




Lessons from FLC

Fall Leadership Conference is an annual leadership seminar hosted by Oklahoma BPA and DECA, where members from across the state are invited to develop their leadership skills through dynamic workshops led by the state officer teams and community leaders. I have had the pleasure to attend FLC since 2016 and every year I continue to learn new leadership skills. This year, I have three words to describe FLC: **Friendship, Laudable, and Collaboration.**

Friendship

Fall Leadership Conference allowed me to bond with my fellow state officers, especially during rehearsals, because you never really know someone until you have seen them under pressure. Every one of us wanted to be sure our members attended the best FLC yet, which we accomplished by rehearsing over and over until we knew our parts like the backs of our hands. At FLC, I also had the opportunity to build relationships with the members who graciously elected me to serve as their 2018-2019 State President. There is nothing better than meeting people who inspired you to run in the first place. I connected with new and returning members; I still talk to some of them regularly! Fall Leadership Conference is a great place to bond with your chapter, and make like-minded friends.





Laudable

As mentioned before, FLC boasts some of the most informative keynotes and leadership workshops. Our keynote speaker, Jerrod Murr, talked about our personal dreams and how to achieve them—a talk no one wanted to miss. FLC includes inspiring workshops, complete with tips BPA and DECA member can use in a real workplace setting. Another workshop that stands out was Competition University, which gave members pointers on how to succeed in over 150 combined events between BPA and DECA. This workshop is important because it gives the attendees a competitive advantage, through tips provided by experts in each respective Career and Technical Student Organization.

Collaboration

Every Fall Leadership Conference, the state officers from BPA and DECA are invited to host leadership workshops of their own. These workshops are collaborations between both organizations, for the benefit of the members, which all of us enjoy making connections with. Working with a diverse group of individuals taught me how to adapt to various situations and perfect my teamwork skills. The workshop project has been my favorite state officer project so far, because of how it allowed me to work with officers outside of DECA. It was inspiring to see the motivation amongst us officers working together to empower our members.

Overall, Fall Leadership Conference is an amazing experience I advise you not to miss. It is full of new friendships, laudable workshops, and a collaboration that helps an officer team truly bond with one another.



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