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Pin Design Competition

By Reporter Tulesi Suresh

Greetings New York State FBLA! We're excited to present a unique opportunity for NYS FBLA members to showcase their creativity and leave a lasting mark on the organization. We invite you to participate in the NYS FBLA 2023-2024 State Pin Design Competition. This year, you can design the official NYS FBLA pin. The winning design will be the souvenir at the SLC and can be used to trade with at the NLC.

Here are some key details:

<u>Theme:</u> Your design should capture the essence of NYS FBLA, highlighting an interesting fact that makes NYS unique. Designs can include but are not limited to state bird, song, food, landmark, etc.

<u>Submission Deadline:</u> To ensure your design is considered, please submit it by November 30, 2023 to lstipo@eufsdk12.org.

<u>Requirements:</u> Designs can be hand-drawn and scanned or designed electronically. Design colors must be indicated and the pin can be any shape. Trademarked or copyrighted material cannot be used. The current FBLA delta emblem may be used.

<u>Selection Process:</u> Top designs will be presented to the State Officers for voting on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place designs. The final decision will be made by the NYS Board of Trustees.

Why should you participate?

Recognition: Plaques will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Your design will be featured and recognized by FBLA members from across the nation.

<u>Creativity:</u> Showcase your artistic skills and contribute to the visual identity of NYS FBLA.

<u>Legacy:</u> Leave a lasting impact on the organization by creating the pin that represents NYS FBLA

For detailed guidelines and submission instructions, please refer to this document.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and creative spirit. We look forward to seeing the incredible designs in your submissions!

AN INSIDE LOOK AT DISTRICT 12'S FALL DISTRICT MEETING

By Jasmitha Keesara

District 12 recently held its Fall District Meeting at Williamsville East High School on October 15, 2023. This event marked the first conference of the year, bringing together FBLA members from throughout the district for a day filled with helpful and exciting workshops and sessions. It was an excellent opportunity for members to connect, learn, and take their involvement in FBLA to the next level. Members from the Eden Chapter, Clarence Chapter, and Williamsville East High School Chapter all met together for informative workshops, inspiring sessions, and the chance to network.

The District 12 Fall District Meeting was a momentous occasion for the chapter officers who were initiated into their roles through the FBLA Induction and Emblem Ceremony. This initiation welcomed newly elected chapter officers into their leadership positions. It began with the recitation of the FBLA pledge, reaffirming their commitment to the principles of leadership, service, and integrity. The lighting of each candle, with a different color to symbolize the different positions, served as a symbol of the guiding light they would be for their fellow members. As they accepted the responsibilities of their new position, it signified their dedication to upholding the organization's ideals.

The FDM also had an enlightening keynote address delivered by Sara Emhof, a Certified Coach with over two decades of experience in youth and community leadership development.



With 14 years dedicated to coaching the neuroscience of trust, purpose, and belonging, alongside a wealth of experience in civic education, sales, and leadership development, Sara's insights resonated with the audience, providing valuable tools and strategies to navigate the ever-changing landscape of leadership and personal development. Her speech was particularly impactful, offering approaches to address pressing cultural challenges while fostering trust, fun, and connection. Topics covered a wide spectrum, from building trust and belonging to overcoming burnout, connecting across differences, creating a

AN INSIDE LOOK AT DISTRICT 12'S FALL DISTRICT MEETING

culture of appreciation, and embracing change. Sara's keynote was a beacon of guidance and inspiration, leaving a lasting impression on all those in attendance at the Fall District Meeting.

One of the highlights of the Fall District
Meeting was the opportunity for FBLA
members to explore leadership positions
within the organization. Three District Officer
positions were up for grabs: Secretary,
Reporter, and Event Planner. Any qualified
member interested in these roles was
encouraged to apply and participate in
interviews held at the meeting. They were
selected through an interview process by our
SVP: Nathan Wan. All from the WEHS
Chapter, Arush Chapyala was elected as
District Secretary, Eileen Wang was elected as
District Event Planner, and Jasmitha Keesara
was elected as District Reporter.



The Fall District Meeting was just the beginning of a series of events and opportunities within FBLA. Members were also encouraged to explore the possibility of applying for state office positions and participating in Program of Work tasks. These experiences offered the chance to gain valuable skills, contribute to the community, and strengthen their leadership abilities.

Additionally, the State Charity for that year, K9s for Warriors, was introduced. This charitable organization rescues and trains dogs to provide vital support to veterans facing challenges. Members were encouraged to support this noble cause through fundraising efforts at their individual chapters, emphasizing the positive impact they could have within the state.



In summary, the District 12 Fall District Meeting was a day of learning, networking, and opportunities for FBLA members. It served as a launchpad for a year filled with exciting prospects and a chance to make a positive impact through leadership and community involvement. The FBLA community looked forward to seeing all the enthusiastic members at future events and activities as they continued to grow and succeed in their endeavors.

NEW DISTRICT 4 CHAIR MEMBER

By Aliza Sperbeck



Cobleskill Richmondville is honored to say our chapter president has been seated as a District 4 chair member. District 4 Chair Ainsley will represent Albany, Columbia, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady and Schoharie Countries.

Her job consists of organizing leadership events as she supports and promotes state activities to help involve members in her district.

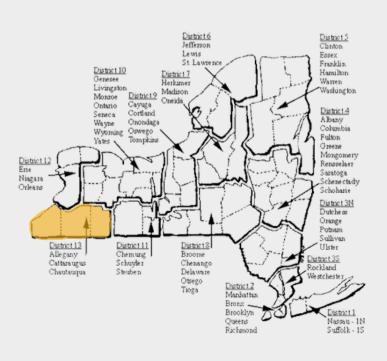
"I am so honored and excited for this opportunity. This is my third year being a FBLA member and this will be the third officer position I've held. I'm grateful for this opportunity to have District 4 become more involved within New York State. As the current chapter President of Cobleskill-Richmondville, I'm hoping my experience can bring all the chapters together!"

DISTRICT 13 UPDATES

By SVP Anna Carlson

Hello NYS FBLA, I'm Anna Carlson, your District 13 SVP. I hope everyone is doing well. District 13 had their Fall District Meeting on October 19 at Falconer Central School. At FDM we had record numbers in attendance from Falconer, Clymer, Randolph, Pioneer, and Jamestown. We are proud to announce our newly selected district officers: Secretary, Nicolla Whitford from Randolph; Treasurer, Jeffrey Perry from Clymer; and Historian, Allysen Petteys from Jamestown.

Our local chapters have had a busy start to their year. The Falconer and Jamestown chapters joined together for a Bowl-a-Thon/Social. This event gave members from both chapters a chance to raise money to assist in conference travel expenses and have fun getting to know each other. Randolph is preparing to host a Holiday craft show on December 2. This is a huge event and a favorite from all surrounding communities. We can't wait to hear about the success of the event. I hope everyone has a happy holiday season.





UPDATES FROM MONROE WOODBURY HS

By NYS President Diya Mangatt

Introduction

The FBLA chapter in Monroe Woodbury has had a busy and productive month! One of the most important pillars of FBLA is community, and MW FBLA strives to be active members of the community to make it a better place for everyone. Keep reading to learn more about the volunteer work our FBLA members have done so far this year!

Breast Cancer Walk

On October 15 2023, members of MW FBLA helped in the setup of The Hudson Valley Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. Volunteers helped set up signs throughout the course for directions and hung up banners around the Woodbury Commons. The following day, many members showed up to walk the course and to show their support for breast cancer survivors. Members wore pink to represent what they were walking for and to show love! A huge thank you to Kristi Greco for organizing the event!



MW FBLA members show their support in pink



UPDATES FROM MONROE WOODBURY HIGH SCHOOL

FBLA Blood Drive

FBLA also hosted the annual New York Blood Center Fall Blood Drive on September 29th. Members helped advertise the event, putting up posters and handing out flyers to the student body throughout the school day before the event. During the Blood Drive, members helped out by setting up, providing snacks, organizing registration, and aiding donors. The Blood Drive was a huge success, thank you to all the members who helped out!



Fall District Meeting

Last but certainly not least, on Thursday, October 5, 2023, we held the annual Fall District Meeting (FDM) at MonroeWoodbury High School. Schools that attended included Carmel High School, Northern Academy High School, Tri-Valley High School, and Minisink High School.

State Senator, James Skoufis, attended the meeting as the guest speaker. Three rounds of workshops were presented at the meeting, including Program of Work, Public Speaking, and How to Become a State Officer.

FDM was a wonderful opportunity for any new members to learn about more ways to get involved, the opportunities NYS FBLA provides, and network with other schools. Thank you to all who helped make this amazing event come together!





UPDATES FROM CARMEL HS

By Kayleigh Harney



Kayleigh Harney (left) and Ava Florez (right) holding their 1st place prize for the "Battle of the Chapters" Competition. Congratulations!

modeling the professionalism that our club aspires to. The Carmel FBLA Club would like to extend its gratitude to all members and non-members who volunteered through the club for all their hard work. We would also like to commend Club President Ava Florez for organizing the FBLA Club's role in this event. Well done!

Curriculum Night

On September 14th, the Carmel FBLA Club volunteered at Carmel High School's Curriculum Night. This event allows parents and guardians to gain a general understanding of their child's daily life as a student, and informs them of what to expect from the upcoming school year. Throughout the course of the event, parents and guardians are allowed to walk through their child's class schedule and meet their teachers. The Carmel High School community is well aware of how challenging it is to navigate one's way through the high school, so the Carmel FBLA stationed its members at areas throughout the hallways to offer directions and guidance. Carmel FBLA members ensured that all operations ran smoothly and efficiently throughout the night by

FDM

On October 5, 2023, Carmel FBLA attended the Fall District Meeting (FDM) hosted by Monroe-Woodbury High School. This is a wonderful opportunity for members across district 3N to socialize and share ideas through workshops and presentations. Many NYS Officers were in attendance and made sure that the conference ran smoothly. Club President, Ava Florez, and Reporter, Kayleigh Harney, participated in the "Battle of the Chapters" Competition; this is the 1st official competition of the year. They took 1st place for Carmel High School and thank their club members and Mrs. Odell for their support. Overall, members left FDM feeling more connected to the Nationwide FBLA community and inspired to become involved. Carmel FBLA thanks club advisor Mrs. Odell for making it feasible to attend this event, and for affording us this opportunity.

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THANK YOU

By Reporter Tulesi Suresh



Thank you for reading this edition of *The FBLA Express*! I hope it helped you learned more about fall activities going around the state for FBLA. I hope your Fall District Meetings are going well and you are staying involved with your chapter!

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 Winter Edition, please send me your article and photo submissions at reporter@nysfbla.org by January
5,2024. You can also shoot me an email anytime with questions or suggestions. We can't wait to hear from you!

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