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A Letter From Our President

Hello FBLA Members!

Welcome to 2019! The start of the new year brings with it the possibility of fresh start. I am sure that many of you have goals and aspirations in mind for the new year, which is the first step in ensuring success. However, over 80% of New Year's resolutions are broken by February, so it is important to keep a few tips in mind to galvanize commitment to your goal. According to entrepreneur and author of "Atomic Habits" James Clear, "Focus on a process, not the end result. Deconstruct your goal into productive, workable actions." Completing these action steps allows you to enjoy small celebrations along the way to completing your goal. Another great tip is to review your actions steps as often and possible and reassess your goals as the year progresses.

It is never too late to start working on our state Program of Work! These projects designed by your state officer team are meant to allow you to become more engaged with FBLA and your communities. Information about how to participate can be found on the New York State FBLA website. It is also a great time to starting thinking about and preparing for your competitions at the State Leadership Conference. Giving yourself plenty of time to get ready is a surefire way to yield success.

I hope you all have a great year and I looking forward to seeing how each of you meet and exceed your goals!

Sincerely,

Nicholas Imam

State Officer Winter Favorites



President
Nicholas Imam

My favorite holiday FBLA tradition is sharing the progress that our chapter members have made on our Program of Work projects and starting preparations for the State Leadership Conference.

Executive Vice President
Aidan Mentnech

My favorite holiday FBLA tradition is wrapping and donating presents to families in need. It brings our chapter closer together and gives us an opportunity to give back to our community during the holiday season.



Secretary
Victoria Lee

My favorite winter FBLA tradition is the holiday party my local chapter hosts each year. It's an amazing way to hold festivities with the members before we all go on winter break.

Treasurer
Andrew Danziger

My favorite holiday FBLA tradition is when my chapter receives our order of Gertrude Hawk Chocolates for the holiday fundraiser. Boxes upon boxes are stacked in our FBLA room, and all who ordered from us are grateful when we stop by and drop them off.



State Officer Winter Favorites

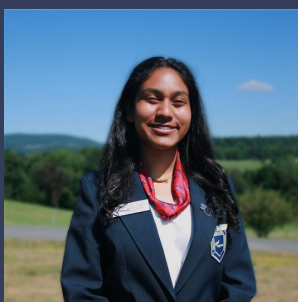
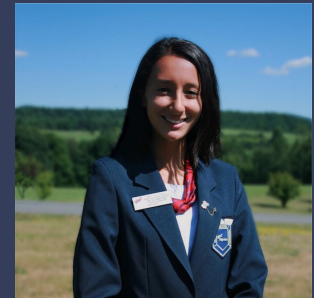


Reporter
Sophia Lucear

My favorite holiday FBLA tradition is marching in a local holiday parade dressed as Santa's elves and handing out stuffed animals to children.

Historian
Nina Tagliabue

My favorite holiday FBLA tradition is our chapter's annual alumni Christmas party where current members get to reconnect graduated members and update them on the progress we've made so far in the school year!

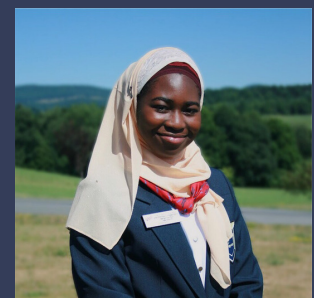


Parliamentarian
Anusha Dawson

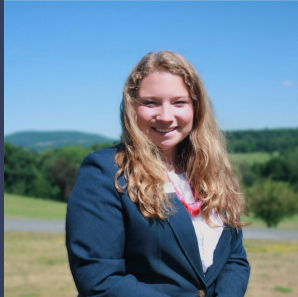
My favorite holiday FBLA tradition is my chapter's holiday party on our last meeting of the year. There's music playing, delicious food, and everyone has lots of fun.

District 1N State Vice President
Safiyyah Savage

My favorite holiday FBLA tradition is helping out my members as they prepare for their competitions at our the District 1N Spring District Meeting.



State Officer Winter Favorites

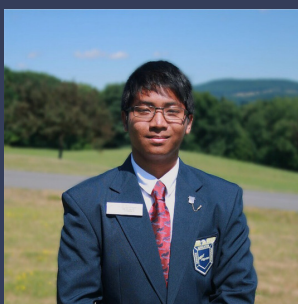


District 3N State Vice President Meghan Dillon

My favorite FBLA holiday tradition is preparing for the Spring District Meeting! It is fun to study for the event's competitions and get ready to reconnect with fellow local FBLA members.

District 3S State Vice President Michaela Gualano

My favorite FBLA holiday tradition is reconnecting with members who have just returned back from college. I really enjoy hearing how FBLA has helped them throughout their years in college and passing that information on to people who have just joined.



District 4 State Vice President Athean Myat

My favorite FBLA holiday tradition is hosting our annual toy drive for the Melodies Center at Albany Medical Center. Being able to raise hundreds of toys for children hospitalized on Christmas is one of the ways that FBLA is focused not just on business, but on people.

District 5 State Vice President Autumn Shaughnessy

My Favorite FBLA winter tradition is our annual snowman painting. Members, students, and teachers gather to paint a framed snowman that will be placed outside local businesses.



State Officer Winter Favorites



District 7 State Vice President Andrew Fox

My favorite FBLA holiday tradition would have to be helping out at the local community center during our Christmas on Main Street celebration. Our chapter helps children make crafts, frost cookies, and create cards for soldiers.

District 10 State Vice President Taylor Tyczka

My favorite holiday FBLA tradition is having our chapter meet and talk with previous FBLA members that have placed at the State Leadership Conference. I enjoy reconnecting with the members and hearing about their experiences.



District 12 State Vice President Sharon Lou

My favorite FBLA holiday tradition is running our chapter's Commons Cafe fundraiser with holiday items such as peppermint mocha! This is also a fun way for members to develop strong communication skills.

District 13 State Vice President Jacob Thierfeldt

My favorite winter FBLA tradition is starting to prepare for the State Leadership Conference with all of my chapter. We always have a lot of fun and enjoy remembering past conferences.



District News

District 1N State Vice President
Safiyyah Savage

FlexBLA 2019

Flex Future Business Leaders of America!

Greetings, District 1N and 1S. My name is Safiyyah A. Savage and I am introducing the first ever District 1N and 1S chapter competition: FlexBLA! Chapters will complete activities pertaining to business and career-oriented fields. With each completed activity, Your chapter can gain points with each activity completed before April 1st. Any activity that isn't posted by 11:59 on March 31st, will not count. The winner will be announced the week of April 2nd-6th.

The winning chapter will be awarded a trophy at the district meeting during the State Leadership Conference. The winning chapter will hold the trophy till next year, and then will have to defend their trophy, or give it to another chapter. Get ready to compete between the two districts, and up to 20+ chapters! Which District will win? Which chapter will take the trophy? I guess we must compete to find out!

The competition will start at the District 1N/1S Spring District Meeting on January 18, 2019, at Hofstra. The rules will be explained at that time. Get ready to Flex Future Business Leaders of America!

District News

District 3N State Vice President
Meghan Dillon

Greetings, members and advisors!

The District 3N Spring District Meeting is fast approaching! The Spring District Meeting is a great opportunity to network with fellow District 3N members and enter the first level of NYS FBLA competitions. Winners at the district level will have the opportunity to represent our district in their respective event at the State Leadership Conference this April. So, what do you need to know about the event?

- The 2019 District 3N Spring District Meeting will be held on February 1, 2019.
- The Spring District Meeting will be held at Carmel High School in Carmel, NY.
- The event will take place from 3:00-8:00 PM.
- The snow date for the event is February 8, 2019. The event would still take place at Carmel High School from 3:00-8:00 PM.

Be sure to talk to your advisors to learn what paperwork and other information you need to provide to attend the event. I hope to see you all there. Additionally, I would like to congratulate the following individuals for being selected as the District 3N Officers!

- Reporter: Riva Shukla
- Secretary: Steven Estrella
- Historian: Visudha Kilambi

I hope you all have had a great start to 2019, and I look forward to continuing to work with you all during this year.

Sincerely, Meghan Dillon

District News

District 3S State Vice President
Michaela Gualano

Throughout this year, District 3S has been striving to innovate and provide support to our members. This is what I plan to do for the duration of the year. John Quincy Adams stated, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader".

With that being said, we have great plans for the future of our district. First, we will hold a district social on January 26, 2019. The social will take place at Bowlmor in White Plains at 2:00 pm. This event will allow everyone in our district to network together to learn, support and bond with one another.

The following event we have coming up is the Spring District Meeting. The event will take place on February 1, 2019, at Mamaroneck High School with a snow date of February 4, 2019. The Spring District Meeting will take place from 2:45 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Throughout the event there will be workshop presenters, a keynote speaker and tests for Basic Decision Making, Client Service, Impromptu Speaking, Introduction to Public Speaking and Public Speaking. Those who qualify will have the opportunity to take that same test at the State Leadership Conference in April. The event will also include a meal catered by Salsa Fresca, a Mexican grill restaurant.

I hope to see all those within our district at these events and I wish you all a fabulous 2019.

District News

District 4 State Vice President
Athean Myat

Hello, NYS FBLA! Although the weather outside is more than a little chilly, District 4 is hard at work. Chapters are getting ready for their upcoming Spring District Meeting as well as the State Leadership Conference.

Chapters around the district are interviewing business professionals, drafting resumes, and giving back to their communities as they complete Program of Work challenges. In my own chapter, we recently interviewed one of the leading consultants in the world, and hosted a toy drive to benefit children hospitalized during Christmas,

We had two chapters reactivate in our district: welcome back Bethlehem and Niskayuna! We hope to see them educate, motivate, and innovate in their chapters and beyond.

Our Spring District Meeting will be on February 6th, and will have nearly a hundred members from across the district compete in a variety of competitive events.

As we turn the page and enter the new year, our district will meet it with unbridled passion and gusto.

District News

District 5 State Vice President
Autumn Shaughnessy

Hello, NYS FBLA! District 5 has had a very busy month, from recruiting new chapters to preparing for competitions.

District 5 recently acquired a chapter from Schroon Lake Central School. Lake George FBLA worked to recruit Schroon Lake Central School by presenting during their afternoon free block. It is very exciting to have a new and eager chapter in our district. I am very excited to see the Schroon Lake Chapter dive into FBLA, and see what they accomplish!

While we have gained a new chapter in District 5, we have also begun to prepare for competitions. District 5's Spring District Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, with a snow date of Thursday, February 7, 2019, at the Lake George Holiday Inn. There will be a wide array of competitions offered at SDM, so if you're interested in competing check out the registration packet, or email me at svp5@nysfbla.org.

We will also be holding a book drive at SDM, collecting old books in good condition in order to support our NYS FBLA charity, Reading is Fundamental. I would like to challenge each chapter from District 5 to compete at SDM. SDM allows for the opportunity to network with business professionals, other students, and advisors, as well as fostering leadership and confidence within our membership.

I cannot wait to see our turn out at SDM, and I look forward to seeing what we accomplish as a district coming into the new year. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, feel free to contact me at svp5@nysfbla.org.

District News

District 7 State Vice President
Andrew Fox

Hello, New York State FBLA and greetings from District 7! I hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday season. The Little Falls FBLA Chapter volunteered at a local community event to help children create holiday crafts and cards for soldiers. Helping out in the community is a great way to give back to the local citizens of your town. I encourage you all to help out in a local event during this winter season.



District 7's Spring Meeting was held on January 4, 2019. Members were able to showcase their knowledge with a variety of tests and compete for a spot at the State Leadership Conference in April.

One way to get more involved with FBLA is participating in this year's Program of Work. The submission deadline is February 15, 2019.

I cannot wait to see you all at this year's State Leadership Conference in Binghamton, New York.



District News

District 10 State Vice President
Taylor Tyczka

District 10 welcomes the new year and is excited to see what is to come! We will start our year off by preparing for the Spring District 10 Meeting, which will be held on February 1, 2019, at Bryant and Stratton College in Greece, New York. The Spring District Meeting (SDM) serves as the first round of competition for New York State FBLA members. In advancing from this level of competition participants are given the opportunity to test their skills and knowledge at the second round of competition, at the 2019 State Leadership Conference, in Binghamton this April. The Spring District Meeting (SDM) also serves as an opportunity to network with FBLA members all across District 10.

During the Spring District Meeting (SDM), we will be holding a coin challenge. We ask that all District 10 members bring their spare change to our SDM to place in their chapter's bucket. All proceeds will go toward our State Charity, Reading is Fundamental.

We encourage all of our members to participate in FBLA- PBL Week held from February 3rd to February 9th. This is an excellent opportunity to inform the public about the purpose of school-to-work activities and programs.

Please visit the District 10 webpage on the NYS FBLA website at <https://www.nysfbla.org/district/district-10/> for more information on upcoming events and District 10 News.

District News

District 12 State Vice President
Sharon Lou

Happy New Year, New York FBLA and District 12!

The District 12 Spring District Meeting (SDM) will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2019, at Williamsville East High School. The meeting will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. I highly encourage all students interested in attending State Leadership Conference to also attend the Spring District Meeting. All students competing in state performance events (Impromptu Speaking, Introduction to Public Speaking, Public Speaking, Basic Decision Making, Client Service, Job Interview) and state written events (Parliamentary Procedure, Future Business Leader, State Officer Exam) MUST attend SDM.

Some local events for our SDM are Introduction to FBLA, Introduction to Business, Accounting I, Marketing, Business Communication, Business Law, Sports & Entertainment Management, Economics, Hospitality Management, and Personal Finance. If you are interested in these events, please let your adviser know!

I look forward to seeing all our chapters again at SDM, and let's hope 2019 will be a great year for FBLA!

District News

District 13 State Vice President
Jacob Thierfeldt

Hello everyone! I hope everyone had an amazing holiday season and new year!

I would like to remind you all to keep working on the Program of Work (POW), Business Achievement Awards (BAAs), and Community Service Awards (CSAs). The deadlines for these programs are February 15 for the POW, and March 1 for the CSA and BAAs.

Also, it's 2019; the State Leadership Conference and Spring District Meeting are approaching fast! I would like to encourage you all to start preparing for your competitions and tests. A complete list is available on www.nysfbla.org. Our SDM is on February 2 at Randolph High School, and the SLC is April 10-12 in Binghamton.

In other news, I would like to congratulate Aspen Hawken of Clymer High School for completing the Future level of the BAAs. Keep up the good work!

I would also like to thank the chapter advisors and all members of FBLA in District 13, as well as the entire state. Thank you for your dedication to FBLA and all the hard work you do throughout the year!

Chapter News

The FBLA Gift Wrapping

Jiya Kapoor, Lakeland High School FBLA

The FBLA gift wrapping took place on Saturday, December 15. It was held at the JV mall from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. Members voluntarily took shifts to help wrap gifts for last-minute Christmas shoppers in the mall in exchange for donations. The goal of the FBLA gift wrapping was to help spread some Christmas cheer, as well as raise money for the organization.

Raising money is crucial for FBLA to attend important events such as the National Fall Leadership Conference this past fall in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This event raised about \$300. Joining FBLA can help add to your community service hours, and is very beneficial for clubs such as National Honor Society, and extracurricular activities such as boy/girl scouts.

In addition, FBLA looks great on college applications. It is also a great way to meet new people in your school and from schools all over the state.

To join our Lakeland High School FBLA, talk to Ms. Nigro in rooms 202 or 204, or Ms. Griffin in the library. Meetings take place every Thursday after school for about an hour. FBLA will help develop your leadership skills as well as provide you with opportunities for community service.



Lakeland FBLA members wrap gifts at the JV mall to help spread holiday cheer.

Chapter News

The FBLA Super Smash Bros Event

Jiya Kapoor, Lakeland High School FBLA

Lakeland High School launched the new Super Smash Bros game on Friday, December 14, 2018. This was a friendly competition to see who was the most-skilled gamer out of a large group of highly-competitive players.

Members of Lakeland High School FBLA helped create opportunities for students to play the new game by setting up the school's cafeteria as a temporary gaming room. Screens were projected onto the cafeteria walls, food tables were set up in the corner, and video gaming consoles were set up by the members of FBLA. From 2:00 - 8:00 p.m., the members of our school's FBLA chapter helped unite students over a common interest.

For more opportunities to help out your community, join FBLA by talking to Ms. Nigro in rooms 202 and 204 in the History hallway, or Ms. Griffin in the school library.



Lakeland FBLA members host a friendly gaming competition.

Important Dates and Deadlines



The State Leadership Conference

Where: Binghamton, New York

When: April 10-12, 2019

Program of Work

Deadline: February 15, 2019

Closing

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I want to hear
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