

NEW YORK STATE FBLA EXPRESS



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FALL EDITION

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Letter from Your President

Andrew Dangizer

Hello New York State FBLA members and advisors! I hope you have all had a successful start to both your FBLA and school years!

If you are a new member and not quite sure what the FBLA year has in store yet, don't be afraid to ask older members, chapter officers, or your advisors— we are all here to help! If you are on your chapter's officer team, take the initiative of heading meetings, workshops, and activities. There is no better way to practice and build a foundation of leadership and public speaking skills than on the chapter level. While we are still in the beginning of the year, it is most effective to hold collaborative and interactive meetings to keep new FBLA members engaged, interested, and involved.

Last month, I had the privilege of attending my fourth and final Fall District Meeting for District 3S as an FBLA member. Lakeland High School put on a spectacular event and I enjoyed meeting and speaking with many of you. While there, I helped present two workshop sessions on "How to Become a State Officer." While speaking to the intrigued members, I sparked a realization: one of the most pivotal aspects of running for state office actually comes from the experiences that you get on the local and district levels. I stressed the fact that if you are one of the few individuals campaigning for a State Officer position at the State Leadership Conference, that is your time to express your passion and love for this organization that you have developed throughout your time in all levels of FBLA.

As I head into the middle of my final year in FBLA, I want to reiterate this message to all of you. From my freshman year when I attended state and national conferences, later running for chapter and district office, and eventually participating in the Program of Work, serving on a national council, and of course running for state office, I have been focused on taking advantage of every opportunity that came my way. Not to build my resume or to impress others, but because of what I learned and gained with each step of the way. So NYS FBLA, as you venture on through this year, consider all that you can get involved in and how it may reward you in the process. The more you take on throughout the year, the more memories and lessons you will have to look back and build on.

Good luck with whatever you choose to tackle this year, and know that you can achieve it.

Regards,
Andrew Danziger

FAVORITE FALL FBLA TRADITIONS

Andrew Danziger President

My favorite fall tradition is the Fall District Meeting and the National Fall Leadership Conference. Both of these events provide members with the perfect atmosphere to network and become inspired for the FBLA year ahead!



Andrew Fox Executive Vice President

My favorite fall tradition in FBLA is attending the National Leadership Conference! This conference serves as a wonderful opportunity to network, attend workshops, and explore a new city of America!

Jillian Bent Secretary

My favorite fall tradition is attending the National Fall Leadership Conference and reconnecting with friends from all over the country!



FAVORITE FALL FBLA TRADITIONS

Katelynn Mangual Treasurer

My favorite fall tradition in FBLA is all of the community service events we participate in such as the Blood Drive and the Breast Cancer Walk. The Breast Cancer Walk is one of my favorites every year we enjoy getting to interact with the walkers and cheer them on.



Riva Shukla Reporter

My favorite FBLA fall tradition is attending the Fall District Meeting in October. I love going to the interactive workshops and meeting members from different chapters! It is a great networking opportunity and I encourage you all to attend next year!

Aisha Bhakta Historian

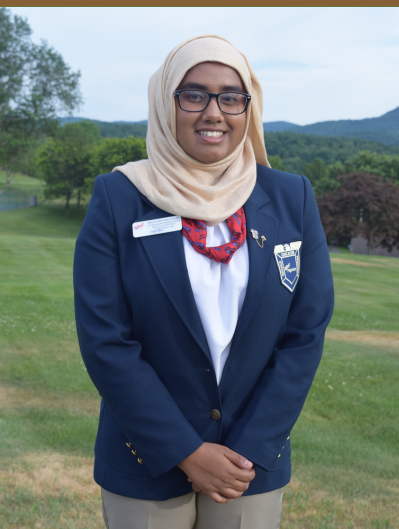
My favorite FBLA Fall tradition is volunteering at a Halloween event at a local elementary school. It's always so much fun every year, as the volunteers get to dress in costumes and be a part of activities such as the haunted house or face painting!



FAVORITE FALL FBLA TRADITIONS

Dante Howard Parliamentarian

My favorite fall FBLA tradition is having a pizza sale at our first chapter meeting. It's always great to see the new freshmen who are ready to get involved with FBLA.



Maryam Bacchus District 1N State Vice President

My favorite FBLA fall tradition is the fall district meeting! I love attending and hosting workshops. They are a great place to meet and work with like-minded people!

Madison Crilley District 1S State Vice President

My favorite fall FBLA tradition is the Fall District Meeting. It's a great way to kick off the year, and to network with other FBLA members!



FAVORITE FALL FBLA TRADITIONS

Spencer Dicembrino District 3N State Vice President

My FBLA fall favorite is seeing everyone at my Fall District Meeting. It is so fun to meet new people in my district as well as catch up with others that I have not talked to since my Spring District Meeting.



Zoe Hanfmann District 3S State Vice President

My favorite fall FBLA tradition is our annual Fall District Meeting! I love reconnecting with members from our district and meeting new ones as well. It's an exciting time of the year where we kickoff FBLA while having fun!

Madeleine Biles District 5 State Vice President

My favorite fall FBLA tradition is painting wooden snowmen with my chapter for a fundraiser!



FAVORITE FALL FBLA TRADITIONS

Emily Case District 7 State Vice President

My favorite FBLA Fall Tradition is when the Canastota Chapter holds a party for members! At the party, new members are able to get with current members and feel inspired!



Chai Ratnakaram District 12 State Vice President

My favorite Fall FBLA Tradition is to host my first chapter meeting and reconnecting with all the members I haven't seen all summer. It's a great way to get back into the swing of everything for FBLA!

The season for enjoying the fullness of life: partaking of the harvest, sharing the harvest with others, and reinvesting and saving portions of the harvest for yet another season of growth." -Denis Waitley

Early Bird Challenge Winners



Canastota High School
Carmel High School
Cattaraugus-Little Valley HS
Chittenango HS
Clymer Central High School
Cobleskill - Richmondville High School
Commack HS
Corning Painted Post High School
Eden Junior - Senior High School
Elmira HS
Falconer Central School
Floral Park Memorial High School
Frankfort - Schuyler Jr. High School
G. Ray Bodley High School
Hampton Bays High School
Hendrick Hudson High School
HFM P-TECH
John F. Kennedy HS
John Jay Senior High School
Lake George Junior - Senior High School
Lakeland High School
Liberty High School
Little Falls High School
Longwood High School
Mamaroneck High School
Middleburgh Central High School
Minisink Valley Central High

Early Bird Challenge Winners



Monroe - Woodbury Senior High School

Mount Sinai High School

North Rose Wolcott High School

Queensbury High School

Randolph High School

Rome Free Academy

Roy C Ketcham High School

Schoharie Jr. - Sr. High School

Sewanhaka High School

Sharon Springs High School

Shenendehowa Senior High

St. Dominic HS

St. Francis HS

Tri - Valley Central School

Valley Central HS

Valley Stream Central High

W.C. Mephām High School

Webster Thomas High School

West Genesee High School

Westbury HS

William Floyd High School

Williamsville East High School

Congratulations

National Fall Leadership Conference Recap

Andrew Fox

Hello New York State FBLA! For those of you who do not know me, my name is Andrew Fox and I am serving as your 2019-2020 New York State FBLA Executive Vice President. I hope all of you are having a great FBLA experience so far with your Fall District Meeting and for some of you, the National Fall Leadership Conference (NFLC) in Washington, D.C.! Washington D.C. was the first of three NFLCs for the year and it was an out of this world experience.

The conference was held through November 1-2, 2019. It included outstanding workshops that ranged from Networking to Creating an FBLA Family and Navigating the New Database. All of the workshops presented were very informative as they presented knowledge FBLA members could use in their lives. There were two general sessions with all of the attendees from across the nation. The two keynote speakers had incredible presentations with moving words that we all loved hearing about. There were also five New York FBLA State Officers present: Jillian Bent, Dante Howard, Zoe Hanfmann, and Madeleine Biles, and myself. We all helped in leading the New York State meeting held on Friday evening. The officers showed a presentation of pictures of members partaking in FBLA events from across the state so far this year. Additionally, we encouraged members to further their involvement by participating in State Councils, the Program of Work, or maybe even running for state office.

I hope those of you who attended NFLC had a great experience and took advantage of all of the opportunities there. I highly recommend attending any of the national conferences as they are a way for you to get involved, network, partake in community service events, compete in events, and explore the area!

Past, Present, and Future Social Media Initiatives

Jillian Bent

Social media is like a bridge, it allows communication and access to resources that otherwise couldn't be grasped. It connects us with the world and it offers a better perspective to help thrive in our environment. Like social media, FBLA offers a network and opportunities to help students develop themselves while competing and meeting other members.

Bringing FBLA and social media together creates an amplified platform to bring greater success through stronger connections. National FBLA, as well as New York State FBLA, both created initiatives to help members transition into effective media users. Starting in 2018, National FBLA created the first-ever Social Media Ambassadors (SMAs) program which served during the 2018 National Leadership Conference and the months leading up to it. SMAs assist in creating graphics, videos, and other posts about FBLA on the official social media pages. Since then, every year there are two terms, each approximately four months long, where members can serve as an ambassador.

Another initiative on the national pages is Sixty Second Sunday. Sixty Second Sunday is a video interview where members talk about something FBLA related and share the information in the interview. These range from explaining BAAs, networking, chapter challenges, and even social media. If you want to participate in either of these you can contact a national officer or look for applications on the national Instagram and Twitter pages.

New York State FBLA established social media accounts in 2016, and since then have made hundreds of posts and many activities for members to partake in through social media. Past initiatives include Program of Work Wednesday, FBLA trivia, and State Officer Sunday. This year we have brought back State Officer Sunday, introducing a new officer every week. We also created a competition called Instagram Idols, that can earn chapters recognition at the State Leadership Conference! Instagram Idols is a monthly challenge that includes various activities like community service, attending FDM, and chapter meetings. Chapters have to submit picture evidence of completing the tasks assigned in that month and earn recognition at the end of the month, but also potentially at the SLC!

Social media is a fast-paced, rapidly changing gateway of resources and connections to everything. Using platforms like Instagram and Twitter in FBLA helps chapters not only document the work they accomplish throughout the membership year but also publicize and recognize what their members do every day. To help your chapter become more active, consider creating a chapter Instagram and participating in social media initiatives.

Fall Fundraising

Katelynn Mangual

Hello New York State FBLA! I hope the first few months of school have been successful for everyone. Now that everyone is getting back into the flow of school and are attending FBLA meetings, it's the perfect time to start fundraising.

Fundraising is not only great for making events more affordable, such as the National Fall Leadership Conference, State Leadership Conference, and National Leadership Conference, it is also great for donating back to the community. For example, "Go Green", one of our Program of Work challenges, encourages members to help keep their community clean. Proceeds are donated to the Keep America Beautiful charity, which is this year's state charity for New York.

Some fundraisers the state officer team has experienced success within their chapter include the Yankee candle fundraiser, restaurants fundraisers such as Chipotle and Panera, and selling candy in school. There are so many options of fundraisers to choose from. Consider holding a car wash, movie night, trivia night, selling food in school or holding a bake sale. Some other fundraisers that can be successful are the Be Kind fundraiser, in which every time you buy a shirt the owner of the company donates a book to a child in need.

Another great fundraiser is the Krispy Kreme fundraiser, they have several options on the type of fundraiser you can participate in. A fundraiser my chapter is going to start partners with Ashley Farms Cheesecake. We are specifically doing the Broadway cafe catalog. This fundraiser gives many options for the type of food you can use, such as cheesecake, pie, and many more options. When you participate in fundraisers, don't forget to spread the word to friends, family, and people in your community to help participate so the fundraiser can be even more successful!

The Humanitarian Award

Aisha Bhakta

As a person, and especially as a member of FBLA, it is extremely important to give back to others. Not everyone is fortunate enough to live comfortably as most of us do, and many families struggle to even put food on their tables. Though it may not seem like it, any time spent doing community service has a big impact. Every year, the New York State FBLA Foundation likes to recognize those members that went above and beyond to help their community with the Humanitarian Award. This award is a \$150 State Leadership Conference grant that is awarded to three FBLA members who have demonstrated outstanding community service. In order to be eligible for this award, members must be registered for the 2019-2020 FBLA year and must participate in community service activities between the dates of July 19, 2019 and January 31, 2020. Grant recipients must attend the 2020 State Leadership Conference and winners will be notified by the end of February in 2020. Any member can apply for this grant; however, only one member per chapter can be chosen to receive the award. If you wish to apply, the application is available on the New York State FBLA website, nysfbla.org. The application requires a 250-word essay about your community service endeavors as well as a written statement from the overseer of your community service activities. The application must be completed and sent to Ms. Gloria LaSota, postmarked no later than January 31, 2020. I encourage you all to give back to your community and your neighbors, and to ask yourself, “How have I helped others less fortunate than myself?”

Why Compete at Your Spring District Meeting

Dante Howard

You may be wondering what it takes to become a state parliamentarian. I'll tell you about one part of the process: competing at your Spring District Meeting (SDM). The Spring District Meeting has several competitive events to participate in along with the regular workshops. Competing at SDM adds excitement to the event and can be a smart strategy for doing well at SLC

.For several individual events you can get first, second, and third place trophies for competing at SDM. Along with a quick reward, placing in these competitions lets you know how you will do in the same competition at SLC. If you're unsure about whether or not you're ready to make the trip to SLC, competing at SDM is a great way to see if going to SLC is worth it.

SDM also offers competitions of taking a test for qualification for states. As I competed in parliamentary procedure the past two years, my team and I were required to take a parliamentary procedure test in order to qualify for states. The great part about taking the test at SDM was getting to know right after whether we would place in the competition at states. If we qualified from the test, we would automatically be in the top 5 participants. Taking the test two months before SLC also gave us valuable time to practice new skills and study after knowing the parliamentary procedure information from the test. Competitions at SDM offer great ways of spacing out your preparation time. Another important event at SDM is the state officer exam.

All state officer candidates are required to take this test at SDM and get a passing grade in order to advance. In addition to the state officer exam, my score on the parliamentary procedure test also factored into whether or not I was appointed as the state parliamentarian. As I took both at SDM competing there was a significant part of my journey towards becoming a state officer. If you're looking for a good entry level competition, competing at SDM is the perfect place to start. I encourage everyone to check out their SDM and try a competition!

District 1N Update

Maryam Bacchus

Hello members, advisors, and Board of Trustee members of New York State FBLA! For those who I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting, my name is Maryam Bacchus and I am the 2019-2020 District 1N State Vice President. I am here to act as your guide and voice as we progress through the present FBLA year. The past few months I have primarily been focusing on the Fall District Meeting (FDM)! On October 25, 2019, the joint District 1N/1S Fall District Meeting was held at Hofstra University. Members attended workshops covering a variety of topics such as the Program of Work, entrepreneurship, business ethics, social media and much more! Interviews for district offices were conducted during lunch, and officers will be officially announced in the second edition of the District 1N newsletter. Overall, our FDM was a success. I am looking forward to a successful future with District 1N! General reminders include to stay up to date with website postings! There are a variety of resources such as website updates from your state officers and district newsletters which provide information about different FBLA events and opportunities. These platforms will also feature upcoming event dates and deadlines. Lastly, if you have any questions or concerns at any point throughout the year, I am always here to help! Contact me at svp1n@nysfbla.org at your earliest convenience. I am looking forward to continued success as a district and state!

District 1S Update

Madison Crilley

Hello District 1S!! I hope that you have had a great school year so far! I would like to remind you that State Officer applications are now available on nysfbla.org. I highly encourage all of you to consider becoming part of the State Officer Team for the 2020-2021 year. This has been such an amazing experience, and I feel that every member of FBLA would benefit from campaigning, and serving this organization as part of a fantastic team. I would like to thank you for an amazing Fall District Meeting! You all exemplified what being a member of the Future Business Leaders of America should be. You should be extremely proud of yourselves and your chapters. I am also impressed at the professionalism and poise that our candidates for District Office showed during their interviews. The decision making process was extremely difficult, as each and every one of our potential District Officers were extremely qualified. Thank you to all who applied and interviewed, and good luck to our new District Officer Team! As a reminder, our Spring District Meeting will take place on Friday, January 17, 2020 at Hofstra University, and will be held in conjunction with District 1N's Spring District Meeting. As you may wish to begin considering which events to compete in, I would like to notify you about the new New York FBLA Resource Bank. This incredible resource includes practice tests for a variety of events, both elimination and objective tests. I wish you all the best of luck in the upcoming months. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns at svp1s@nysfbla.org, or on Instagram at [@madisoncrilleyfbla](https://www.instagram.com/madisoncrilleyfbla).

District 3N Update

Spencer Dicembrino

This month was certainly successful for District 3N. On October 11, from 3-8 pm, we had our Fall District Meeting at Carmel High School, where we welcomed 70 members, advisors, and guests. We had three state officers join us in the likes of Riva Shukla, our State Reporter, Katelynn Mangual, our State Treasurer, and Zoe Hanfmann, our District 3S State Vice President. Additionally, we had four NYS FBLA Board of Trustees: Ms. Halstead, Ms. Palkaunieks, Mr. Conway, and Mrs. Odell. Finally, our guests for that day were Dr. Segan and Mr. Jesse, both excellent men who are FBLA honorary members, Mr. Merchan, our public speaker from University of Connecticut School of Business, and Ms. Wooley and Ms. Joblon from Keep America Beautiful. Mr.

Merchan had a lot to share on the topics of money, networking, and educating ourselves, as well as an inspirational story for anyone interested in climbing the ladder to success. For the workshops, I decided to include more interactive ones. I feel that interaction and positivity are overlooked, so with my addition of interactive workshops for the first time at my district's FDM, I wanted them to be a success. One of the workshops was team building games, and the other one was a public speaking challenge. I can proudly say that both workshops were a lot of fun for my district. After the workshops came dinner which was catered by Bucci Brothers of Mahopac. When dinner was over, I announced our 2019-2020 District Secretary and District Reporter:

Matthew Edelstein and Kevin Huang, respectively. Both officers are from Monroe Woodbury High School. I am very confident in them and I know they will be beneficial to District 3N. Finally, we began the Battle of the Chapters which was won by Meghan Dillon from Carmel High School. By the end of the night, our district was intermingling between chapters, and an aura of positivity was felt. Everything went as planned, and work that needed to be done was completed ahead of schedule. This leaves me very grateful and proud to be the State Vice President for District 3N. Our Spring District Meeting will be held on February 13, from 3-8 pm, at Carmel High School.

District 3S Update

Zoe Hanfmann

Hello District 3S! This year our state charity is Keep America Beautiful (KAB). Deb Woolley, the Corporate Partnerships Director, was invited to speak at the District 3S Fall District Meeting. In return Deb invited Zoe Hanfmann - 3S State VP - to attend the Vision for America Awards Dinner in New York City. KAB has provided programs and resources that foster clean, green, and beautiful communities across the country. In fact, they sent Lakeland High School 20 “pickers” for our Clean Up Drive! It’s an exciting time for Keep America Beautiful and their partners, as they continue to grow, adapt, and respond to the environmental challenges of our times. Marine debris and small particulate pollution are an increasing threat to the health of our waterways and oceans. This year they honored Cal Dooley, the American Chemistry Council President and CEO, for taking on this issue and founding the Alliance to End Plastic Waste. Keep America Beautiful is confronting the issues of litter, recycling, and marine debris in a “people first” approach. They help to educate, inform, and deliver change at scale. They have been working in America for over six decades and have changed the way people think about litter. They are taking on litter in the ocean by bringing inspired people together to reach their common goal of a clean, green and beautiful planet. They are transforming the way they operate to continuously improve our ability to divert non-hazardous waste from reaching our landfills. The Vision for America Award Dinner marked their first zero-waste event, where they diverted 90% or more of non-hazardous waste from reaching a landfill by recycling and composting. They also reduced the consumption of single-use materials at the event. It was an honor to have one of our members attend this networking event and view first-hand how professionals network to get things done.

District 5 Update

Madeleine Biles

Hello NYS FBLA! I hope you've all had a wonderful start to the school year and are starting to become more involved in FBLA. District 5 recently had its Fall District Meeting (FDM) on Wednesday, October 23rd at the Lake George Holiday Inn. At FDM, our keynote speaker was Elizabeth Prarie, the CEO, and Founder of Social Static, a social media marketing company based in Saratoga, NY. Ms. Prarie shared her story of how she left the city to start her company which is now, after only three years, a well-known and successful business in the Saratoga Region. She challenged us all to be leaders, network, and build relationships in everything that we do. We had fun and interactive workshops on team building, mindfulness, and how to become more involved in FBLA. I would like to recognize District 5's new District Officers; Cassandra Wageman, Sofia Amrock, Alexandra Ehemann, and Jillian Wendling. This year, our officers will be assisting me in district projects in hopes of getting District 5 more involved and motivated. I look forward to working with these individuals throughout the year and seeing what great things we can accomplish! Our District 5 chapters are starting to think about what competitions they will partake in at the Spring District Meeting and the State Leadership Conference. It is exciting to see that so many people are thinking ahead and are extremely motivated. Furthermore, some of the District 5 chapters are starting to complete the NYS FBLA Program of Work Challenges. I believe that they will benefit greatly from these challenges and I hope that all of you are planning on completing the POW. All of the necessary information can be found on the NYS FBLA website. If you have not already done so, make sure to check out the District 5 section of the NYS FBLA website to stay updated and to access the District Newsletters! Thank you and feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions!

District 7 Update

Emily Case

Hello from District 7! I am very pleased to announce that the District 7 Fall District Meeting was a great success! The workshop presenters loved meeting all of the members in our district and was impressed with how professional everyone in attendance was. They also admired how attentive they were when they were taking notes. However, now that the Fall District Meeting is over, our attention is directed to the Spring District Meeting, which will take place on January 10th at Morrisville State College. After the Spring District Meeting, we would like to be as prepared as possible for the competitions at the State Leadership Conference for those who advanced in their competitions. As we all know, the competition gets a bit harder at the state level. To reach this goal, we would like to hold a district social before this event so that we can all see each other and practice our most imperative events. Those participating in the same event can even help each other out and practice, and even give a few pointers. Also during the social, we plan on studying for speaking competitions as well as improving skills in speaking competitions, such as Impromptu Speaking and Job Interview with local business professionals. I plan to have the local members work with our FBLA members so that they can ask any questions that they may have regarding their competition performance. So far, I have a list of people who would be willing to help our members improve their skills. I'm looking forward to planning this event even further. Also in the planning stage is our community cleanup. I am trying to work with all of the schools in District 7 so that this event can be as collaborative as possible. I certainly hope that we can plan something and do amazing work for our state charity! I can't wait to see everyone at the State Leadership Conference!

District 12 Update

Chai Ratnakaram

This past Fall District Meeting for New York FBLA was outstanding and successful. With the help of our District Reporter Kevin Wang, who conducted several workshops throughout the duration of the conference, we had quality food, presentations, and speakers. Our keynote speaker, Jeff Wozer did an outstanding job in engaging the audience and putting a humorous twist in talking about social media addiction. Over the course of the past month, I spent more time promoting the “Keep America Beautiful” organization to both my chapter, Williamsville East, and District 12 of New York.

A lot of my time, as SVP for District 12, for FBLA this month was spent helping Williamsville East with their Fall recruitment process. At their annual homecoming FBLA event, I came as a state officer in uniform in order to recruit all the new freshmen who aren't aware of what FBLA is or the opportunities that it entails. Furthermore, we had the attendance of District 12 Board of Trustee Member, Ms. Gloria Lasota, with us during the 2019 Fall District Meeting. She was key in keeping everything in order and keeping members on track to execute the meeting. The District Secretary took meeting minutes in order to keep track of the progress made by District 12. The workshops for the Fall District Meeting included “How to be a state officer”, “What is FBLA?”, and “FBLA Kahoot” where members could test their current knowledge about FBLA. All members who successfully completed the Fall District Meeting were given certificates to recognize their achievements. Overall, I am very proud of all the members who showed up to the Fall District Meeting for their hard work and dedication to the organization. Every event and workshop was on schedule including the officer induction ceremony. All members should definitely consider attending our Spring District Meeting for regional competitions and more leadership opportunities.

District 12 FDM

Kevin Wang

The Fall District Meeting (FDM) is a prestigious event where eager members of District 12 can network with each other, participate in various workshops, and even listen to an influential keynote speaker. Members are aspiring stock traders and private equity managers. This year's FDM was generously hosted by Williamsville East High School on October 15. Schools such as Eden and Clarence attended the event. Proceeding the speech was three workshops run by the Williamsville East Chapter Officers. The first of which was a "Welcome to FBLA" presentation answering the Frequently asked Questions of FBLA such as "How do I choose an event?" and "What is a Ponzi scheme?".

The following workshop was "How to run for State Office" where Chai Ratnakaram and Kevin Wang, both either state or national candidates at one point explained how the process worked. The final workshop was "Kahoot! NYS FBLA Trivia" where members beta-tested one of the leading software companies in the modern time. After the cutthroat competition, we realized we were surrounded by future billionaires. After the workshops, all the participants headed towards the auditorium for the keynote speaker. This year's keynote speaker was William Chappelle, a local comedian, and proud Bills fan. In his spare time, Dr. Chapelle enjoys playing with his dogs and browsing Reddit. Dr. Chapelle's keynote touched on social media in current times in a comedic tone. After the workshops, the members feasted on a meal of Taco Bell, a local Mexican fast-food restaurant, and Wegman's cracker. From the hot sauce packets to the bean burritos it was truly a heartwarming meal. Following this meal Chai Ratnakaram said, "thank you Ms. Lasota!", truly a tear-jerking moment. Following this meal, the 2018-2019 District 12 officer team was also announced. For the position of District Secretary Daniel Purzhansky, a senior at Williamsville East and aspiring Harvard undergrad was elected. Ryan Chou, a junior at Williamsville East and a humble commons cafe worker, was elected for District Historian, and Kevin Wang, a senior at Williamsville East and former state office candidate, was elected for District Reporter. We would also like to congratulate Patrick Frank, for continuing his Pat Frank brand by passing the initial state officer interview, we wish him the best of luck during his campaign #FrankMakesTheBank!

Mamaroneck High School's News

Vincent Jacobé de Naurois

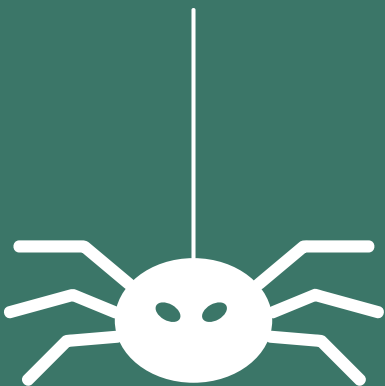
On Thursday, October 10th, Mamaroneck High School held its annual Autumn Club Fair on the outdoor track during lunch. This served as a recruiting opportunity for Mamaroneck FBLA, expanding its membership and influence at the school. The booth displayed FBLA's back-to-back State Leadership Conference trophies from the past two years, as well as our club banner. The booth served cookies, muffins, and soda. Signs were posted and advertised all around, indicating where the FBLA booth was, as well as the Google Classroom code for interested members, giving them the chance to get an insight on what it means to be committed to FBLA. As a whole, the club fair campaign was a win for FBLA. In just an hour, the Mamaroneck Chapter collected 97 new paper signatures, expanded its Google Classroom enrollment to 139 members, and rose to 221 members on Facebook.

Following a successful freshman orientation campaign, the Mamaroneck FBLA Officer Team held the annual FBLA Pizza Party on Wednesday, October 2nd. The event not only served pizza, soda, baked goods, and other treats, but also served as an opportunity to introduce FBLA to younger members and showcase one of Mamaroneck's most successful programs. A promotional video was displayed, shortly followed up by an introductory speech given by Chapter Advisor, Maria Siciliano, to inform incoming members about FBLA. The chapter officer team spoke about the club and explained their positions. Chapter President Maddie Silverstein, State President Andrew Danziger, and Outstanding New Member of New York, Josie Svarre all gave speeches on how to get involved as a freshman. The pizza party was innovative, fun, and overall, a success. The club reached new horizons and touched a new demographic in the Mamaroneck community. The next meeting held was a Question and Answer session for incoming members or others curious about the club, which took place on Wednesday, October 16th.

Mamaroneck High School at FDM and "Spooktacular"

Vincent Jacobé de Naurois

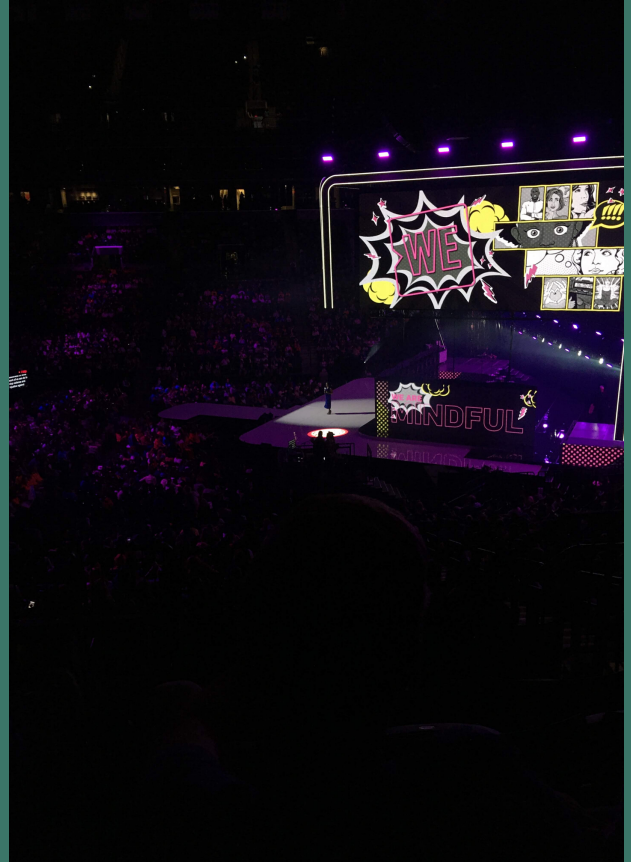
Friday, October 18th, Mamaroneck FBLA attended their annual Fall District Meeting for District 3S, held at Lakeland High School. The Fall District Meeting (FDM) is essentially a reunion of all the chapters in the New York District 3S, which consists of Hendrick Hudson High School, Lakeland High School, Walter Panas High School, and of course, Mamaroneck High School. The reunion serves to elect/appoint district positions and reunite the individual chapters through workshops. An opening ceremony was conducted and a keynote speech was given by Debra Woolley, Corporate Partnerships Director at Keep America Beautiful. Soon afterwards, members had the chance to assimilate and network with members from their district, as well as attend helpful half-hour workshops, such as "How to Become a State Officer" and "Get Published: Score Points in the Express" One workshop in particular, "Impromptu Speaking" was prepared and presented by Mamaroneck student and FBLA NY State President, Andrew Danziger. After a district dinner in the cafeteria, a closing ceremony was held, and soon thereafter, Mamaroneck FBLA headed on the bus back home. The closing ceremony served to announce the new district officers, of which Mamaroneck's Mark Yukelis, Frances McDowell, and Dana Cohen became District Reporter, District Social Media Specialist, and District Treasurer, respectively. Sunday, Mamaroneck FBLA attended the annual "Spooktacular" festival, a Halloween fair held in Mamaroneck. FBLA members helped set up, ran the haunted houses, and lended other helping hands. Overall, the weekend proved to be successful for Mamaroneck FBLA. Three members were inducted into District Office, and the club gave back to Mamaroneck by helping out at Spooktacular.



WE Day UN Conference- Monroe Woodbury

Alana Grant

Members of FBLA had been invited to attend the WE Day UN Conference on September 25, 2019. The purpose of this conference was to improve the awareness and leadership skills of the students involved. There were several celebrity speakers speaking out for the rights of women, people of color, and other minorities. Among these speakers were Millie Bobby Brown, John Cena, Skai Jackson, and even Liza Koshy, all speaking to FBLA members, Monroe Woodbury students, and children from the Tri-State Area about making change across their communities. FBLA hopes to take their knowledge home and improve the community for the better.



John Jay's Fundraiser for the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital

Steven Estrella

Many parents and guardians in the United States may have unfortunately endured situations that affected their children in some way or another.

The best option that continues to save millions of children's lives is undoubtedly a children's hospital. Countless children's hospitals throughout America lack the funding to support children during their darkest times. John Jay's FBLA chapter has taken it upon themselves to assist in trying to gather funds to support Maria Fareri Children's Hospital which inevitably would save many children's lives. Teachers of John Jay have agreed to help in funding the hospital by participating in a month-long vote to decide their hair or facial hair design. These designs are voted among students that donate at least \$1.00 or more to support the cause.

This event is known as No-Shave November and we hope to gather as much money as possible to support Maria Fareri Children's Hospital to ensure children are kept healthy. I strongly urge you to vote a design for our teachers regardless of your affiliated school or even if you want to donate just for the goodness of your heart.



Lake George's Community Cleanup

Sofia Amrock

The protection of our environment is significant to people all around the world. The members of the Lake George chapter in District 5 want to help out the environment and community through participating in their Community Outreach and Engagement Committee and its challenges. On November 2nd, 2019 the Lake George Chapter held a Community Cleanup throughout the Village of Lake George. Six members of the Lake George FBLA attended along with two other members of the community. These members spent time gathering garbage along the sidewalks and beaches of Lake George. They collected seven full bags of trash, and by the collection of these environmentally damaging objects, the community of Lake George is now cleaner and healthier. Littering can significantly damage the environment. Chemicals from the litter can leach into the ground, and water sources nearby. The importance in preventing this is necessary to the cleanliness and health of the lake. The health of the ecosystem also applies to the health of the living things within it. Many humans and animals depend on the lake for survival. Because of this, the Lake George Chapter felt that this was a particularly important way of outreach and engagement.



Monroe Woodbury's Breast Cancer Walk

Kevin Huang

On Sunday, October 26, Monroe Woodbury FBLA participated in the annual Breast Cancer Walk at the Woodbury Commons. This event is part of the Making Strides against Breast Cancer Walk, which seeks to raise awareness about breast cancer and raise money to donate to the American Cancer Society. Communities from all around the Hudson Valley were brought together on this occasion, creating a sense of unity amongst us all. This event is also an opportunity to honor breast cancer survivors and to remind them that they do not have to walk alone. Anyone can join the walk: supporters, survivors, friends, and families. Monroe Woodbury FBLA is proud to be able to take part in the Breast Cancer Walk and help spread the message and celebrate the survivors. We helped set up the course around Woodbury Commons, helped direct the walk, and most importantly, showed our support and cheered the walkers on. It is a very positive and fun event, with everyone decked from head to toe in pink to show their spirit and support. Everyone was cheering for one another, giving out high fives and fist bumps, laughing together, and just having a great time overall. It is a very rewarding experience to know that you helped contribute to this great campaign to end breast cancer. Members of Monroe Woodbury FBLA are honored to have participated in this meaningful event, and of course look forward towards next year's breast cancer walk!



John Jay's Induction Ceremony

Jeffery Shah

Tuesday, October 15 marked John Jay FBLA's official induction ceremony of 2019. The induction ceremony included the induction of new, hardworking members as well as the selection of appointed positions. The induction ceremony was celebrated with the traditional oath taken by all FBLA members, followed by the lighting of candles. Additionally, the elected officials including the President, Vice President, Secretaries, and Historians were sworn in by accepting the oaths of office. By accepting the oath of office, each elected official vowed to work continuously and effectively, and acknowledge the fact that failure to do so can result in the removal of their respective positions. The installment of the elected officials was followed by the acceptance of new members. All new members then took an oath, similar to that of the elected officials. The oath involved the firm belief that everyone has a right to education, that every person should actively work to improve social, political, community, and family life, that every person has the right to make a living, that every person should prepare for a useful occupation and carry on that occupation in a manner that brings the greatest good to the greatest number, and that the future depends on mutual understanding and cooperation among business, industry, labor, religious, family, and educational institutions, as well as people around the world. After accepting the creed of the Future Business Leaders of America, all new members were officially installed into the John Jay FBLA for the year of 2019. Following the acceptance of new members was the installment of appointed positions. Those who applied for an appointed position expressed an interest in going above and beyond as members of the Future Business Leaders of America. After interviews were conducted, decisions were made to select the strongest candidate for each position. All candidates who were selected for an appointed position were officially inducted into office, thus concluding the 2019 John Jay FBLA induction ceremony.



Lakeland High School at NFLC

Sean Lopez

Over the weekend, my FBLA chapter from Lakeland High School took a trip to Washington D.C. for the National Fall Leadership Conference (NFLC). We left the school by bus at 5:00 AM on Friday and drove to Pennsylvania Station in New York City. While driving to Penn Station, we were able to see the USS Intrepid from our bus seats. We boarded the train and slept through the long ride down to D.C. After checking in to the St. Gregory Hotel and getting changed into our formal attire, we were off to the Hilton Washington for our first workshop. We had three workshops on the first day and five on the second. My first workshop

was Idea Implementation! where the goal was to write an FBLA jingle and perform it. I found the experience quite fun, especially when a particular FBLA member, who happened to be a SoundCloud rapper, performed his FBLA rap. The other two workshops, #Networking and Communication As A Team, were similarly as fun. After the workshops, we visited the US Capitol and the Washington Monument with the Mamaroneck FBLA chapter, taking pictures of the whole group with the landmarks in the background.

For dinner, our chapters went to Shake Shack and I had a delicious meal of their Chicken Bites. After dinner, everyone went back to the Hilton Washington for the NFLC Opening Session. The keynote speaker was John Guydon, who delivered a very inspirational speech about the six key attributes to being successful. According to Guydon, the keys to success are defined by the acronym M.A.S.T.E.R. (standing for Mindset, Action, Strategy, Time, Environment, and Resourcefulness), which Guydon supplemented with compelling stories of his past. When everything was done, we went back to the St. Gregory Hotel to sleep for the eventful day to follow. In the morning, my chapter had breakfast in the lobby before heading out to the workshops once more. I had the pleasure of attending Networking Your Way to Success, How To Inspire Your Audience To Action, and The 5 Dysfunctions Of A Team before break. During break, my chapter ran around D.C. visiting more famous sights, such as the Lincoln Memorial, White House, World War II Memorial, and the Korean War Memorial, along with another pass by the Washington Monument.

Another interesting thing about the trip was that this was during the celebration parade of the Washington Nationals' first World Series win in their franchise, which we also experienced on our break.

After frantically running around, we eventually got back to the Hilton Washington for my last two workshops, Real Estate Empire From Scratch and Navigating The New Database. When we finished, we had the NFLC Closing Session with another impressive keynote speech by Anne Bonney about overcoming fear. The last event of the trip was a dance called Blue Jeans for Babies, where after suggested donations of \$5 for the March of Dimes were collected, people danced in the Hilton Washington Ballroom. Overall, the National Fall Leadership Conference was very exciting, as well as informative.



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