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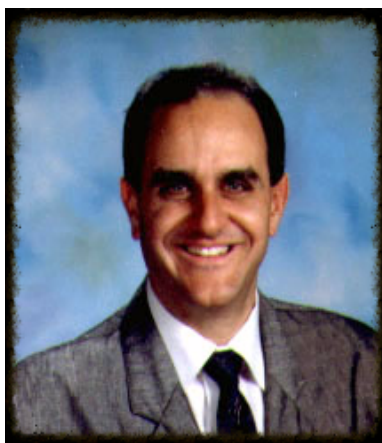
WELCOME to the First Issue of the LIBTA Electronic Newsletter.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Paul Infante

How quickly another school year begins! We are sure you had a terrific summer recess, spending some quality time with family and friends. As LIBTA embarks on another year, we would like to congratulate our Past-President's, Dianne Elmore & Karen Poidomani, as well as members of the Executive Board for a successful 14-15 school year. Along with the Executive Board, Catherine and I are excited to announce some new offerings and enhancements, such as the update of the website and a digital newsletter, just to name a few.

When Hillary Clinton used an African proverb for the title of her book, "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child," she referred to a community's involvement in the success of educating and nurturing a child. The same holds true with the success of LIBTA. The continued success of our

organization is the result of numerous business educators providing students a fully comprehensive, meaningful education as well as practical opportunities to participate in organization sponsored activities and events. Additionally, LIBTA affords business educators unique educational opportunities through a variety of conferences and workshops.

LIBTA is only as strong as its members. Get involved, become an active member! Attend a conference, assist at the organization's annual contest or simply attend any LIBTA function to support your students' and colleagues' efforts. The commitment is great but ultimately, the satisfaction you will get is even greater!

Enjoy the remaining few days of summer and all the best for a terrific, fulfilling year!

Sincerely,
Paul Infante and Catherine Sturtz
Co-Presidents



- **LIBTA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION -- ASAP-- (See Link Below for PDF application)**
- **OCTOBER 20, 2015 -- LIBTA FALL CONFERENCE -- at the TFCU Building, Motor Pkwy, Hauppauge, NY -- 3:30 - 6 pm**
- **APRIL 6, 2016 -- LIBTA Student Contests (Commack HS)**
- **MAY 24, 2016 -- LIBTA Awards Luncheon**

KNOW MORE ABOUT US.....

It is imperative that Long Island Business Teachers continue to unite to strengthen Business Education, not only on a local level but on the New York State level as well. We would

encourage you and your entire department to join LIBTA. Your support is paramount to the continued success of our organization. Our goal is to build a stronger voice for the business educators on Long Island and to increase the membership in both Nassau and Suffolk counties.

Please visit our website at www.longislandbta.org for membership and conference information.

WHY JOIN US?

- Professional Development Workshops
- Professional Support and Networking
- State Conferences and Workshops
- Scholarship and Award Opportunities
- Student Competitions
- Contacts with Publishing, Business and Industry Professionals
- Updates from NY State Education Department
- Opportunities for Professional Peer Interactions

[CLICK HERE FOR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION](#)

**FALL CONFERENCE -- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015
TEACHERS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION BUILDING
MOTOR PARKWAY, HAUPPAUGE
3:30 - 6:00 p.m.**

~~EARN 2 HOURS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BY ATTENDING~~

Agenda includes:

- Interact with a Panel of Employers about "The Competencies Employers Want When Hiring"
- How will Career Pathways Impact our Programs?
- Advocacy for Career and Technical Education Programs



WHAT'S GOING ON.....Legislative Update:

By SallyKaye Kaufman
LIBTA Secretary
Roslyn High School



While we were catching up on much needed summer sleep, our representatives in Washington were busy passing legislation that will impact our educational discipline significantly.

Let's start with the Senate re-authorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) through the new "Every Child Achieves Act"(S.1177). A key part of the Act impacting us includes CTE in its Common Core Language.

What does this mean?

It means that schools will have to create "college and career pathways" for students, and that business education will now be included as a Common Core academic subject. What happens next is that the House must pass this version of the bill, and then it will be sent to the White House for signature.

Read more about this breakthrough moment here:

<http://blog.careertech.org/?p=11730>

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The White House announced that there will be a new Presidential Scholars category for CTE. This further illustrates the federal government's commitment to recognizing our discipline as an essential piece of the educational pie for our students.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2015/06/23/launch-presidential-scholars-career-and-technical-education>

A few days after the announcement, the White House hosted a celebration of CTE, including student representatives from CTSO's such as DECA and FBLA.

<http://www.ed.gov/edblogs/ovae/2015/07/28/white-house-celebrates-cte-students-and-teachers/>

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In July, two members of Congress created the America's Skilled

Workforce Caucus. This was an open symposium for the purpose of discussing the federal, state and local investment in CTE programming and how it will impact the job market by better preparing a skilled generation of workers.

<http://ctepolicywatch.typepad.com/blog/2015/07/acte-speaks-at-first-ever-congressional-investment-in-americas-skilled-workforce-caucus-symposium.html>

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A group of Senate members introduced the "Middle School Technical Education Program" (Middle STEP), with the purpose of initiating a pilot program to push more CTE into middle schools.

<http://www.kaine.senate.gov/press-releases/kaine-reintroduces-middle-step-act-to-create-cte-pilot-program-in-middle-schools>

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To keep abreast of legislative developments, you can follow the ACTE's Policy Watch Blog:

<http://ctepolicywatch.typepad.com/>

You can also follow them on Facebook

<http://actete.ch/1tQ4qdG>

MONTHLY CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES, LESSON PLANS AND DISCUSSIONS

16 Ways 9/11 Changed The Way We Do Business:

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/brettnelson/2011/09/08/16-ways-911-changed-the-way-we-do-business/>

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