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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BEFORE SLC

By President Diya Mangatt

Greetings New York State FBLA,

I would like to welcome you all to the season of our State Leadership Conference! As we Fly into the Future this membership year, I hope each of you can unlock another level of success at this conference. I assure you that when you leave, you will be more knowledgeable, more prepared, and a stronger Future Business Leader than ever before. Enjoy the time you have here and take advantage of all the opportunities that are presented to you.

The State Officer team hopes that you expand your networking skills, participate in informational workshops, and perform the best you can in all your prepared competitions within the few days of the conference. You can look forward to interactive activities such as the Goosechase and the Disco Dance! Also, the top competitors in each event are granted the opportunity to attend the National Leadership Conference at the end of June in Orlando, Florida!

The people I have met in my four years of FBLA have been the core of my FBLA experience. Through support and guidance from my advisers and peers, I have been able to accomplish more than I ever imagined. Being a part of this organization has taught me the importance of perseverance and hard work. No matter your journey in FBLA, stay humble, continue to believe in yourself, and take advantage of all opportunities that come your way. I wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

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Diya Mangatt 2023-2024 New York State FBLA President

## TIPS FOR COMPETITIVE EVENT PREP

By Reporter Tulesi Suresh

The State Leadership Conference is just around the corner! Here are some tips for preparing for the conference and for your competitive events.

### 1.) Start Early

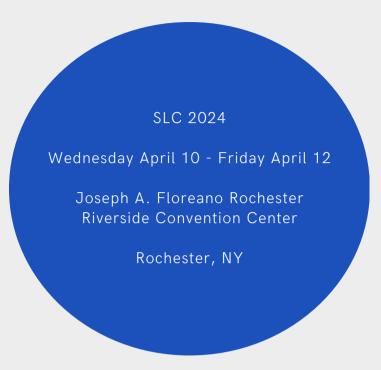
Starting early will ensure that you don't miss deadlines for your event and can be thorough in completing it. Leave time for yourself to make mistakes and correct them!

#### 2.) Use Your Resources

There are so many resources to help you while preparing for your competitive events, so use them! nysfbla.org provides guidelines and rubrics that the judges will use when grading your event, so be sure to check these PDFs for the requirements for your event. If you know someone who has placed in your event before, ask them for any of their tips and tricks. If not, there are usually Quizlets and past questions online to get your studying started -- All it takes is a quick Google search!

### 3.) Practice Makes Perfect

If you are taking an objective test, make sure you take plenty of practice tests so you know how the real one will feel. If you are in a presentation event, make sure you rehearse what you are going to say with your partner (if you have one). In my experience, each time I practice, I think of new ideas or better ways to get across my thoughts and add them to the next run of my speech.



4. Plan for the Worst, Hope for the Best I remember at my first in-person SLC, my computer broke in the waiting room to get into the competitive event. Luckily, we had printed copies of our slideshow and my partners had fully charged computers ready to go. Sometimes, computers break, presentations don't load, the equipment you need isn't provided, or you forget what you are going to say. That's ok! Make sure you are prepared by printing extra copies of presentations, preparing yourself for questions from the judges, and overall just having a Plan B. Once you do that, try not to worry too much about how you did in the competition. It's better to try to do damage control for what you can expect, and then know that if anything else happens, you tried your best.

## SPRING COLLAGE



## **DISTRICT 12'S SPRING DISTRICT MEETING**

By Public Relations Council Member Jasmitha Keesara

As the FBLA calendar progressed, anticipation built up for one of the most awaited events of the year - the Spring District Meeting (SDM). Hosted at Williamsville East High School on February 3, 2024, it was an opportunity for leadership development, camaraderie, and a chance to qualify for the State Leadership Conference.

The SDM spanned from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. The competition categories were diverse, ranging from Public Speaking, Introduction to Public Speaking, Impromptu Speaking, Job Interview, Client Service, to Introduction to Decision Making. For those inclined towards written events, Parliamentary Procedure, Future Business Leader, and the State Officer Exam were also on the agenda.





Clarence High School SDM Winners

A highlight of the event was the challenging Public Speaking Speech topic: "Based on the legal and ethical implications of cybercrime, what can be done to help combat cybercrime?" Meanwhile, participants in the Introduction to Public Speaking category tackled the question: "What skills are essential to secure your first job?"

Three standout competitors from Williamsville East High School - Chiamaka, Jasmitha, and Neil - not only showcased their skills but also secured a spot in the State Leadership Conference. Their exceptional performances were a testament to their dedication and preparation for the event.

### **DISTRICT 12'S SPRING DISTRICT MEETING**

Clarence High School also had four extremely talented students - Alyssa, Sienna, Roshan, and Bridgit all qualified for SLC as well.

In a notable achievement, Jasmitha Keesara and Monal Gupta passed the State Officer Exam written during the Spring District Meeting, and are now on track to campaign for officer positions.



In conclusion, the Spring District Meeting was more than just a competition; it was a transformative experience for FBLA members. As participants prepare to take on the challenges of the State Leadership Conference, they carry with them the lessons, insights, and connections forged at the SDM.



Some of the WEHS FBLA Officers

As they say in FBLA, preparation and punctuality are cornerstones of success - best of luck to all participants, and may this journey be as rewarding as the memories created at the Spring District Meeting!



# COBLESKILL-RICHMONDVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES FBLA WEEK

By Hayden Johnson

Before our school, Cobleskill-Richmondville High School, began our celebration of FBLA Week, we had a very successful district competition. We had many who had placed, including Kyle Webb who placed 1st in Job Interview, Frank Liardo who placed 2nd in Client Service, Sarah Schweigard who placed 2nd in Introduction to Decision Making, Kenan Quinn who placed 2nd in Introduction to Public Speaking, and Trenton Swartout who placed 3rd in Public Speaking. Lastly, we also had many who took tests and made it to the state level including our Parliamentary Procedure group and Natalie Meyre who will be moving on in her Future Business Leader category.



CRHS FBLA has a successful district competition

We also had a very successful fundraising event for states, selling Krispy Kreme. With this fundraiser, we raised close to \$10,000 to help our members with their dues for states!





Donuts galore for the Krispy Kreme fundraiser!



### Service Sunday

The first day of FBLA PBL week was Service Sunday. To kickstart our week, our chapter decided to have our members donate to the Schoharie County Animal Shelter. Everyone brought in a dollar to help out the shelter as well as the animals in need.



The second day was Mentor Monday. We decided to honor our amazing advisor for our chapter's club, Mrs. Schweigard, who has been there for us and all of the members, guiding us in not only aiding the club but in competing and preparing us for the business world. Not only is she the advisor for our club, but she runs all of the business classes within the High School, and we couldn't be more appreciative of all that she does for us and our chapter.

### COBLESKILL-RICHMONDVILLE CELEBRATES FBLA WEEK



Members wrote notes for their mentors on Monday

### Tuesday Talks

The third day was Tuesday Talks. We prompted our members to go around the school, networking and making connections. We asked them to meet at least three new people, shake their hands, and introduce themselves.

### Why Wednesday

For day four of FBLA PBL week we celebrated Why Wednesday by inviting our chapter members to share why they had joined FBLA and why the club was important to them.



### Thankful Thursday

The fifth day was Thankful Thursday. Outside of our advisor's room, we had post-it notes where members could share why they were thankful for FBLA and what the club has done to help them. Not only that but we once again showed our appreciation for our advisor, thanking her for all that she has done for us.



Members pose after writing notes of gratitude



### COBLESKILL-RICHMONDVILLE CELEBRATES FBLA WEEK

### Future Friday

Day six was Future Friday. For Friday we posted all of our chapter officers, sharing what they would like to do in the future and where they wished to go to college. This aided in showing that while you don't always have to go the business route after school, FBLA can help you figure out your passion in life, prepare you for your college experience, and get you ready for the workforce.







### Success Saturday

Lastly, the seventh day of FBLA PBL week was Success Saturday. We shared pictures of our past trophies and gave a very big thank you to our members and our advisor for allowing our chapter's club to be such a success at Cobleskill Richmondville. We also used this day to recap our week as a whole, highlighting all of the important tasks that we've accomplished throughout the week.

Overall, our chapter at Cobleskill-Richmondville High School had a very successful week and we are very excited and ready to go to states! We have faith in our members that we will excel at our state competition in Rochester, April 10th-12th.



# THANK YOU

By Reporter Tulesi Suresh



Thank you for reading this edition of The FBLA Express! I had so much fun putting together this issue, but it was a bit bittersweet -- this is the last newsletter I will create this year. I hope you are all looking forward to the State Leadership Conference in the next couple of weeks! I am excited to meet you all.

As always, feel free to shoot me an email anytime with questions or concerns at reporter@nysfbla.org.

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