, our theme for the year is “*Navigating The Future*.” This was chosen with the thought in mind that the State Officers fellow CTSO classmates are often in planned courses of study and have a general idea of where they might be headed educationally, but what steps are there still to take, how can they find these resources, who is there to help them along the way, and what encouragement do we need to provide to them.

Here is our logo for the 2014-15 CTSO year. Rea Barcelon, FCCLA Historian, took the ideas from our Fall Planning Meeting and worked hard listening to all of the input from her fellow state officers before the final draft was met.

Way to go Rea!



Civic Project

This year our Civic Project is Adopt-A-Family. Each and every CTSO group can easily participate in this project and the exciting aspect is that the path that each local CTSO chapter might take can be different but no less inspiring in their local community. BPA chapters might help out families with resume services and interview skills, FCCLA chapter could assist with healthy and cost effective menu planning. HOSA Chapters could help design healthy exercise plans and ideas for monitoring health issues. Skills chapters could assist in home repairs, FEA in teaching basic reading and other skills to young children, and DECA chapters could help with dress-for-success skills for adults reentering the workforce.

The possibilities are many and are only limited by your imagination. See the Civics Project flyer for more details.

CTSO Instagram

CTSO has an Instagram account and our hashtag is #ctsoalaska! Why might we have a hashtag? Because the state officers thought that there is so much going on in our local chapters that we need to share pictures of what great things CTSO is doing around the state of Alaska. And besides, the more you share, the more pictures we'll have for our Opening and Closing Ceremony slide shows. So, whether you're holding a meeting of your chapter, participating in a community service activity, or just having a CTSO social event, share your photos with #ctsoalaska.

Conference Fee

We also want to remind everyone that there has been an increase in the amount of the registration fee for the 2014-15 CTSO Conference. After looking at our budget for the past three years and looking at the rising cost of meeting space and meal at the Hilton and general expenses for printing and t-shirts to name a few other items, we decided to raise the fee \$5 to \$90. We want to keep the cost as low as possible, but also see the need to keep up with rising costs and not have a huge increase many years down the road.

Important Dates:

- Winter Planning Meeting January 16 - 18
(for state officers only)
- Registration starts February 1
- Registration ends for the following on . . February 16
BPA, DECA, FCCLA, HOSA, and FEA
- SkillsUSA registration ends February 28
- Late registration ends TBA
- State Conference. March 19 - 21

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