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District 12

Mid-Year Recap From the President

By President Diya Mangatt

Dear New York State FBLA Members and Advisers, The New York State Officer Team respectfully highlights all the activities that have been achieved so far in the 2023-2024 membership year. From the projects that are offered at the state level to the competitive events, NYS FBLA has provided its members with opportunities to become successful in all their endeavors.

The path to success began in April of 2023 with the election of the 2023-2024 State Officer Team. These newly elected leaders shared a common goal of unlocking the full potential of NYS FBLA. At State Officer Training in July, the officers went to work and created engaging Program of Work Challenges that would challenge the members to become more involved at the state level and develop important business skills. In state councils, members can gain direct insight from our State Officers, get more involved in FBLA, and further promote the Program of Work. The chapters are also raising funds and holding various events to raise money for our State Charity, *K9s for Warriors*.

Conferences have been an integral part of the success of our state. Our Fall and Spring District Meetings allow members to network and acquire valuable business skills. At this time, all the Fall District Meetings have been conducted throughout the state, and each one was extremely successful. Many members attended the meetings and were able to participate in workshops that were informative and engaging. The State Officer Team cannot wait to see all the goals the members throughout NYS FBLA will accomplish in the upcoming year.



Diya Mangatt
2023-2024 New York State FBLA President

HOW TO SUPPORT K9'S FOR WARRIORS

By Treasurer Nicole Aumell

Several opportunities exist to help support our State Charity, K9s For Warriors! First, chapters can consider making a direct financial donation after completing a fundraiser. For instance, chapters can fundraise by hosting a car wash, bake sale, talent show, trivia night, or even a used book sale! Be creative and think outside of the box to gain support for such a worthy cause.

Besides a monetary donation, chapters can also donate time and do more research about K9s For Warriors and their tremendous impact on shelter dogs and veterans. Additionally, hosting events or using social media to raise awareness and educate others about the work K9s For Warriors is doing is a great way to boost our State Charity.

Members should try to volunteer at a local shelter or get involved with veterans in their community and take the initiative to learn more – you could even complete the POW challenge Veteran Voices while doing so!



K9s For Warriors inspires change and promotes helping individuals who have sacrificed for the greater good and you can support their mission by fundraising, volunteering, or simply spreading awareness.

NEW STATE COUNCIL MEMBERS

By Reporter Tulesi Suresh

We are proud to announce our new state council members! Along with the state officers, these council members work on committees to reach different goals that NYS FBLA has.

Being on a state council is a great way to get involved with NYS FBLA and see what it's all about. Congratulations to all of these council members. We are excited to work with you!

Recruitment & Retention:

Kathryn Raso (Mamaroneck High School)

Jack Beaudette (Hicksville High School)

Career & College Readiness:

Skye Fishman (Mamaroneck High School)

Anya Malhotra (Monroe Woodbury High School)

Nicole Stringer (H Frank Carey High School)

Public Relations:

Sue Lin (William Floyd High School)

Jasmitha Keesara (Williamsville East High School)

Caden Philip (Mamaroneck High School)

DISTRICT 12 UPDATES

By Public Relations Council Member Jasmitha Keesara

Greetings, FBLA members! As we step into the new year, it's time to reflect on the success and exciting developments within District 12's FBLA. We've had an incredible start to the year, and there's much to look forward to.

It's that time of the year again - the District 12 Spring District Meeting is just around the corner on Feb 3rd! This event is not only an excellent opportunity for networking but also your gateway to the first level of NYS FBLA competitions. Winners at the district level will go on to represent our district in their respective events at the State Leadership Conference this April. Exciting, isn't it? Make sure to touch base with your advisors to get all the necessary paperwork and information required for attendance. We want to ensure everyone is well-prepared for this fantastic opportunity! Looking forward to seeing each and every one of you there. Let's make this Spring District Meeting an unforgettable experience.

In other news, our WEHS chapter is kicking off the year with a sweet start, Commons Cafe #3 is set to take place during the week of January 8th to 12th. This time, we're adding a cozy touch to beat the winter chill - hot cocoa and waffles! Not only will it be a treat for your taste buds, but it will also warm your hearts to know that part of the proceeds will be dedicated to a noble cause.

We're proud to announce that we'll be supporting K9 for Warriors, a charity and veterans service organization providing service dogs to veterans. It's a fantastic opportunity for us to give back to those who have served our country.



DISTRICT 12 UPDATES

In addition to the exciting news about the upcoming District 12 Spring District Meeting, let's take a moment to celebrate the success of our recent general meetings. The enthusiastic participation and engagement from our members made these gatherings truly memorable. We covered essential topics, shared valuable insights, and fostered a sense of camaraderie within our FBLA community.

It's heartening to witness the dedication and passion that each member brings to our meetings, contributing to the overall success of our FBLA chapter. Your active involvement is what makes our FBLA family strong and vibrant. As we look forward to the Spring District Meeting, let's carry this positive momentum forward and continue to make our future meetings even more impactful.



Some of the WEHS FBLA Officers

Looking into the future as we gear up for the State Leadership Conference (SLC), we're thrilled to announce that this year's event will be held in the vibrant city of Rochester, NY, from April 10th to 12th. SLC is a highlight for FBLA members, offering a unique platform for competition, networking, and personal development.

Be sure to check out our FBLA board in the business office for crucial information and deadlines. We've compiled essential details that you won't want to miss. The competitive event registration period has concluded, and the assigned competitive events list will be released soon. Additionally, a program of work assignments will be distributed shortly. Keep an eye out for these updates to stay on track with your FBLA commitments.

As we embark on this exciting journey together, let's continue to support each other, and strive for excellence. We look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming events and, most importantly, at SLC in Rochester!



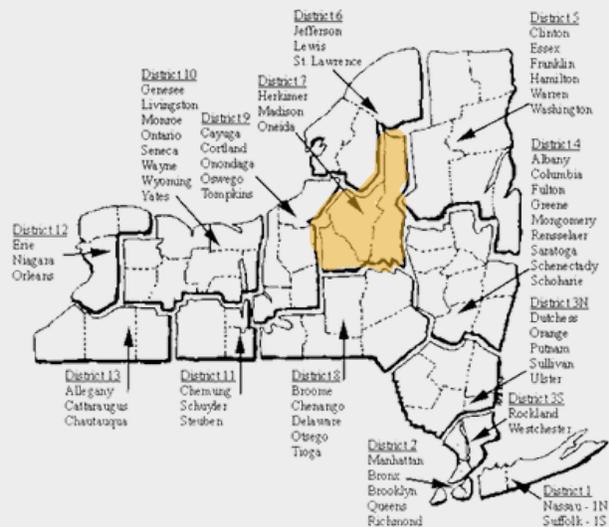
DISTRICT 7 UPDATE

By Treasurer Nicole Aumell

Happy New Year District 7! There are plenty of exciting events to look forward to in 2024! Our Spring District Meeting is on February 1, 2024, at Theodore's Restaurant and Banquet Hall in Canastota. Get ready for a fun day full of competitions and workshops! Make sure to get registration packets in soon and visit the state website at nysfbla.org for study materials and performance event practice.

Remember POW challenges are due February 15, 2024, so begin proofreading and finalizing submissions for your best shot at earning recognition at SLC in April!

Special congratulations to our District 7 Officers: Claire Kelso, Rebecca Houser, and Makayla Betsinger! They will be joining me for virtual chapter visits shortly and more details will be shared on the Instagram page at [district7_nysfbla!](https://www.instagram.com/district7_nysfbla/)



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MORE DISTRICT UPDATES

By the State Vice Presidents

District 3S

A Glimpse into 2024

As we approach the end of the year, let's take a quick peek into what's in store for us in 2024. We're gearing up for an exciting year filled with growth, community building, and engaging events.

The Spring District Meeting (SDM) is on the horizon, and preparations are in full swing. We're channeling the positive energy from the Fall District Meeting (FDM) into making the SDM an even more memorable experience. Stay tuned for details as we aim to bring our district even closer together.

I'm thrilled to share that the District 3S officers are hard at work planning fun and beneficial events for everyone. These initiatives are designed to foster growth, strengthen connections, and create a more interconnected and vibrant community. Get ready for a year of exciting opportunities and memorable experiences.

As we wrap up 2023, let's carry this momentum into the new year. I'm eager to see the successes and achievements that 2024 will undoubtedly bring for District 3S FBLA. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Warmest regards,
Maxwell Robinson

NYS FBLA District 3S State Vice President

District 13

Hello NYS FBLA, this is Anna Carlson your District 13 SVP. I hope everyone has a merry holiday season and a happy new year. District 13 SDM is coming up soon, it will be held on February 3, 2024, at Jamestown Community College at the Sheldon Center starting at 9 a.m. District elimination events will be offered along with a variety of other competitions.



District 13's SDM: Jamestown Community College



Lakeland FBLA gets ready for the holidays

THANK YOU

By Reporter Tulesi Suresh

Thank you for reading this edition of *The FBLA Express*! I hope it helped you learn more about what is going on around the state. I hope you are looking forward to SDM's coming up in the next couple of weeks.

For the remaining edition, 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 Spring Edition, which will be the last edition I will edit this year, please send me your article and photo submissions at reporter@nysfbla.org by **February 28, 2024**. You can also shoot me an email anytime with questions or suggestions. We can't wait to hear from you!



SUBMISSION DEADLINES

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