

FSPA's 2011 Convention: April 28 - 30

The Social Network

This year's convention will be a hub for uploading ideas and downloading new information, along with the opportunity to connect with other people and go viral on the social network. Join your fellow journalists at the 2011 convention - broadcast, newspaper, literary magazine, yearbook and web publications - and you will find many things to like and chat about along the way.

Convention Profile

Convention and Hotel Registration Deadline

March 18, 2011 (Forms available online Feb. 1)

Convention Registration

Students

Participants from publications who attended a Fall District Workshop (including all schools in District 5, which did not have a District Workshop)

\$75 per person by March 18, 2011

\$100 per person after March 18, 2011

Participants from publications who did not attend a Fall District Workshop

\$100 per person by March 18, 2011

\$125 per person after March 18, 2011

Advisers - New! Lower price for advisers!

\$50 per adviser who attended a Fall District Workshop

\$75 per adviser who did not attend a Fall District Workshop

Contest Information

Registration forms and details available online Feb. 1

Hotel Reservations

\$165/room - up to 4 people

All convention delegates must stay at the convention hotel.

Reservation form available online Feb. 1 and must be sent directly to the Hilton.

FSPA Membership Required

All publications must be members of FSPA prior to registering for the convention. [Complete the Membership form online.](#)

Is my publication a current FSPA member?

[Click here to view membership list. \(pdf download\)](#)

Convention Highlights

- Over 70 sessions for broadcast, literary magazine, newspaper, and yearbook students and advisers
- Increased emphasis on multimedia journalism
- Keynote address by a nationally recognized journalist
- Team and individual On-the-Spot contests
- Carry-in contests, display contest
- Awards banquet and dance
- Networking opportunities
- Sponsors showcase the latest trends in journalism
- Advisers will benefit by networking with other advisers in this professional learning community.
- Do you or your staff have an idea to present as a workshop session? You are encouraged to submit your proposals to Judy Cannaday at cannadayj@pcsb.org; we'd love to have students and advisers sharing their successes with others!

Convention Hotel

This 4-diamond Hilton in the WALT DISNEY WORLD® Resort is located on-site Disney and is within footsteps of Downtown Disney featuring The Downtown Disney® Marketplace and Downtown Disney® Westside.

[Hilton, located in the Walt Disney World Resort](#)

1751 Hotel Plaza Boulevard

Lake Buena Vista, Florida 32830

*The hotel will only accept convention reservations on the FSPA form.

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FSPA is green! This year, most convention information will *only* be on the FSPA website; you will find all the necessary details online. **All registration will occur online, and you will have the option to pay your convention registration with a credit card or with a check.**

Bookmark the FSPA website now, and check the site often to get the latest convention information.

You will also receive regular FSPA updates by email. These emails will highlight deadlines and other info to help you and your students plan for the convention.

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Statement of Curricular Relevance

Students attending this conference will hear nationally prominent speakers, who will discuss current trends in scholastic journalism. These speakers will be journalism professionals, university professors, and highly-regarded yearbook and newspaper advisers. Topics will include writing, layout and design, photography, team-building skills, leadership skills, journalistic ethics, careers in journalism, and effective communication. There are individual and team competitions, which students will enter. This convention will inspire and motivate students to become better journalists and better leaders.

Thursday, April 28

3 p.m.	Check-in begins
6 p.m.	Opening session
7:30 p.m.	Classes and contests
9:30 p.m.	Student entertainment
9:30 p.m.	Adviser reception
11:30 p.m.	Curfew

Friday, April 29

8 a.m.	Adviser Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Contests continued
9 a.m.	Class session 1
10 a.m.	Class session 2
11 a.m.	Class session 3
Noon	Adviser Luncheon/business meeting
2 p.m.	Class session 4
3 p.m.	Class session 5
6 p.m.	Banquet/Dinner
9 p.m.	Student Dance
11:30 p.m.	Curfew

Saturday, April 30

8 a.m.	Awards Ceremony
10-11 a.m.	Advisers' final checkout