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NYS FBLA AT NYSE

Mamaroneck FBLA

On Friday, January 13th, members of FBLA including the New York State Officer team and Board of Trustees, rang the New York Stock Exchange Closing Bell. The ringing of the closing bell is a tradition the NYSE has conducted since the early 20th century. This once in a lifetime opportunity was also a learning experience for all those attending. As members toured the New York Stock Exchange building located in the heart of Wall Street, they also got to dive into the history and value of the stock market.

Sophia Danziger, New York State President, rang the bell accompanied by the CEO of FBLA-PBL, Inc., Ms. Jean Buckley. The students alongside them, proudly represented FBLA while cheering on the closing of the stock exchange at 4:00 pm. In addition, the event was a prime opportunity for students to network with each other and the CEO.

This organization values opportunity and applying skills taught in the classroom to the real world. The ringing of the closing bell was a chance for students to explore the stock exchange through a student perspective. This was the perfect opportunity for students to explore the organizational and financial side of business alongside peers and mentors.



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Cheering Up Others

Cobleskill-Richmondville FBLA

Cobleskill-Richmondville's chapter of Future Business Leaders of America has been very busy this fall and winter! This fall we took an active role in informing ourselves about the presidential election. As a school, we participated in mock elections and FBLA hosted an election day breakfast where members dressed in patriotic red, white, and blue. We then worked to promote a sense of community by fundraising money and donating pies to our local Thanksgiving dinner. We were able to donate over 30 pies and help carve them for people to enjoy! As the holidays approached, CRCS FBLA decided to create, write, and send holiday cards to children at the Children's Center at Albany Med. We delivered our cards in the hope that they would bring smiles to the faces of children who were dealing with serious illnesses. Finally, this January we worked in conjunction with our elementary schools to complete a book drive. Our members collected new and gently used books to donate to younger students. Elementary students will then have a new opportunity to bring home exciting, fun books to read with their families! As an organization, we recognize the importance of literacy and hope these books provide students with a fun experience and also stress the importance of reading at an early age! As we start the new year, we are looking forward to promoting FBLA, celebrating it's 75th anniversary, and having a busy, productive spring and summer!

Ice Bucket Challenge

Lake George FBLA

Each year the New York state members of the nationwide student organization Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) raise money to help a non-profit charity. This year, the ALS Association was the charity chosen. Each chapter throughout the state is encouraged to creatively raise money to give. Our Lake George chapter chose to raise money with an Ice Bucket Challenge. Throughout the week of November 28th - December 2nd, students purchased tickets, wrote their name on the backs, and then put them in the jars of one or more teachers that they wished would have ice cold water dumped on. The brave teachers participating were Mrs. Brock, Mr. Clark, Mrs. McGrath, Mr. Bleibtrey, and Mr. Conley. At the end of the fundraising week, after all the tickets were counted, Mr. Bleibtrey was the "winning" teacher. A ticket was pulled from his jar, having the name of one lucky student who would be dumping the bucket over his head. On Friday, December 2nd right after school during 10th period, the student body gathered on the front steps of the high school to witness their gym teacher being drenched in frigid water by senior Anna Amrock. In total, \$250 was raised for the ALS Association. Thank you to the teachers who graciously volunteered and everyone who donated for the cause!

Holiday Cheer to Local Children

Orange-Ulster BOCES FBLA



For more than a decade, members of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) have brightened the holidays for children in the Agri-Business Child Development (ABCD) Center in Florida, New York. This year thirty-three FBLA members visited the ABCD Center in late December to deliver gifts personally and spend time with the children. The students were supervised by their advisor/instructor Maura Creeden and other CTE staff members. The FBLA students gave gifts to children in the infant and toddler programs. The young children were thrilled to receive and play with their new toys. This annual visit from the FBLA students is a "win-win" for everyone involved; the experience is not only memorable for the children at ABCD, but also the high school students who come away with a satisfying sense of community service and involvement.

Clymer FBLA Serving

Clymer FBLA



Clymer Central School FBLA held their 2nd Annual Veteran's Recognition Breakfast on Monday, November 14. Sixteen local Veterans attended the breakfast. Each FBLA member "adopted" a Veteran as they arrived and took their orders, served them food and got to know who they were and how they served our country. After the meal, a special presentation was given for the guests of honor, beginning with singing a song, a recognition speech, reciting a poem about Veterans and a special video presentation prepared by Clymer students. The celebration concluded with each FBLA member presenting a certificate of appreciation to their adopted veteran to thank them for their service.

Reading in a Winter Wonderland

Falconer FBLA



Members of Falconer FBLA decided to take an adventure - a trip to the elementary school. Co-Presidents, Emily Johnson and Sydney Kresconko, paid a visit to a kindergarten class on December 20. In the spirit of the holidays, they read winter themed books to them. Emily read "The Hat" written by Jan Brett and Sydney read "A Wish to be a Christmas Tree" by Colleen Monroe. Their favorite part of the experience was seeing the smiles on the students faces. As a treat to the students for behaving, they brought a surprise for them. Hershey Kisses were passed out afterward to show their appreciation for the opportunity. Emily and Sydney are so thankful that they were allowed to entertain the young children. They are looking forward to going back in the spring and reading to a wider range of students.

Finding Your Vision

***"IT IS NOT IN THE STARS TO HOLD OUR
DESTINY BUT IN OURSELVES."***

-William Shakespeare

Dine in or Out?

Canastota FBLA

Canastota High School's FBLA was proud to host the 2016 Legacy Now Workshop on Tuesday, November 22. Members of FBLA served as facilitators for the annual event. The members planned the event that was offered to ninth graders and also facilitated during the workshop. This is the eleventh year that Canastota High School FBLA has worked with Legacy Now to host the annual event.

Legacy Now provides students with the opportunity to attend the workshop and participate in character building activities that drive them to have a better outlook on their education and on life in general. By participating in this workshop, students gain an insight into a positive education environment that stresses teamwork and leadership. Legacy Now presenters, Gary Ford, Tammy Alcott, and Russ Stewart, worked with FBLA members and their advisor, Ms. Garofalo, to establish the goals for this year's program. Together, they spent the day promoting leadership and significance in an effort to provide a positive environment in the Canastota School District. Canastota High School Principal, Jay Altobello, and High School Assistant Principal, Stan Congden, also participated in the event sharing their goals with the students in attendance. The entire ninth grade class took part in the event. The morning session was devoted to the forty-eight ninth grade boys. Teacher, Josh Chenel, and Guidance Counselor, Bob Mengucci, worked with the team to provide a meaningful workshop. The ninth grade girls joined the group after lunch to finish out the workshop with topics of teamwork, leadership, respect, and social media issues being the focus for the afternoon. Together, over 100 members of the Class of 2020 took advantage of this outstanding opportunity. High school teachers, Kelley Brenon, Lisa Visalli, Liz Garofalo, and Guidance Counselor, Brandi Bostic, participated in the afternoon events.



Letter from National President Niel Patel

Niel Patel

Hi New York FBLA,

With a new year comes a new legacy. Your state fosters the intellectual core for industries around the world. I would like to show my appreciation to the New York State Officers for ringing the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange on January 13, 2017! With the support of you, the members and advisers of New York, your state officers gather the strength to accomplish such great achievements.

The time to set your legacy has come as well. After months of preparation, conference season has finally arrived! Your state officers as well as I are eager to witness your innovative performances. Grasp the opportunities that abound at your SLC and the NLC by networking, attending workshops, and learning from the experiences that New York FBLA has to offer.

As members and advisers, you are the key to FBLA's success. You articulate the foundational knowledge that helps our organization retain the status of a premier business association. You are Future Business Leaders of America, and the legacy of my leadership. I hope to see you soon at the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California.

Sincerely,

Niel Patel



Finding Your Vision

Rahul Atluri

What is a vision? Well, A vision is your big picture of the way things should be. You can create a vision about anything you are interested in. Dream Big!!

Creating a vision may sound daunting, however if you have a process, it will make your life much easier. Below are seven steps that will help you create your own vision.

1. Pick a topic. This allows you to focus on ideas that you are truly passionate about.
2. Pick a Time Frame. If you do not create a completion date for yourself, you will not be able to complete your goal or you will procrastinate the things you need to do.
3. Quickly List Achievements.
4. Write the first draft of your vision. This allows you to collect your thoughts and make it easier to communicate your ideas to your team.
5. Write quickly and blend personal experiences from the heart and review and redraft.
6. Look at your first draft after a couple of days or so.
7. Remember to dream big and never lose confidence. You'll do anything if you have the drive to do it.

“ADVENTURE IS OUT

20/20 Vision

Bianca Summerville

Although it is cliché, the start of a new year provides a great opportunity to start working towards fulfilling your goals. However, I have found that I personally tend to become obsessed with achieving one thing for about a week before losing interest in it, and I'm sure I'm not the only one to face this problem! One way to combat this is creating a plan for your future. I like to envision my future by utilizing things I like to call “five-year plans.”

Five-year plans are extremely simple to make. All you need to do is sit down and ask yourself where you want to be in five years. Then, you identify a few steps you need to take to meet your goals. I always like to write my five-year plans down because I feel that I am more likely to remember them that way, but you don't necessarily have to do this. The hardest part of a five-year plan comes after you have defined your goals and the steps to get there. In my opinion, the hardest part is holding yourself accountable.

The only way you will ever be successful in anything is by holding yourself accountable for your actions. Realizing that the only person that can make your dreams a reality is you is a huge step in making your five-year plan come true. When I first started trying to envision my future and create goals to help me become successful, I blamed everyone but myself for my own shortcomings. Letting myself off the hook constantly was a huge hindrance in almost every aspect of my life. After I watched so many milestones my five-year plan told me I should have already been achieving zoom by me, I realized that I was doing myself a huge disservice, and I changed my behavior. After that change, I saw myself meeting milestones at the appropriate time, and even hitting some sooner than I had planned on.

By creating a five-year plan for yourself, and holding yourself accountable for doing what you need to do, you are not only staying on track towards meeting your goals, but you are also cultivating valuable organization skills, which are essential to becoming successful, and always will be.

The Three P's of FBLA

Ms. Halstead

WHAT ARE THE THREE P'S OF FBLA?

Are you considering entering an FBLA competition at your Spring District Meeting or the State Leadership Conference? If you are, then you need to know the three P's of FBLA! **PREPARE – PRACTICE – PRESENT**

Prepare

No matter if you will be entering a written objective test, a team or individual performance event – preparation will always be the first step to competing successfully on any level. Research your event – from reviewing what curriculum you should study for a written event to researching a performance topic, to reviewing the event rating sheets to see what judges will be specifically rating – do what it takes to thoroughly prepare yourself or your team for competition.

Practice

It doesn't matter how well you might know the subject material for an event or how well you develop an outline for a speech or presentation, if you don't practice for your event you will not feel confident or comfortable when you go to compete.

Written events – ask your advisor for old SLC exams to practice with and don't just focus on the test you will be taking – branch out into other areas as well, because you never know what will show up on an FBLA exam.

Performance events – start off gradually by practicing in front of the mirror, then move on to practicing in front of your parents, and then your advisor. When you feel comfortable that you have all parts of the performance down, ask your advisor for assistance in setting up practice time in front of other teachers, businesspeople from the community, etc. Have them use the rating sheet for your event to provide you with feedback and utilize that information to help you improve your performance for the big day!

Present

You've prepared and you've practiced – now it's time to show the judges what you've got!

Actually performing in your event can be scary if you aren't in the right mind-set. So take a few minutes before you are scheduled to perform and psych yourself up. Whether it is listening to some music on your cell phone, just sitting quietly and mentally reviewing your speech, or shadow boxing with a wall - take those few minutes for yourself. Before you are led into the performance room, take a deep breath, exhale slowly, **SMILE** and then **WOW** those judges with your presentation!



Electing to Eat

Some pictures from Cobleskill-Richmondville's Election Day Breakfast

