

**PISCATAWAY HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL DR. MICHAEL WANKO
SELECTED AS FBLA NJ PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

Sixteen Students Capture First Place in the State

PISCATAWAY, NJ – Future Business Leaders of American, Phi Beta Lambda, Inc. (FBLA-PBL) presented their Local Chapter Professional of the Year award to Piscataway High School Principal Dr. Michael Wanko at their State Leadership Conference, held on March 12th and 13th in Edison, NJ. Dr. Wanko was one of only five honored statewide because of his demonstrated commitment to the FBLA-PBL. Dr. Wanko was also invited to administer and score the competitive events being held during the two-day conference.

Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda is a nonprofit education association and the largest business career student organization in the world. The high school division has a quarter of a million students preparing for careers in business and business-related fields. FBLA-PBL's National Awards Program recognizes and rewards excellence in a broad range of business areas, with students competing in events that test their business knowledge and skills.

During this year's recent state conference the following PHS students garnered first place: Neel Mainthia (Grade 12), Mohammad Mallick (Grade 11), and Daniel Kao (Grade 11) for Battle of the Chapters; William Cheng (Grade 10), Karen Feng (Grade 10), and Richard Kim (Grade 10) for Business Financial Plan; Marcus Parker (Grade 11), Anthony Parascandola (Grade 10), and Kenny Nguyen (Grade 11) for Business Plan Project; Mohammad Mallick (Grade 11), Daniel Kao (Grade 11), and Beverly Wong (Grade 11) for Business Presentation; Chirag Patel (Grade 11) for Electronic Digital Portfolio; Matthew Baldwin (Grade 12), Frederick Awich (Grade 12), and Sigalla Nwana (Grade 12) for Management Decision Making. Second place was awarded to Eeshan Bhatt (Grade 10) for Public Speaking I. All of these students qualify to advance to competition at the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, CA in June.

About Piscataway Township Schools

Serving over 7,000 students, Piscataway Township Schools provide K through 12 and pre-school programming, special education instructional programs and services, as well as before and aftercare, adult education classes, youth enrichment programs, and summer youth programs. The mission of the Piscataway Public Schools is the continual development of each child's intellectual, aesthetic, social and physical abilities in a positive environment that fosters self-esteem, to help each student realize their abilities and gifts. To this end the Board of Education adopted three strategic goals - by 2011: all graduates of Piscataway High School will be able to attend college and take all courses for credit; non-instructional support services will be delivered on time, on budget, and with a 95 percent customer approval rating; and Piscataway will be a community united for the purpose of providing every child with an education that prepares him or her to succeed in a global society. For more information visit www.pway.org or call 732-572-2289.