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This year's New York State officer team are officers first — volunteers, athletes, musicians and more second. Learn who's who on pages three through six.

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A colorful poster for the NYS FBLA 2022-2023 COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE. The poster features a central green circle with the words "ETHICAL EMERGENCY" in white. Surrounding this circle are four stylized landscape illustrations: a mountain, a sun, a forest, and a field. Text on the poster includes: "NYS FBLA 2022 - 2023 The Nature Conservancy", "BACK TO BUSINESS", "PRESENTS:", "Participating members will receive a ribbon at the State Leadership Conference", "All participants will be evaluated by the attached rubric and must upload their essay to the submission form", "Each member will come up with a scenario that deals with environmental issues in which your ethics and morals are conflicting and put into question.", "Each member should write a 250-300 word essay in PDF format explaining the issues and ethics conflicted and come up with at least one (1) possible viable solution.", and "A Look At Our Program of Work PM Eastern 1 February 15, 2023 Page 7".

WELCOME TO NEW YORK FBLA

BY PRESIDENT JOE VISCONTI



State President Joe Visconti and State Secretary Hannah Clark are excited for an amazing year in FBLA. .

Greetings New York State FBLA! My name is Joe Visconti, and I am extremely honored and excited to be serving each and every one of you this upcoming year as your 2022-2023 State President. On behalf of the entire State Officer Team, we would like to welcome you to the 2022-2023 membership year!

With a new year comes new opportunities, and FBLA has a lot of opportunities to offer. From getting involved through social media, workshops, conferences, and even just reaching out, this organization has potential to make our members stronger every single day. Ultimately, we are the Future Business Leaders of America, and leaders continue to persist and strive for better, which is exactly what I am hoping for us to achieve this year. Each member of this organization is a key component to building upon our success, which is why we are so concerned with member communication. Communication is one of the most important factors when it comes to solving problems, and with this upcoming year, I am hoping to solve

any outstanding issues of communication. Some ways we can do this are by listening to our very own members and chapters, so that your State Officer team has the resources to make this year a year for members. With your valuable input, the State Officer Team and I will be able to strengthen communication, and provide the resources necessary to help each member improve in their very own leadership, communication, professional development, and many other qualities of a business leader.

So far, our State Officer Team has been working very hard to organize an exciting and valuable year for all of our members. As always, be sure to participate in our Program of Work challenges, as they are a great way to improve your skills and take advantage of opportunities. In addition, be sure to get involved by raising awareness and funds for our state charity! Go into this new year with ambition and confidence. FBLA has so much to offer and don't be afraid to explore new versions of yourself. Immerse yourself in out of the box scenarios, and always strive for

greatness. I can confidently say that no matter who you are, you have the utmost potential to become a fantastic business leader. Take initiative and advantage of everything that comes your way.

When I joined FBLA three years ago, I never could have imagined how much I would learn and grow as not only a business leader but also as a person. I truly challenged myself in many ways regarding my social limits, and I also built on my communication, leadership and overall professional development skills definitively. Like I said, I encourage all members to seize the opportunity because you may regret something if you don't go for it. I am eager and confident to say that as a state this year we will successfully Get Back to Business!

Sincerely,
Joseph Visconti
president@nysfbla.org

MEET THE 2022-2023 OFFICER TEAM



Joe Visconti President.

Hello New York State FBLA, my name is Joe Visconti, I am a rising senior at Lakeland High School and I am honored to be serving as your 2022-2023 State President. I have been a dedicated and passionate member of FBLA for three years now and I am extremely excited to be taking on my fourth year with the responsibility of serving as New York State President. Throughout my years in FBLA I have accumulated countless valuable experiences that will help me effectively lead the state to a better and more efficient future. In FBLA, I have held various positions such as chapter Treasurer, chapter President, District 3S Media Specialist, and NYS FBLA Recruitment and Retention Council Member. Furthermore, I have recently embarked on the Business Achievement Awards, where I have completed the Contributor, Leader, and Advocate awards.

Outside of FBLA I am involved in many other activities and pastimes. I have been working at Raymond Opticians for about two years now, where I keep accurate records of patients, interact with and pre-screen customers prior to examinations, and I have recently been dispensing lenses where I communicate with insurance companies and deal with customer coverage for their glasses, contacts and other products. In addition, I have also been working at my family's business, JV Hot Bagels, for three years now, where I prepare food for customers and assist in managing catering orders. Additionally I participate in other clubs in my school, such as the English Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, and Young Investors Club, the lattermost of which I am President.

I love to spend my free time hanging out with friends and family and I would say that I am a very sociable and talkative person. With all of the other things that I participate in I am beyond excited to say that I will be serving as the New York State FBLA State President, and I can confidently assure you that we will accomplish great things. I am eager to see what this coming year will bring! If you have any questions, comments, or concerns don't hesitate to reach out to me at president@nysfbla.org!



Visakhi Miriyapalli Executive Vice President.

Hello New York State FBLA! My name is Visakhi Miriyapalli and I am a rising senior at Monroe-Woodbury High School. I have the privilege of holding the position of New York State's Executive Vice President for the 2022-2023 school year.

I first joined FBLA in 7th grade, and since then I have been able to explore many of the diverse opportunities FBLA offers, including workshops, volunteering activities, competitions, and leadership opportunities. I've held the positions of Reporter and Vice President of POW on the chapter level, Reporter on the district level, and I have been a part of the Career and College Readiness Council for 2 years. Throughout my time in FBLA, I've received 1st place for Introduction to Decision Making, I've placed in other competitions such as Financial Math and Business Ethics, and have assisted in receiving 1st place for many Program of Works. In our

chapter level, I've volunteered and partaken in several annual events such as our local Blood Drive and Breast Cancer Walk. As State Executive Vice President this year, I aim to refocus FBLA towards its traditional roots and workings and also enhance its priorities and values. I want to do this by increasing membership as well as creating more connectedness within the state.

Outside of FBLA, I'm involved in various activities. I am the secretary of the Interact club and a member of LEAD, SADD, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and Tri-Music Society. I play doubles on the Girl's Varsity Tennis Team and the violin in my school's Chamber Orchestra. I have been dancing for about 10 years in a variety of genres, including Indian classical dance, Bollywood, hip-hop, and tap and started to choreograph and teach in 2017. I'm very excited about this upcoming year and am very thankful for this opportunity to serve as a New York state officer!

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Hannah Clark Secretary

Hello New York State FBLA! I hope everyone is enjoying summer and looking forward to a fantastic upcoming year.

This year, I will serve as your State Secretary and can't wait to use my State Officer training to aid our state. Coming out of Covid, and with a new generation of members, I have some big goals for NYS FBLA, such as increasing membership and improving transparency among chapters. I feel so honored to have the privilege of working with all of you, and know, together, we are going to make this year a great success!

If you have any questions or concerns at any point this year, please don't hesitate to contact me at secretary@nysfbla.org!



Elise Carpenter Reporter

Hello New York State FBLA! My name is Elise Carpenter, I'm a junior at Mamaroneck High School, and I am honored to be serving as your State Reporter this year.

I first joined FBLA as a member of my middle school's chapter in seventh grade. Since then, I have held various positions at the chapter, district, and state level. Outside of FBLA, I am one of the managers of my school's robotics team, and a section head of our yearbook. I enjoy volunteering at local nature centers, and working as a part-time instructor of Robotics and Video Game Programming at a STEAM education business in town. In my free time, you can find me crocheting, sketching, and studying to gain my wildlife rehabilitation license.

I am so excited to continue my FBLA journey as New York State's Reporter. My main initiative is for the FBLA Express to be a publication that a broad range of New York

State FBLA members are involved in and enthusiastic about, through correspondence with districts and through social media broadcasting. I look forward to working with my fellow officers and members of New York State FBLA to make this FBLA year amazing. Please feel free to contact me at reporter@nysfbla.org!



Sohum Aggarwal Parliamentarian

Greetings New York FBLA! My name is Sohum Aggarwal and I will be serving as your 2022-2023 NYS FBLA State Parliamentarian. I cannot describe the honor it is to have this opportunity to give back to this profound organization and serve a term in state office. I am a rising Junior at Lakeland High School and a member of District 3S. Outside of FBLA, I am the captain of Lakeland's Track and Field Team, the founder of my school's math honor society, and I participate in several other extracurriculars.

I joined FBLA about two years ago, and have held the position of Chapter Parliamentarian and attended several conferences including FDM, SDM, SLC, and NLC. I'll admit, learning Parliamentary Procedure wasn't at all easy at first, but with the resources that past NYS FBLA State Parliamentarians have put out, it became a lot easier. This year, I aim to make parli-pro more accessible to chapters through

breaking stereotypes on the practice and providing materials. I look forward to working towards this goal, bonding with the rest of the state officers, networking with other members of FBLA, and making sure that NYS FBLA is successful for another year. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at parliamentarian@nysfbla.org.

MEET THE 2022-2023 OFFICER TEAM



Safaa Alami

State Vice President For District 1N

Hello NYS FBLA! My name is Safaa Alami and I will be serving as the District 1N Vice President for the 2022-2023 school year. I'm a rising senior from Long Island, New York and I've been a part of FBLA for the past four years. Despite thinking that public speaking wasn't for me, I joined FBLA in 8th grade out of pure curiosity. Upon joining I began to see a transformation within myself and my confidence. FBLA is the club that gave me the power to transform from a shy freshman, to a current senior that can compete at national conferences, serve as the President of my FBLA chapter, and as my District's SVP.

From my first-hand experience, I've recognized that FBLA can be overwhelming at times, and it is important to have a line of communication to express concerns, confusion, or needs, which is why I plan to focus on communication. I want to be that direct line of communication for the chapters in my district and state. This

year, I am looking forward to working with my fellow officers to accomplish amazing things, and to meeting all of the amazing FBLA members in New York state. I am confident that together we can make FBLA a stronger organization.



Mikayla Zeldin

State Vice President For District 1S

Hello New York State FBLA! My name is Mikayla Zeldin. I am presently a rising junior, at William Floyd High School. I'm honored and delighted to serve as your State Vice President of District 1S for the 2022-2023 year. For the past two years, I've been an active member of FBLA. In this time I have served as the Secretary of my school chapter. FBLA has offered me a lot, including new friends, new skills, wonderful experiences, and future possibilities.

I am really involved outside of FBLA. I participate in soccer and track & field. I'm involved in the Theatre program, Literary Magazine, Academic Team, ASL Club, and a variety of Honor Societies within my school. I like listening to music, writing, taking pictures, reading, and playing golf in my spare time. I am really excited to be a member of the State Officer Team and to collaborate with such wonderful individuals. I'm also quite appreciative of this opportunity, and I'm looking forward

to working with my fellow members and advisors. I'm overjoyed to serve as SVP for District 1S this coming year.



Diya Mangatt

State Vice President for District 3N

Hello New York State FBLA! My name is Diya Mangatt, and I will be serving as your State Vice President of District 3N for the 2022-2023 school year. This fall, I will be a junior at Monroe-Woodbury High School. I have been very involved in FBLA since my freshman year of high school. During my time in FBLA, I have served as chapter Secretary for Monroe-Woodbury High School.

Outside of FBLA, I am a part of the school tennis team, and I also play flute and piano. I had the opportunity to play in our pit orchestra for our high school musical production, James and the Giant Peach. I am currently a volunteer at Garnet Health Medical Center and I also volunteer at the kids camp at the YMCA. I am also involved in other clubs such as LEAD, STARS, Model UN, and Interact. During my free time, I love to bake cupcakes, watch 80's movies with my family, and hang out with my friends. I cannot wait to see all the amazing things that District 3N will

accomplish this year! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach me at svp3n@nysfbla.org.

MEET THE 2022-2023 OFFICER TEAM



Ashley Carozza State Vice President for District 3S

Hello New York State FBLA! My name is Ashley Carozza and I am a rising junior at Lakeland High School. It is a privilege to be serving as your State Vice President for District 3S for the upcoming 2022-2023 year.

I joined FBLA during my freshman year of high school and since then I have been honored to serve as my chapter's Vice President and serve on the Recruitment and Retention State Council. As well as being a dedicated member of FBLA, I also take part in several other activities. I have been a swimmer for the Lakeland-Panas Girls Varsity Swim Team since I was in seventh grade, and I teach and coach kids during the summer. Additionally, I am a Co-President of Lakeland's Relay for Life club, and an active member of the Newspaper club, Student Government, National English Honor Society, and Class of 2024 committee. Outside of school, I work at a kid's daycare and party place as a lifeguard during the summer.

I am beyond grateful for this opportunity to serve as a New York State Officer! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at svp3s@nysfbla.org.



Nicole Aumell State Vice President For District 7

Hello NYS FBLA members, advisors, board members and officers! My name is Nicole Aumell and I'm currently a rising junior at Canastota High School. I'm greatly honored to have the opportunity to serve as the State Vice President representing District 7 for the 2022-2023 NYS FBLA year!

I became a member of FBLA during my freshman year and have since served as Secretary and Treasurer of my local chapter. Outside of my involvement in FBLA, I am a member of various clubs and I am a dedicated athlete. I play field hockey and run track, serve as the Vice President of my class, as well as a member of the Superintendent's Cabinet, National Honor Society, and Student Government. I also participate in Science Olympiad and science club, act, and volunteer. My favorite hobbies include reading, crafting, and listening to classic rock.

I look forward to all we will accomplish this year and believe that through hard work we can create a more unified, motivated, and productive District 7! Please feel free to contact me at svp7@nysfbla.org.



Ameet Ashok State Vice President for District 8

Hello New York State FBLA! I'm Ameet Ashok, a rising senior from Vestal High School in Binghamton, New York, and I'm proud to serve as the District 8 State Vice-President for 2022-23.

In addition to leading my school's FBLA chapter as President, I'm involved in other organizations in and out of school. I play tennis competitively and am the captain of my school's Varsity team. Additionally, I'm involved with my school's Math Team, National Honor Society, Peer Tutoring Program, and Spanish Club. Outside of school, I run a bookkeeping services LLC, work with nonprofit organizations dedicated to affordable housing and resources for homeless populations in my region, and volunteer at a local pharmacy. During my free time, I enjoy hanging out with friends, listening to music, and traveling. I'm excited to work with such a talented, motivated group of leaders this year! As an officer team, we have so much

planned. Please reach out to me with questions, concerns, or ideas at svp8@nysfbla.org.

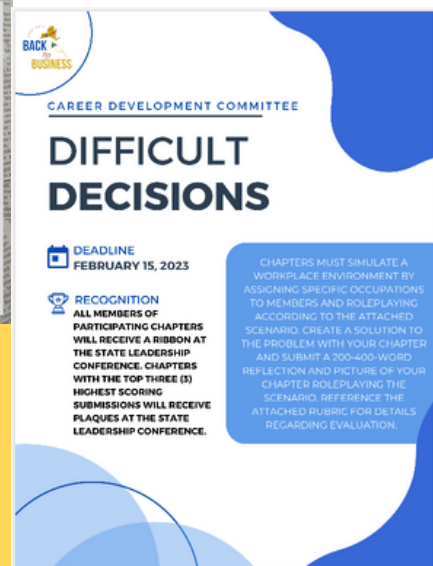
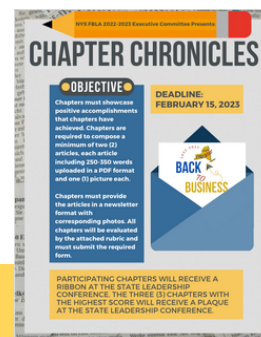
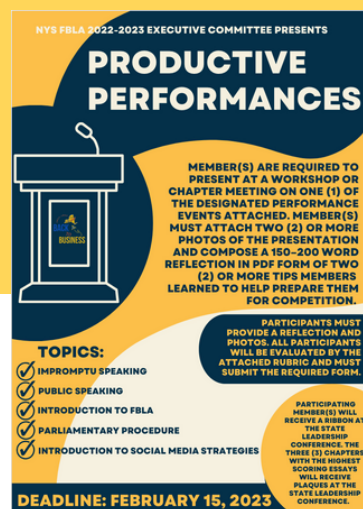
A LOOK AT OUR PROGRAM OF WORK

BY EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT VISAKHI MIRIYAPALLI

Hello New York State FBLA! After working with the brand-new state officer team at State Officer Training this week, we are so thrilled for a new year and ready to jump right into it. I'll be sharing with you guys the amazing Program of Work the state officers put together for this year. Following our NYS 2022-2023 theme, "Back to Business", many of our Program of Work activities are primarily focused on the main goals and values of FBLA.

As the former Vice President of Program of Work (POW) for my chapter, I encourage everyone to participate in them, as I've seen firsthand how productive they are. POW is one of the most important activities when it comes to being involved in FBLA, because it not only strengthens your skills as an individual, but it's also a direct way to get involved and engaged in the organization.

Each committee is meant to focus on one vital goal for succeeding in FBLA, including membership, volunteering, professional skills, and FBLA-oriented POWs. As you complete POWs, you will get recognition on the state level with ribbons and plaques, as well as Super Ribbons if you complete all the challenges that a specific committee offers. The Program of Work is dispersed in various platforms, from videos to images to essays, so there's so much to explore.



This year, there are 12 POWs that the four committees compiled together, each committee focusing on a specific area of FBLA. These committees consist of: the Membership Services Committee, Community Outreach and Engagement Committee, Career Development Committee, and the Executive Committee, all comprised of the current NYS FBLA officers.

We're so excited to get this year started and accomplish so many new things. Be sure to check out the Program of Work on www.nysfbla.org and take a look at some of the amazing competitions we created! Remember to look at the rubrics provided and the information given for each of them.

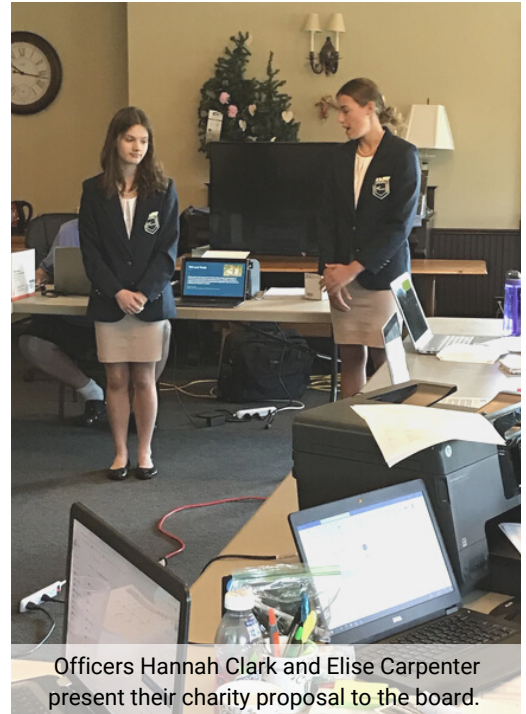
If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at evp@nysfbla.org.

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY: 2022-2023 NYS CHARITY

BY SECRETARY HANNAH CLARK



Officers enjoy the great outdoors on a kayaking expedition.



Officers Hannah Clark and Elise Carpenter present their charity proposal to the board.

Hello, New York State FBLA! My name is Hannah Clark and I am thrilled to be serving as your State Secretary this upcoming school year. We have an amazing year ahead of us, and I am so excited to see all that we are able to accomplish.

The officers and I have been very productive throughout our State Officer Training, and we can't wait to apply everything we have learned into aiding the State. One of our accomplishments during our week of training was determining our New York State Charity. Giving back to the community is a crucial aspect of FBLA and there was a lot of careful consideration that went into making this decision.

This summer, each State Officer researched a non-profit organization that NYS FBLA could partner with. After much debate, we decided that the New York State FBLA Charity for 2022-'23 will be The Nature Conservancy (TNC)!

The Nature Conservancy was proposed by myself and Elise Carpenter and is an environmental awareness organization. While TNC is a global organization, it also has a lot of focus within New York State. For example, TNC has goals of maintaining forests within New York City, cleaning the water in the Finger Lakes, and increasing the use of solar energy on Long Island. These are some big goals, and TNC needs our help to promote their organization and provide funding.

The state officer team is very excited to work with this organization, especially because NYS FBLA hasn't had a purely environment focused charity in years. The most effective way for NYS FBLA to support TNC is through fundraising, and we have implemented this into some of the Program of Work Challenges. Make sure to complete and submit these challenges before February 15th to receive ribbons at the State Leadership Conference!

TNC has goals of maintaining forests within New York City, cleaning the water in the Finger Lakes, and increasing the use of solar energy on LI.

The entire State Officer Team is very excited to bring awareness to this charity and all that it stands for! We hope that you participate and help NYS FBLA support The Nature Conservancy!

IMPLEMENTING PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE AT THE CHAPTER LEVEL

BY PARLIAMENTARIAN SOHUM AGGARWAL

Parliamentary Procedure can be used for any deliberative assembly, or in other words, any group of people who wants to accomplish goals. To start, you may be wondering, "What even is parliamentary procedure?"

In short, it is an instruction manual to hold meetings and make decisions. It is a universal guide to running a meeting smoothly. It can be used to set a structure for your chapter meetings and expedite whatever business your chapter wishes to accomplish. So, how does parliamentary procedure work and how can you integrate it into your chapter's meetings?

Parliamentary procedure is structured around motions, a formal proposal by a member, in a meeting, that the group take certain action. So, now you may be questioning, "How do I even make a motion?" To answer this question, we must talk about the presiding officer/chair's role in a meeting. In a meeting, they are to mediate the flow of the meeting and act impartial to the decisions being made.

Now, let's go back to making a motion. The first step is to obtain the floor or the attention of the assembly. This is done by simply calling out "Mr./Madam President" and standing up. The chair will then recognize the member and grant them the floor by either stating their position or name (Ex: Parliamentarian OR Mr. Aggarwal). The member will follow this by stating the motion in the phrase, "I move that _____ (and state their proposal)". For example, one might say "I move that the chapter holds a bake sale fundraiser at the football game on September 24th". The next step is seconding the motion or agreeing that the motion should be considered. This can be done by anyone except the chair by calling out, "Second".

The chair will then restate the motion by saying, "It has been moved and seconded that _____ (state the exact wording of how the motion was originally made). The motion will be referred to as the pending question. Then, members can debate the motion! To speak, each member should first obtain the floor and then they can talk about whether they believe the question should be adopted or lost.

Once everyone has finished debating, the chair will "put the question". This is done by first asking the assembly if they are finished debating and then taking a vote viva voce (a voice vote). The chair will begin by asking, "Is everyone ready for the question?". If silence remains, they will then state the motion and take the vote. This is phrased as "The question is on the adoption of _____ (the motion).



Officers use parliamentary procedure to come to a consensus on their charity proposal.

Those in favor, please say aye". This will follow with everyone in the assembly who agrees with the motion to say "aye". The chair will then say, "Those opposed, please say no". That will follow with everyone in the assembly who does not agree with the motion to say "no". The chair will then announce the results of the vote. This is phrased by saying "The ayes/noes have it, and the motion is adopted/lost. (State the actions that will be taken to execute the motion)". And that's it! You have officially made a motion!

Try making a motion at your next chapter meeting to see it in action! Parliamentary Procedure can be used differently to fit all chapters, but the reasons to use it will always remain the same. Learning Parliamentary Procedure will expedite business and provide a structure for your chapter to follow for meetings. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me via email at parliamentarian@nysfblla.org. I am more than happy to help any chapter implement parliamentary procedure to suit their own needs.



Officers Nicole Aumell, Diya Mangatt, and Safaa Alami focus on recess from a parli-pro session.

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BY THE VICE PRESIDENTS



SVP'S Safaa Alami and Diya Mangatt show spirit for the FBLA year ahead.

DISTRICT 1N

SAFAA ALAMI

Greetings New York State FBLA, my name is Safaa Alami and I'll be serving as the State Vice President for District 1N. We have so much to look forward to this year as we can resume many of the exciting events and activities FBLA offers. This year I plan to focus on three main goals, Communication, Collaboration, and Progress.

As the District 1N SVP, I will be committed to actively communicating with chapters throughout my district. This year I plan on holding monthly meetings for chapter officers and members in District 1N. Throughout these meetings, I will answer your questions and keep you informed on the fantastic and exciting opportunities FBLA has to offer. This

will help me gather information and receive input to help propose changes that reflect your needs and concerns at the district and state levels.

Throughout this upcoming year, I plan to focus on ensuring my district remains unified through collaboration. I believe that working together in any capacity as a district will make us stronger and more successful overall. I plan to utilize the power of social media to bring District 1N together. Not only will I create an Instagram page for District 1N, but I will also reach out to your chapters to include your images, videos, and ideas on the page. Lastly this year I will focus on making sure our district is progressing by opening up new opportunities such

as district officer positions to expand leadership opportunities.

In exciting news, FDM and SDM will resume in person this year and all normal activities will return. FDM will take place on **November 18, 2022**, and will be filled with workshops and guest speakers. SDM will take place on **January 20, 2023** and you will have the chance to compete in events and qualify for the State Leadership Conference.

I am looking forward to all the amazing work we will accomplish this year throughout New York State. We will accomplish great things and reach new heights together.

DISTRICT 1S

MIKAYLA ZELDIN

Dear NYS FBLA,

My name is Mikayla Zeldin. I am your newly elected State Vice President for district 1S. I am very excited to serve in this office. It is such an honor, thank you for electing me. I promise to fulfill the duties of this office to the best of my ability.

My number one goal for 1S is definitely communication. I will be using the communication platforms GroupMe and possibly remind. I find it essential to contact all throughout my district. I will be holding biweekly officer checkups and monthly district-wide workshops that include learning to public speak and learning the basics of parliamentary procedure. Another one of my goals is involvement. Being involved with anything is important in any town. I will try to increase involvement by doing district challenges and highlight the chapter that wins. I will also be holding district-wide game nights and calls to prep for SLC competitions.

One of my other goals is for people to have a say and to voice their opinions. For example, I will take an anonymous poll about what I can improve on as I continue in my term as district 1S

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Vice President. Also, I will ask people what will better the district as a whole and I will take anyone's opinions into consideration.

Furthermore, I will be holding FDM on **November 18, 2022**. The snow date will be December 2, 2022. I will be holding SDM on **January 20, 2023**. The snow date will be January 27, 2023.

Alongside me at FDM and SDM will be Safaa Alami, the district 1N Vice President.

Once again, I am very honored to be serving as your district 1S State Vice President. I hope I can learn from everyone and gain new skills along the way.

FBLA as a whole. A few of my main objectives are to implement more workshops, more frequently, so local chapters can learn new leadership skills; to improve communication between state officers, chapter officers and our members, and to encourage members to move beyond their limitations and to reach their full potential. By sending out surveys and having monthly meetings with chapters, I hope to get a better understanding of the progress that our district will be making throughout the year.

FBLA has taught me valuable skills that

Fall District Meeting (FDM) will take place on **Thursday, October 6, 2022** from 3:30-8:00 pm. The Spring District Meeting (SDM) will take place on **Thursday, February 2, 2023** from 3:30-8:00 pm with a snow date of Thursday, February 9, 2023. I look forward to meeting new members and seeing old friends! I am so excited to embark on this journey.

DISTRICT 3S

ASHLEY CAROZZA

FDM: **Friday, October 14th** → rain/snow date: Monday, October 17



Nicole Aumell (7) and Mikayla Zeldin (1S) run through their speeches over breakfast.



Diya Mangatt and Safaa Alami work hard to plan the respective years of Districts 3N and 1N.



Ashley Carozza (3S) and Nicole Aumell (7) show smiles for the Program of Work.

DISTRICT 3N

DIYA MANGATT

Dear NYS FBLA,

Hello members and advisors of New York State FBLA! My name is Diya Mangatt and I am a rising junior at Monroe-Woodbury High School. I am honored to be serving as your State Vice President of District 3N for the 2022-2023 school year.

For the upcoming year, there are a few goals that I would like to implement so that we can strengthen our chapters and have a better understanding of

are applicable to everyday life. Whether it is becoming more confident in your skills or exploring new activities, FBLA has so much to offer when it comes to workshops and meeting new people. The people that you will interact with when in FBLA will have a positive influence on your life and they will only encourage you to be the best version of yourself. Starting in our own chapters, current members of FBLA should spread the word of how many opportunities FBLA provides to grow as a leader. Sharing personal experiences in the club will only inspire others to join. This year, the

SDM: **Thursday, February 9** → rain/snow date: Friday, February 10

Hello New York State FBLA! My name is Ashley Carozza and I will be serving as your new State Vice President. I am beyond excited for our upcoming year together and I have so many goals and ideas that I would love to bring to life with all of you. Three main goals I have for this year are to Spark interest, to give Voice, and to Provide for all members, corresponding to the three-letter acronym, SVP.

First and foremost, I want to spark

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interest amongst all members and potential members throughout my district. Increasing our membership and involvement will, in turn, increase our representation at the state and national conferences, which I encourage all of you to attend and take full advantage of. I plan to do so by utilizing our district's social media platform to increase our presence online and promote events, fundraisers, and opportunities to everyone.

Next, I would like to give a voice to all our members. I want to create a system of feedback, whether it be on the official NYS FBLA website, through our District 3S Instagram, or another mode of technology. This way, we as state officers, and me as a representative of all of you, are able to receive feedback, comments, concerns, questions, criticisms, how things worked or how they didn't, and much more. Communication is key for just about anything, including success, and opening up this line of communication is definitely a step in the right direction.

Last, but certainly not least, my goal is to provide for all members. Whether it's providing opportunity, resources, or assistance, my goal is to be there for each and every one of you in whatever way possible. As the State Vice President for District 3S, I will be working very close with many chapter officers to listen to the needs and wants of all our members. I want to provide as many opportunities as I can to all of the members, so I am proud to say that this year we will be holding applications for District Officers, where many of you will get the chance to serve on a district level and gain several new experiences. In addition, State Council applications will also be open early on this year, when many of you will be able to serve on a council led by a group of State Officers. I encourage you all to apply for these positions and to make use of these amazing upcoming opportunities.

I am truly honored to be serving as a State Officer this upcoming year and I am eager to meet all of you at our District meetings. I cannot wait to see

all that we will accomplish and achieve together! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at svp3s@nysfbla.org.

DISTRICT 7

NICOLE AUMELL

Hello NYS FBLA! My name is Nicole Aumell from Canastota High School and I'm beyond honored to serve as the State Vice President for District 7 during the 2022-2023 NYS FBLA year. Being a member of FBLA has positively impacted my life, as I've learned a variety of business competencies and life lessons that I can utilize for my future such as professionalism, public speaking, and parliamentary procedure. It has also helped me to become more confident and come out of my shell.

Due to the pandemic, progress made in our district was halted and this year I'm focused on restoring all the hard work and efforts put forth to improve District 7 in the past few years. However, throughout the lockdown, where many could easily become discouraged and hopeless, I observed perseverance, optimism, and resilience from NYS FBLA and know that if we expand upon this, District 7 will

flourish. Therefore, I have created several goals aimed at bringing more representation to central New York and contributing to greater success of NYS FBLA as a whole. These goals include increasing communication by hosting open discussion sessions and frequent check ins with chapters, instilling a narrative of unity and interconnectedness by using social media to highlight positive happenings in the district, and boosting membership by creating recruitment videos and having virtual workshops with current members, in which they can share their experiences in an effort to inspire others to join. I am confident that if more attention is brought to this wonderful organization, that offers a variety of beneficial opportunities to everyone and can have such a tremendous impact on your life as it has had for me, we will gain more members. Once we start communicating more frequently, progress will be achieved in a timely and effective manner and becoming more unified will allow for further success and the establishment of new chapters.

For the upcoming year, the official FDM date is scheduled for **Friday, November 5** with an additional snow date on Friday, November 18. Moreover, this year's SDM is set for **Thursday**,



Officers from 3S show district pride.

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SVP's Safaa Alami and Ameet Ashok network during a workshop.

February 2 with a snow date of Thursday, February 9. If anyone is interested in joining FBLA, get in touch with teachers to see if your school has a chapter and if one does not exist yet. Please feel free to contact me at svp7@fbia.org to start a new chapter! Also, please email me if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions on how to improve District 7.

DISTRICT 8

AMEET ASHOK

FDM Date: **Friday, November 5**

FDM Makeup Date: Friday, November 18

SDM Date: **Thursday, February 2**

SDM Makeup Date: Thursday, February 9

FDM and SDM with District 7

FBLA Goals:

As the first State Vice President for District 8 in a long time, I'm extremely enthusiastic about broadening the opportunities for members of my district this year. I plan on increasing membership by reaching out to business teachers, students, families, and administrators at schools throughout my jurisdiction. By expanding the number of chapters and the number of members in each, District 8 will see greater

representation at the SLC, NLC, and will be able to collaborate on district and chapter events together. In order to connect members of my district with one another, I'm in the process of implementing a networking platform where members and advisors from different schools can work together on FBLA-related projects, study and prepare for competitive events, discuss business issues and solutions in their communities, and develop lifelong friendships. I also hope to embody one of FBLA's core tenets: promoting financial literacy and awareness among high school

students. Using social media platforms, I'll post brief lessons and tips on how students can become financially independent, save and invest their assets, and develop a sense of philanthropy. As a State Vice President, I'm tasked with developing and facilitating the Fall and Spring District Meetings, and through these, I'll bring in accomplished guest speakers and presenters to inspire members of my district, while hosting engaging workshops that teach members skills and competencies necessary for them to thrive in FBLA and in the real world.

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The officer team enjoys a joint breakfast.

EDITOR'S NOTE

BY REPORTER ELISE CARPENTER

This edition of the FBLA Express, the first of the 2022-2023 FBLA year, was created during State Officer Training (SOT). SOT is a six-day trip in which the officer team works alongside the state's Board of Trustees to set up the business of New York State FBLA for the year; this includes writing articles for this newsletter! There are three remaining editions of the FBLA Express before the State Leadership Conference, and all New York State FBLA members are encouraged to contribute to the submission of articles and/or photos. The submission deadlines are as follows:

Fall Edition – October 30, 2022

Winter Edition – January 5, 2023

Spring Issue – February 28, 2023

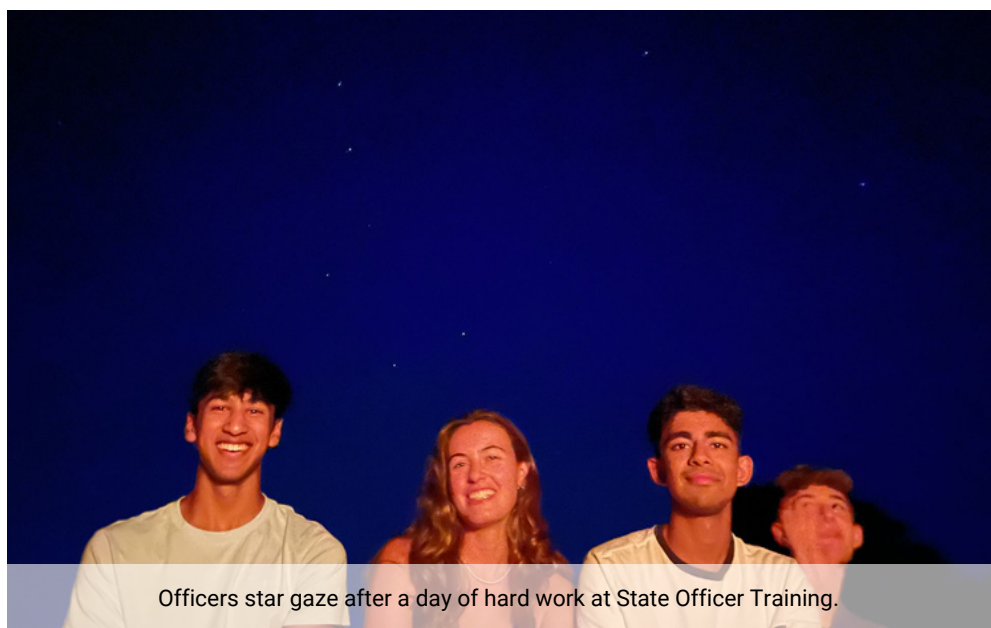
Please contact me at reporter@nysfbla.org with article and photo submissions. Also feel free to use this address for any inquiries or insight you may have. We can't wait to hear from you!



The officer team enjoy a walk in the wilderness.



Ameet Ashook and Hannah Clark recess in style.



Officers star gaze after a day of hard work at State Officer Training.

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