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# WELCOME TO NEW YORK STATE FBLA

By President Diya Mangatt

Greetings New York State FBLA! My name is Diya Mangatt and I am honored to be serving as your State President for the 2023-2024 school year. Along with the State Officer Team, I would like to welcome you all to the 2023-2024 membership year!

FBLA has many opportunities to offer and there are multiple ways to get involved in such an amazing club. Through social media, workshops, conferences, and even just reaching out, every officer is here to help you and your chapter reach its full potential. 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 or concerns. With your 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 preparation, and many other business leader qualities. I want to provide each and every one of you with the resources necessary to enable you to become future business leaders.

So far, our State Officer Team has been working very hard to organize an exciting and valuable year for all 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. I encourage you to enter this new year with ambition and confidence. No matter what your strengths and weaknesses are, there are always skills that FBLA can help you improve.

When I joined FBLA three years ago, I never could have imagined how much I would learn and grow as a person. I truly challenged myself in many ways regarding my communication and confidence, and I cannot believe how much I have accomplished these past few years. Through the support and guidance of my teachers and peers, I was able to achieve much more than I had expected, and I hope the same for all of you. I am confident that as a state, we will be incredibly successful and achieve all the goals that we set this year!

Sincerely,

Diya Mangatt NYS FBLA State President president@nysfbla.org



# **Diya Mangatt | President**

Hello, New York State FBLA! My name is Diya Mangatt, and I will be serving as your State President for the 2023-2024 school year. This fall, I will be a senior at Monroe-Woodbury High School. During my time in FBLA, I have served as chapter Secretary for Monroe-Woodbury High School, as well as the State Vice President for District 3N.

For the 2023-2024 school year, a few of my main objectives are to expand our social media presence, increase membership participation, and to implement more workshops. Encouraging members to participate in more workshops and competitions will also increase NYS representation at NLC!

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 Les Mis this year. I am currently a volunteer at Garnet Health Medical Center, and I also volunteer at the local library. I am also involved in other clubs such as LEAD, STARS, Model UN, and Interact. During my free time, I love to read, hike, and bake. I am grateful to be serving as the State President, and I cannot wait to see all the amazing things that New York State FBLA will accomplish this year! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach me at <a href="mailto:president@nysfbla.org">president@nysfbla.org</a>.



# **Sohum Aggarwal | Executive Vice President**

Greetings New York FBLA! My name is Sohum Aggarwal, and I will be serving as your 2023-2024 NYS FBLA State Executive Vice President. I cannot describe the honor it is to serve a second term in state office. To provide some background on me, I am a rising Senior at Lakeland High School and a member of District 3S. Outside of FBLA, I'm the captain of Lakeland's Track and Field Team, an employee at Trader Joe's, a Student Rep for Lakeland's Board of Education, a volunteer at a hospital, and a member of several honor societies.

In the upcoming year, my first goal is to boost membership to grow our footprint and network for the members to benefit from. My second goal is to ignite activity and excitement within chapters. This can be done by listening to our members and inducing a passion for career development, fundraising, and community service.

My third goal is to promote our members and continue our impact to a setting larger than New York by targeting state initiatives toward growing chapter social media accounts, gathering news coverage, and shining a spotlight on chapters with Instagram takeovers. I look forward to tackling these goals, bonding with the other state officers, networking with FBLA members, and making sure that NYS FBLA is successful for another year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at <a href="evp@nysfbla.org">evp@nysfbla.org</a>.



### Manya Khatri | State VP for District 1S

Hello New York State FBLA! My name is Manya Khatri and this fall, I will be a junior at Commack High School on Long Island. I am beyond excited to serve as your State Vice President of District 1S for the 2023-2024 school year!

After joining FBLA in my freshman year, I learned so many business and real-life skills, but I've also gotten close with and made so many memories with amazing people I wouldn't have met otherwise. Additionally, over the past two years, I've gotten the opportunity to attend both SLC and NLC twice, and have participated and won in several events in both. Through the next two years, I can't wait to meet new members, learn life-long lessons and promote FBLA.

I, personally, tend to enjoy extracurriculars more when I'm with my friends and am able to have fun, so I look to work to make business activities more enjoyable and help everyone create great memories and experiences. It's going to be an awesome year for NYS FBLA, and I can't wait to get working. Definitely reach out to me at <a href="mailto:svp1s@nysfbla.org">svp1s@nysfbla.org</a> with any questions or concerns.



# **Maxwell Robinson | State VP for District 3S**

As the 2023-2024 New York State FBLA State Vice President for District 3S, I am thrilled to address you all. FBLA has been an incredible journey for me since my freshman year, opening my eyes to its potential and impact. Through attending conferences like SLC, NFLC, FDM, and SDM, I've gained invaluable skills in public speaking, resume writing, and leadership, becoming a more confident and empathetic leader.

This year, I aim to improve my district's Spring and Fall District Meetings by inviting influential speakers, hosting workshops, and adding interactive elements like photo booths and games for a more engaging experience.

Promoting equity within NYS FBLA is essential to me, and I'll work on empowering chapters to make a positive impact in their communities, encouraging non-profit initiatives and providing valuable life experiences. Beyond FBLA, I find joy in running track and cross country and have a passion for cooking and baking. I even started my own small business and charity to combine my passion for baking with giving back. I am deeply humbled and honored to serve as State Vice President, and I look forward to a remarkable year ahead of collaboration, growth, and making a lasting impact. Feel free to reach me at <a href="mailto:syp3s@nysfbla.org">syp3s@nysfbla.org</a>.



# **Joely LaPage | State VP for District 9**

Hello NYS FBLA, my name is Joely LaPage and I will be serving as the District 9 SVP for the 2023-2024 school year. I am a rising senior from a small town named Fulton in upstate NY, and I have been a part of FBLA for the past three years. I've had the opportunity to go to our District competitions, as well as SLC in Public Speaking, Marketing, Business Communications, and Business Calculations. These experiences have assisted in developing my knowledge and skills to create the best version of myself.

Personally, I believe I can connect to all social spectrums and I have had very good experiences connecting and socializing with people of all kinds. This is due to over a decade worth of sports, 7 years' worth of instrument playing within bands/ensembles, as well as membership in various clubs.

As the District 9 SVP, I will be committed to actively communicating with chapters. Additionally, I plan to focus on communication and connection between our District's Chapters. I believe that if the Districts remain unified through collaboration, vast improvements can be made to make us stronger, and, overall, more successful. I am looking forward to meeting as many FBLA members throughout New York State that I can, and I am confident that together we can make FBLA the best organization it can be. If you would like to let me know anything, feel free to reach out to me at <a href="mailto:syp@mysfbla.org">syp@mysfbla.org</a>.



### Nathan Wan | State VP for District 12

Hello, New York State FBLA. My name is Nathan Wan, and I will be serving as the District 12 Vice President for the 2023-2024 school year. I'm a rising senior from Williamsville East High School and am currently my school's chapter President. Outside of school, I've attended SLC and NLC, placing in many different events.

For the incoming school year, I have various goals. As a district with very few members and only one chapter, I want to revive old chapters and increase membership. I want to increase District 12's representation at SLC and NLC. I also want to use social media to increase FBLA's presence. I am excited to run the Fall and Spring District Meetings, host workshops, and meet all District 12 members.

Outside of FBLA, I am involved in various activities. I am the setter for my school's varsity volleyball team, treasurer of student council, and an amazing summer camp counselor. I am also a member of multiple Honor Societies at my school, and I research computer science at the University of Buffalo. In my free time, I like to hang out with my friends, play video games, and eat food from all over the world. However, my most defining characteristic is that I am Canadian. 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 need to reach out to me, please contact me at <a href="mailto:svp12@nysfbla.org">svp12@nysfbla.org</a>.



### **Anna Carlson | State VP for District 13**

Hello, New York State, FBLA. My name is Anna Carlson and I'll be your District 13 State Vice President for the 2023-2024 school year. As a rising senior at Falconer High School, I am highly active in both my school and community. I first joined FBLA when I was in 8th grade. Since then, I've held the positions of Parliamentarian and Vice President. Currently I am the President for my chapter. I'm ready to take the experiences of my last 4 years in FBLA and the skills I've learned to the next level as a state officer, while improving my public speaking and professional abilities.

In addition to my role in FBLA, I'm a part of my school's Honor Society and I am a Girl Scout. I participated on my school's swim team, where I qualified to swim in the Section VI Class C Championships Preliminaries. Finally, I am a member of the Trap Team, where I have received High Shooter - Female for the past 2 years.

I am also very passionate about sewing. Not only do I sew clothes for myself, but I used these skills to help prepare costumes for the School Musical productions, such as Cogsworth from Beauty and the Beast. In my limited spare time, I enjoy sewing, as well as reading a wide variety of books. I also enjoy helping my family with our family business in any way that I'm capable of. If you need to reach me for anything, you can email me at <a href="mailto:svp13@nysfbla.org">svp13@nysfbla.org</a>.



# **Elise Carpenter | Secretary**

Hello New York FBLA! My name is Elise and I'm a rising senior at Mamaroneck High, and I'm so excited to be serving as state sec this year! Since joining FBLA in seventh grade, I have been deeply involved. I am currently on the national team as Parliamentarian and hold first place competitive event titles at the state and national levels. From public speaking to learning how to manage tasks within a group, I credit FBLA for my growth as a leader over recent years.

Outside of FBLA, I pursue my interests in nature and technology. I am a licensed wildlife rehabilitator, president of my school's robotics team, volunteer at local nature centers, and work part-time as an instructor of robotics, programming, and 3D-printing. I'm invested in a personal project of applying machine learning to bird song for behavioral analysis. In my free time, I enjoy sketching with oil pastels and hanging out with my rabbit, Cleo.

Coming up, I'm hoping to "nail communication" through direct outreach with members, chapter president chats, and secretarial and professional education promoted through the New York State FBLA Instagram page. Please do not hesitate to contact me at <a href="mailto:secretary@nysfbla.org">secretary@nysfbla.org</a>. I look forward to hearing from you!



# **Nicole Aumell | Treasurer**

Hello, New York State FBLA! My name is Nicole Aumell and I'm currently a rising senior at Canastota High School. I'm honored to be serving as your State Treasurer for the 2023 - 2024 year! I'm very grateful to have served as your District 7 SVP last year and plan to utilize everything I learned from that position.

I first joined FBLA as a freshman and quickly developed a passion for the organization. FBLA has helped me gain confidence, improve my public speaking and leadership skills, as well as has prepared me for the college and career level.

A few fun facts about myself are: I'm a huge Taylor Swift fan, I play field hockey/am a distance runner at track, my favorite animal are flamingoes, and I love classic rock.

I'm excited for a great upcoming year! I'm eager to meet the amazing members of NYS FBLA at networking nights and conferences and will work diligently to give members the tools necessary to make the best financial choices they can. If you would like to reach out with any questions, concerns, or simply would like to reach out please email me at <a href="mailto:treasurer@nysfbla.org">treasurer@nysfbla.org</a>!



### Tulesi Suresh | Reporter

Hello, New York State FBLA! I'm a rising senior at Williamsville East High School in Buffalo, NY and I'm honored to serve as your 2023-2024 State Reporter. I joined FBLA as a freshman after taking my first business class. Since then, I've served as a chapter officer and placed at state and national conferences. My main task this year will be publishing our state newspaper, *The FBLA Express*. I aim to represent all districts of New York State in the paper and inform members about upcoming opportunities and initiatives via social media.

Other than FBLA, I have many interests. One of these is music-I've played the piano for over a decade, am President of my school's Chorale, and practice a style of Indian singing called Hindustani music where I improvise melodies and sing cultural songs.

I am also interested in taking care of the environment. I collect recycling as a member of Project Green, write articles about environmental issues, and sell secondhand clothing online. In my free time, you can find me running around on the tennis court or spending time with my sister. I am excited and grateful to serve as one of your state officers this year! Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns at <a href="mailto:reporter@nysfbla.org">reporter@nysfbla.org</a>.



# Mikayla Zeldin | Historian

Hello, New York State FBLA! My name is Mikayla Zeldin, and I am presently a rising senior at William Floyd High School, located on Long Island. I'm honored and delighted to serve as your New York State Historian for the 2023-2024 year. For the past three years, I've been an active member of FBLA. Prior to this year, I worked as the Secretary and the President of my chapter, and also the District 1S State Vice President for New York. I've learned and developed from these experiences and am excited to continue being a state officer.

In school, I am involved in Business Honor Society, National Honor Society, debate team, and drama club. I am also a part of the musical theater shows. Outside of school, I like to ski, read, and photography when I have free time.

I am really excited to be a member of the State Officer Team and to collaborate with such wonderful individuals. I'm beyond excited to serve as NYS Historian this coming year, and I hope we all learn from each other. I plan to implement multiple goals for the new year. For example, creating chapter stories on the NYS FBLA website and creating memorable videos throughout the FBLA year. I hope this year will be one of the best the state has ever had. Do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time at <a href="mailto:historian@nysfbla.org">historian@nysfbla.org</a>.



# Angela Lala | Parliamentarian

Hello everyone in New York FBLA! I'm so excited to be serving as your 2023-2024 NYS FBLA Parliamentarian. I'm a rising junior at Lakeland High School in District 3S, and outside of FBLA I'm an active dancer (hours of ballet each week), I'm in my school's student government and class committee, multiple honor societies, and I love being active in community events. My favorite romcom is 10 Things I Hate About You, I'm a Cancer, and my favorite singer is Lana Del Rey.

When I first joined FBLA I was there to collect some community service hours and leave, but I got connected to the club through competitions, impactful community service projects, and forming friendships with other members. It was this investment in FBLA that pushed me to go to my first SLC in 2022. When I arrived, I saw so many passionate individuals, and I wanted to be a bigger part of this club, so I decided to run for chapter president. After my term I ran for Parliamentarian because while being President, I learned a lot of Parliamentary Procedure to run meetings. I already had Robert's Rules of Order before I even applied for office!

One of my main goals as your Parliamentarian this year is to make Parliamentary Procedure more accessible to members. Honestly, when I first tried reading Robert's Rules of Order, I was going through it because there were so many rules to memorize. I believe through breaking down Parliamentary Procedure to basic concepts it will save members the struggle of reading through 700+ pages. I hope I can help FBLA as much as it's helped me! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at <a href="mailto:parliamentarian@nysfbla.org">parliamentarian@nysfbla.org</a>!

# NYS FBLA TAKES ON THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

By Reporter Tulesi Suresh

Last month, many hardworking NYS FBLA members took on Atlanta, Georgia to compete in the National Leadership Conference. With the tough competition from around the nation, and even from around the world, New York FBLA showed their talent. Members persevered through the intense heat in Atlanta to practice, stress, and compete. Some highlights of the week were the Block Party, visiting the World of CocaCola, and spending an evening at the Georgia World Aquarium.

Whether you qualified for nationals, attended, or won an award, congratulations! Your hard work paid off.

Special congratulations to Elise Carpenter from Mamaroneck High School, who was appointed as FBLA's National Parliamentarian!



### National Winners from NYS:

#### **Eastchester HS**

Kaya Nolan - Advertising, 2nd

#### Jericho HS

Jaelyn Chow, Amneet Kaur, Sophia Xia - Intro to Social Media Strategy, 1st Anvit Vemuri - Help Desk, 5th Jeevan Bindra - Health Care Administration, 8th Brian Berger - Business Plan, 10th

#### John Jay Senior HS

Wynter Ross - Business Management, 5th

#### **Vestal Senior HS**

Miron Sulicz - Computer Game & Simulation Programming, 1st

#### Williamsville East HS

Katelyn Lee, Tulesi Suresh, Sophie Wang - E-Business, 7th Rachel Shen, Sophie Wang - Business Ethics, 10th

### NYS FBLA TAKES ON THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



### **K9s FOR WARRIORS: OUR STATE CHARITY**

By Secretary Elise Carpenter

Every year, the state officer team selects a charity which we believe aligns with the values and ideals of New York FBLA. We do this at our annual training and use a combination of thorough research and parliamentary deliberation to determine our final choice.

This year, the New York State officer team is proud to announce K9's for Warriors as our 2023-2024 State Charity. Determined to end veteran suicide, K9s For Warriors provides highly trained Service Dogs to military veterans suffering from PTSD, traumatic brain injury and/or military sexual trauma. With the majority of dogs coming from high-kill rescue shelters, this innovative program allows the K9/Warrior team to build an unwavering bond that facilitates their collective healing and recovery.



K9s for Warriors was founded in 2011 by the mother of a veteran suffering from PTSD, when she realized her son was only himself with his service dog.



Charity proposals were given by groups of state officers before debating which would be chosen.

Veterans are more susceptible to many mental health issues than those who haven't served. Every day, 22 of Our Nation's Heroes commit Suicide. In fact, veterans are at a 57% higher risk of suicide than those who haven't served. Those who don't commit are highly likely to develop a substance addiction or depression.

This year, your local FBLA chapter can contribute to K9s for Warriors via fundraising and officially registered events. If you have any questions, reach out to me at <a href="mailto:secretary@nysfbla.org">secretary@nysfbla.org</a> or any of the state officers. We can't wait to see the work that is done for this organization!



# **OUR PROGRAM OF WORK**

By Executive Vice President Sohum Aggarwal

Greetings New York State FBLA! From July 16-21st, the state officer team has been busy at work at State Officer Training (SOT) in Greenwich, New York. One of the many initiatives we tackled at SOT was producing the 2023-24 NYS FBLA Program of Work. Each year, the State Officer Team divides itself into four committees: Career Development, Community Outreach, Membership Services, and the Executive Committee. Each committee is structured to attack a different area of FBLA's goals and mission to ensure the organization's success each and every year. Look out for State Council applications on the State Website (nysfbla.org) in the future to increase your involvement within NYS FBLA!

At SOT, each committee is tasked with creating at least three challenges that advance the committee's goals. This year, we have thirteen total challenges! All of the challenges will be published on the State Website with a flyer, submission form, and a rubric (if the challenge is graded for plaques/trophies). After completing any of the challenges, members will receive a challenge specific ribbon at the State Leadership Conference in April. If you complete all of the challenges from a specific committee, you will be given a Super Ribbon as well! Some challenges will also be graded based on a rubric and plaques/trophies will be given to the top three graded submissions. Most of the challenges must be submitted by February 15, 2024, at 11:59 PM EST, with the exception of the Early Bird Challenge, which must be submitted earlier. I highly encourage everyone to take a look at the Program of Work (POW) and to attempt at least a few of the challenges. If you have any questions or concerns about the challenges or anything else, please don't hesitate to contact me via email at evp@nysfbla.org.



























# STAYING ON TOP OF YOUR FINANCES

By Treasurer Nicole Aumell

Hello NYS FBLA! As your State Treasurer, I believe it's important for members to understand how to effectively manage their money in order to be successful. Therefore, here are a few tips for staying on top of your finances!

# Budgeting

Creating a budget is a simple way to track your money and make sure you don't overspend. Spreadsheets are an easy tool for budgeting, and you can budget by week, month, year, or any preference. Just ensure your budget is realistic!

# 50-30-20 Rule

If you want to consistently save money but still have some to spend, try following the 50-30-20 method. This includes using 50% of your income for needs, 30% for wants, and the remaining 20% for savings. Following this can help develop lifelong healthy spending habits!

# Emergency Funds

Having allocated money to use in case of an emergency can play a significant factor in your finances. Even saving a small amount is a smart way to ensure you have a backup plan if need be!

# Credit Score

If you use a credit card, paying your bills on time and choosing to be responsible with spending decisions can help build your credit score. This can lead to future employers and banks seeing you as trustworthy and could help with loan applications!

# Savings Account

Having a savings account at your local bank can help limit spending and better prepare yourself for the future.

Consider putting some of your paycheck in savings and it can accumulate overtime to be used for later expenses!

I encourage all members to think about their future when planning how to control finances and hope these tips will help you make informed decisions about your money. If you have any questions or would like to reach out, please contact me at <a href="mailto:treasurer@nysfbla.org">treasurer@nysfbla.org</a>!

# **DISTRICT REPORTS**

By the State Vice Presidents

**District 1S**Manya Khatri

FDM: October 26, 2023 SDM: February 13, 2024

#### Dear District 1S,

My name is Manya Khatri and this fall, I will be a junior at Commack High School on Long Island. I am beyond excited to serve as your State Vice President of District 1S for the 2023-2024 school year!

FBLA isn't just an organization, but represents a community of passionate individuals. I am genuinely so happy to be a part of a dynamic of students similar to me- united by our shared dedication to innovation, personal growth, and pursuit of excellence. Together, we possess the power to make a resounding impact.

I anticipate collaborating with each and every one of you to forge an amazing FBLA experience. Throughout the next two years, I can't wait to meet new members, learn life-long lessons, compete, and promote FBLA

Throughout the upcoming year, we will collectively engage in projects, competitions, and events that will challenge us, spark innovation, and help personal, academic and corporate development. Be it organizing engaging workshops, honing leadership skills, or engaging in impactful service projects, we will strive to create an unforgettable journey.

In conclusion, I extend gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support. Let's grab this extraordinary opportunity to learn, grow, and leave a mark on our society. I take on the role of your FBLA State Vice President for District 1-S with honor and privilege, and together, I know we can create an exceptional year filled with unforgettable experiences, memories and opportunities.

With warm regards, Manya Khatri svp1s@nysfbla.org



Maxwell Robinson, Manya Khatri, and Angela Lala make SMART Goals.

District 3S
Maxwell Robinson

FDM: October 20, 2023 SDM: February 9, 2024

#### Hello District 3S!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you as your 2023-2024 State Vice President for District 3S. It is an honor and privilege to serve in this capacity and work alongside such a dedicated and talented community.

As we embark on this journey together, I am excited about the amazing opportunities and experiences that lie ahead. Our district boasts a wealth of talent and potential, and I am confident that by harnessing our collective strengths, we can achieve remarkable success.

Throughout the upcoming year, my primary focus will be to foster an inclusive and supportive atmosphere that promotes personal and professional growth. I am here to listen to your ideas, concerns, and suggestions, as your input is vital in shaping our collective endeavors.

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From engaging conferences and enriching workshops to collaborative projects and community outreach initiatives, we will work together to provide a platform for development, networking, and impactful contributions to our community.

In the spirit of open communication, I encourage you to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or ideas you may have. I am here to support and serve you, and I sincerely value your contributions to our collective journey.

Thank you once again for entrusting me with the privilege of being your FBLA State Vice President for District 3S. I am confident that together, we will make this year a resounding success, full of growth, learning, and accomplishment.

Warmest regards, Maxwell Robinson <a href="mailto:svp3s@nysfbla.org">svp3s@nysfbla.org</a>



Diya Mangatt, Angela Lala, Sohum Aggarwal, and Nicole Aumell learn how to sew buttons back onto their state officer uniforms



Networking with representatives of other Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs)



Nathan Wan, Joely LaPage, and Maxwell Robinson write district updates

District 12
Nathan Wan

FDM: October 11, 2023 SDM: To be determined

Hello New York State FBLA! My name is Nathan Wan from Williamsville East High School. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your District 12 State Vice President. I am so honored, and I can't wait for the upcoming year.

As we come to the beginning of the year, I want to list some goals I have for our district. I have three main goals for District 12: Increasing membership, giving back to the community and improving communication.

Being a smaller district, I want to increase our presence in NY FBLA. To meet this goal, I aim to increase membership by recruiting more members throughout our local chapters and perhaps starting new middle level chapters in our district. With only one main chapter in District 12, increasing membership is crucial to improving our District to be the best that it can be. I plan to spark interest in potential members or current members in FBLA by creating a District 12 Instagram account where I will be posting about various FBLA topics, lessons and current events. Some other ways I plan to increase membership are by hosting District events, fundraisers, and networking opportunities. I urge everyone to attend the State and National Leadership Conferences as they are an amazing experience that will allow you to learn what FBLA is truly about. I can't wait to see everyone there!

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Secondly, I want to give back to the community. With service being one of FBLA's core values, I believe it is crucial for our district to serve our community. Some ways of giving back are donating to our State Charity this year, which is K9s for Warriors. Our district will be supporting this charity by holding fundraisers in our chapters to raise as much money as possible to help NY veterans. Also, at our Spring and Fall District Meetings, we implemented a \$1 surcharge which will also go towards supporting the state charity. This year, I want to hold volunteering opportunities for members throughout the district at various local charities to support District 12 specifically.

Finally, I want to improve communication between NYS FBLA, the State Officer Team, and all District 12 members. Some problems that I have seen within my own chapter and in others are that members are often confused about what is currently occurring in FBLA. Well, this year, I plan to make the connection between members and the state crystal clear. By using social media, I will inform all members of current FBLA events. Also, I will be emailing all chapter advisers to keep them updated as well.

I can't wait to work with all of you this year and I'm so excited to see what this FBLA year brings! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at svp12@nysfbla.org.



Tulesi Suresh and Nathan Wan's charity proposal



Mr.
Mueller
directs
team
bonding
activities



Elise Carpenter and Anna Carlson networking



Angela Lala teaches officers about Parliamentary Procedure

**District 13**Anna Carlson

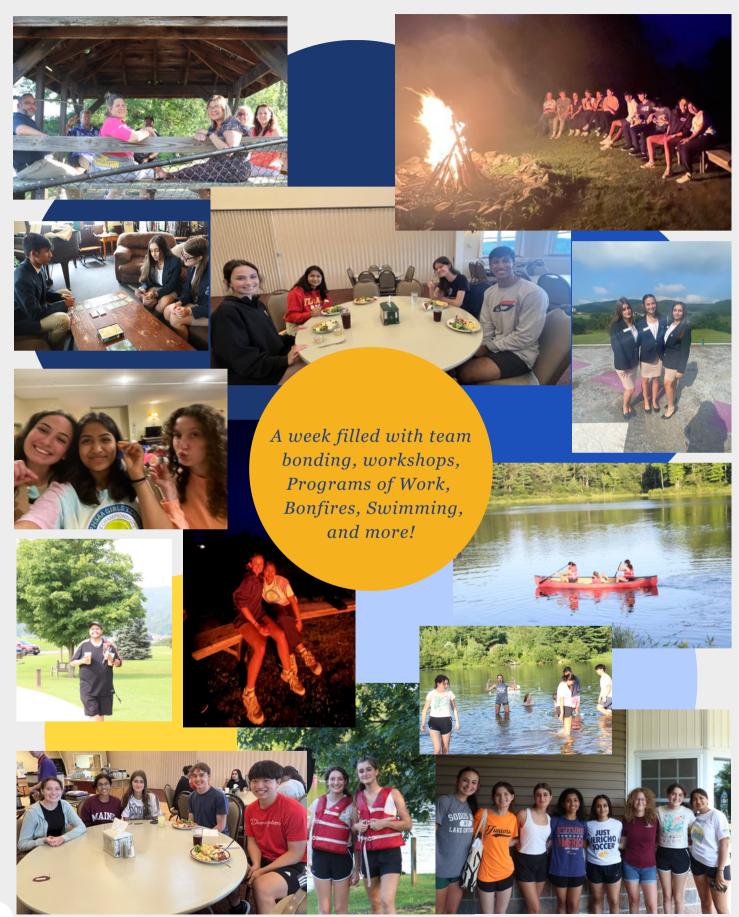
FDM: October 19, 2023 SDM: February 3, 2024

Hello, New York State FBLA. My name is Anna Carlson, and I am a rising senior at Falconer Central School. I am proud to serve as your District 13 State Vice President for the 2023-2024 year.

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and is ready for a successful FBLA year. My goals for District 13 for the upcoming year are to increase membership in my district, as well as increase communication between chapters in my district. Another goal I am going to work hard to achieve is increasing the District 13 representation in the SLC Slideshows. In order to help do so, don't forget to send pictures of your chapter actives to svp13@nysfbla.org.

Our district meetings are already in the works. Mark your calendar and be sure you don't miss out on the exciting workshops, competitions, and more!

# **SOT RECAP**



# THANK YOU

By Reporter Tulesi Suresh



Thank you for reading this edition of *The FBLA Express*! Most of the pictures in this newsletter were taken during State Officer Training (SOT) in July. This was a six-day trip where the officer team and State Board of Trustees met to prepare and plan for the upcoming FBLA year.

For the remaining editions, I encourage any NYS FBLA member to submit articles and photos to be featured! It's a great way to get involved with FBLA at the state level. If you would like your chapter's FBLA to be represented in the Fall Edition, please send me your article and photo submissions at <a href="mailto:reporter@nysfbla.org">reporter@nysfbla.org</a> by <a href="mailto:October30">October30</a>, <a href="mailto:2023">2023</a>. You can also shoot me an email anytime with questions or suggestions. We can't wait to hear from you!

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