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NYS FB LA Annual Report

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Welcome Message

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear New York State FBLA Members and Advisers

What a year it's been for New York State FBLA. From rolling out game-changing projects to leveling up our competitive events, the 2024-2025 membership year was all about pushing boundaries and making things happen.

It all started in April 2024 with the election of the new State Officer Team. We hit the ground running at State Officer Training in July, building a Program of Work that aimed to teach business skills and spark bold, next-level leadership. We weren't there to do the bare minimum – we wanted to shake things up, and that's exactly what we did.

State councils played a huge role in bringing those plans to life, hosting workshops, challenges, and networking events that pushed members to step outside their comfort zones and think way bigger. Chapters across the state came together to support our State Charity, St. Jude, proving once again that when FBLA unites behind a cause, we make waves.

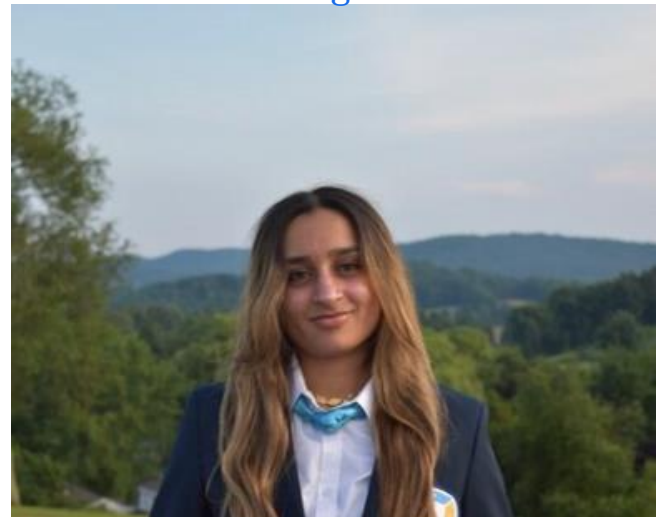
Conferences kept the momentum going. Fall and Spring District Meetings brought out the best in our members, with workshops that were all about building stronger communication, leadership, and business skills. The energy and passion everyone brought to these events was unmatched.

Thank you to every member, adviser, and supporter who showed up, stepped up, and made this year what it was. Let's keep raising the bar and making NYS FBLA a force to be reckoned with.

Sincerely



Manya Khatri
2024-2025 New York State FBLA President



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New York State FBLA Information

NEW YORK STATE FBLA HISTORY



This year marks New York FBLA's 78th year! The organization began all the way back in 1946, with Dobbs Ferry High School being the first chartered chapter in New York State. On April 15, 1964, New York became the 35th state recognized by the National Future Business Leaders of America by receiving its State Association Charter.

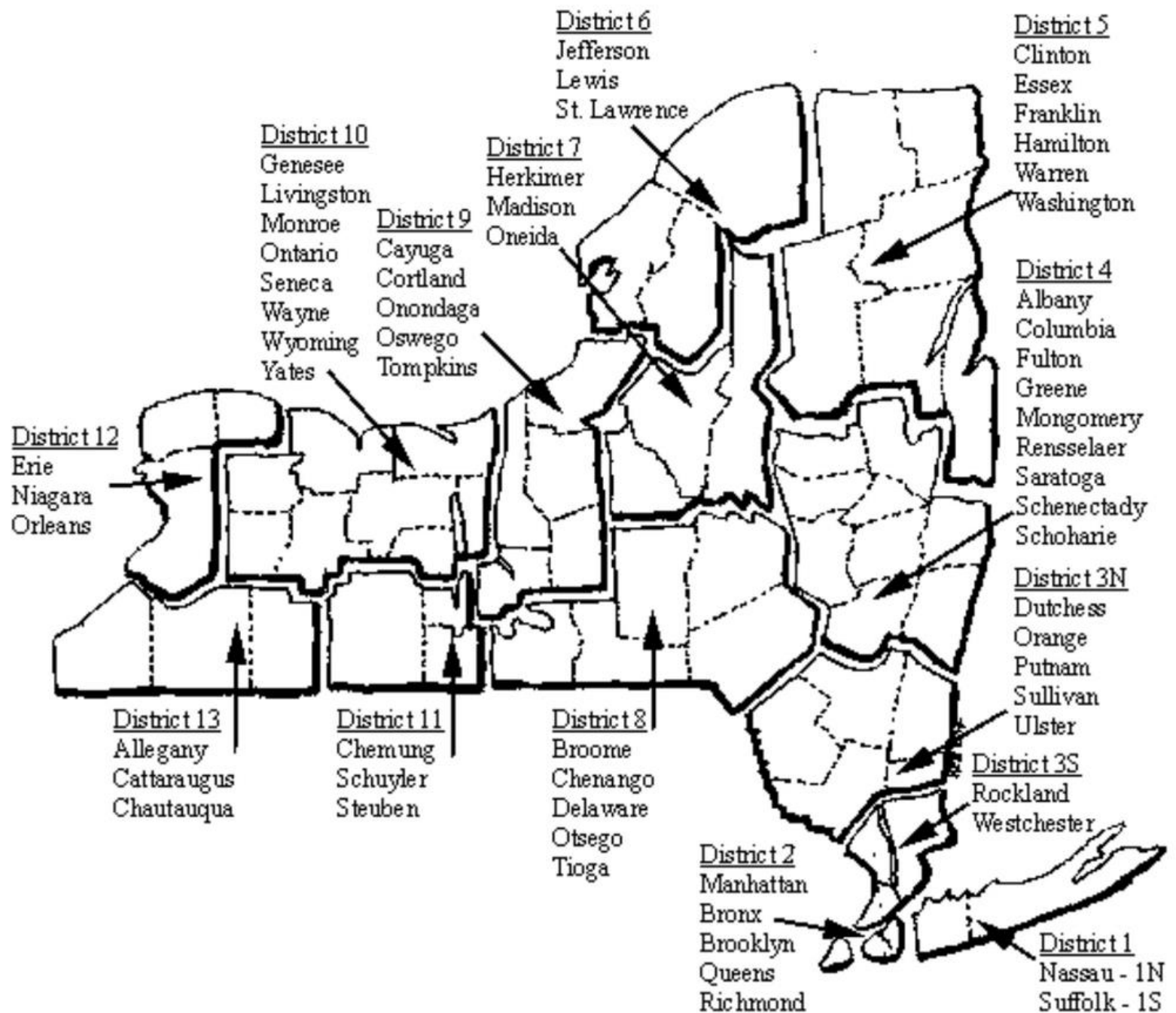
NYS FBLA was originally composed of 13 districts following the State Education Departments regions. With membership quickly growing, NYS FBLA expanded. In 1981, District 1 (Long Island) was divided into District 1N (Nassau County) and District 1S (Suffolk County) due to its significant geographic size and population. Similarly, in July 2001, the lower Hudson River Valley's District 3 was split into District 3 North (3N) and District 3 South (3S), increasing the total number of districts to fifteen.

Now the organization has over 190 chapters with over 4,000 members and is a vital part of the Eastern Region FBLA. The first State Leadership Conference occurred in 1966 at SUNY Cobleskill. From there it has moved around the state: the Catskills, Niagara Falls, Binghamton, and Rochester. Attendance and enthusiasm at SLC still remains at extraordinary levels.

With the same pride and values from when it was initially established, New York FBLA is a proud component of the National FBLA organization and continues to remain a strong business organization encouraging young minds to explore what the business field has to offer and prepares them for success in the future.

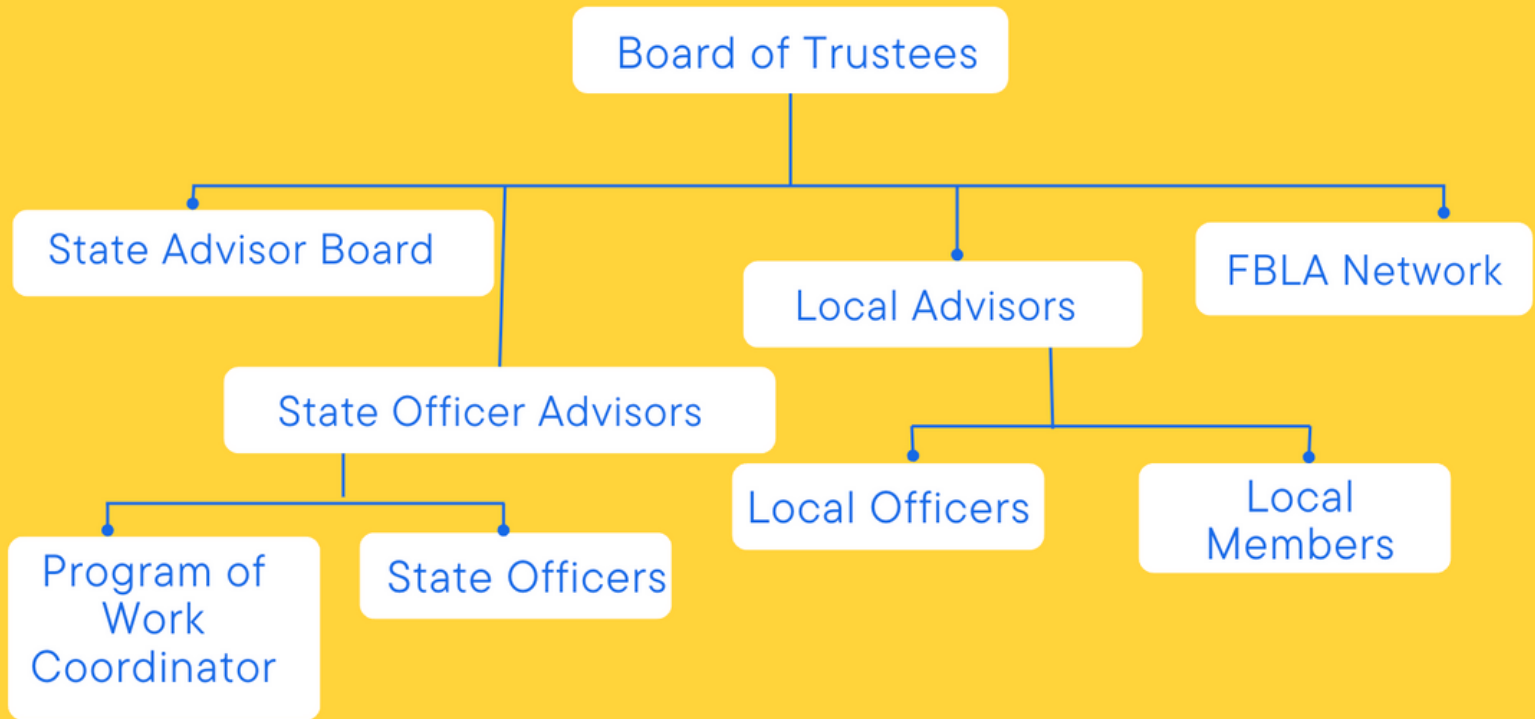


DISTRICT MAP



STATE ORGANIZATION

Organization Chart



STATE OFFICERS

MAINLINE

President

Manya Khatri

Executive Vice President

Angela Lala

Secretary

Yasmin Issa

Treasurer

Alex Robinson

Reporter

Kayleigh Harney

Historian

Jasmita Keesara

Parliamentarian

Skye Fishman

STATE VICE PRESIDENTS

District 1N

Lochita Thambeliyagoda

District 1S

Akarsh Chilakala

District 3S

Chloe Blaufeux

District 4

Ava Jump

District 7

Rebecca Hauser

District 9

Summer Trevino

District 12

Monal Gupta



MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2024-2025

NYS Officer Team

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairperson - District 10

Jennifer Judge

District 1S

Kristin Puric

District 3N

Jackie Palkaunicks

Vice Chairperson - District 4

Thomas Mueller

District 3N

Christopher Conway

District 3S

Maria Siciliano

Secretary - District 3N

Mary Odell

District 5

Karen Breslin

District 9

Greg Cupelo

Treasurer - District 3S

Lauren Stipo

District 10

Jarod Reed

District 11

Diane Masters

State Officer Adviser -

District 3S

Tim Johanson

District 12

Gloria LaSota

District 13

Michelle Johnson

Program of Work Coordinator -

District 13

Emily Johnson

District 13

Lisa Perry

Executive Secretary

Anita Halstead



FBLA

STATE CHARITY

Through research and therapy, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital seeks to develop preventative measures and cures for pediatric diseases. At St. Jude's, no child is denied care because of their ethnicity, religion, or family's financial situation. While investing in tools and resources for state-of-the-art scientific research, St. Jude specializes in treating some of the most difficult pediatric diseases like cancer. U.S. News & World Report has also listed St. Jude as one of the country's best children's cancer hospitals.

In addition to other life-threatening illnesses, they treat children with cancer, blood disorders, neurological disorders, and infectious diseases.

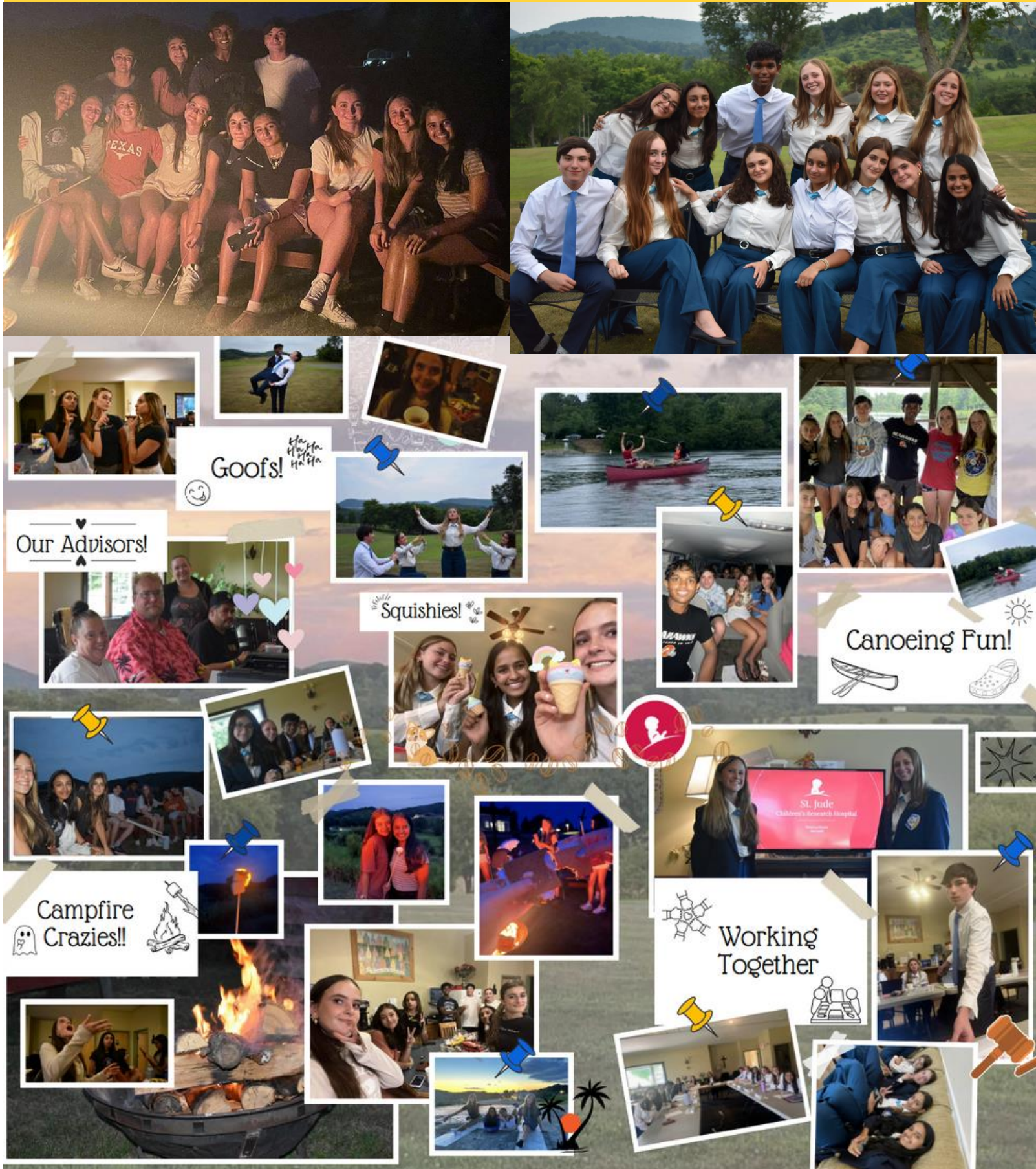
Additionally, St. Jude never bills families for meals, lodging, travel, or medical care, allowing them to concentrate on ensuring their child survives, which is what is most important. St. Jude is the first and only Comprehensive Cancer Center exclusively focused on children to be designated by the National Cancer Institute. The overall childhood cancer survival rate has increased from 20% in 1962 to 80% today thanks partly to St. Jude.

By supporting St. Jude, FBLA has helped give every child a chance to live their best life and celebrate every moment.



Source: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.
“About St. Jude.” www.stjude.org, 2024,
www.stjude.org/about-st-jude.html.

SOT RECAP



credits to kayleigh harney for pictures and organization

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NLC RECAP

New York State FBLA showed up in full force at the 2024 National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida! Members attended inspiring workshops, competed fiercely in a variety of competitive events, explored future career pathways, and made unforgettable memories. Highlights included an incredible night at Universal Studios, visits to Walt Disney World, and exploring all the excitement Orlando has to offer. We are so proud of our New York winners who showcased their hard work and talent on the national stage:



Advertising – Vestal Senior High School, 8th Place

Coding & Programming – Commack High School, 4th Place

Graphic Design – Valley Stream Central High, 4th Place



Introduction to Business Presentation – Jericho High School, 7th Place

Mobile Application Development – Jericho High School, 4th Place

Organizational Leadership – Mamaroneck High School, 2nd Place

Securities & Investments – Mamaroneck High School, 7th Place

Visual Design – Valley Stream Central High, 1st Place

Congratulations to all competitors and attendees for representing NYS FBLA with excellence!



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Initiatives

PROGRAM OF WORK



Membership Services

- Early Bird Challenge
- Gather and Grow
- Level Up

Executive Committee

- Mock Business Model
- Growing Goals
- FBLA Icons

Community Outreach and Engagement

- Trash to Treasure
- Arts for Hearts
- Recognizing Risks

Career Development

- Post a Profession
- 30-second Spotlight
- Pitch it to Win it

BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

As part of National FBLA's member programs, the Business Achievement Awards (BAA) recognize individual accomplishments. They aim to improve the leadership, business skills, community service, and recognition of FBLA high school members. The four levels of the BAA program are designed to build on one another.

THE BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS TIERS:

CONTRIBUTOR AWARD (LEVEL ONE):

Students gain knowledge about FBLA's fundamentals, internal opportunities, and ways to get engaged.

LEADER AWARD (LEVEL TWO):

Students concentrate on the principles of leadership, investigate their own leadership style, and increase their participation in FBLA at the state, local, district, and regional levels.

ADVOCATE AWARD (LEVEL THREE):

Students select a topic or business skill to hone and produce a project in.

CAPSTONE AWARD (LEVEL FOUR):

Students create and finish a project that addresses a real-world issue, which frequently entails a competitive review at the National Leadership Conference.



BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

BAA - CONTRIBUTOR AWARDS

Vienna Durfey - Clymer Central HS
Ebuka Emelumado - Hendrick Hudson HS
Skye Fishman - Mamaroneck HS
Kayleugh Harney - Carmel HS
Rebecca Hauser - Little Falls HS
Yasmin Issa - Sharon Springs Central HS
Ava Jump - Sharon Springs Central HS
Jasmitha Keesara - Williamsville East HS
Daniel Kok - Xavier HS
Trevor Priest - Cattaraugus-Little Valley HS
Matilyn Rhine - Clymer Central HS
Alx Robinson - Mamaroneck HS
Grace Spaulding - Waverly Central HS
Lochitha Thambeliyagoda - H. Frank Carey HS
Emma Williams- Cattaraugus-Little Valley HS

BAA - LEADER AWARDS

Kayleigh Harney - Carmel HS
Matilyn Rhines - Clymer Central HS
Grace Spaulding - Waverly Central School
Emma Williams - Cattaraugus-Little Valley HS

BAA - ADVOCATE AWARDS

Kayleigh Harney - Carmel HS
Jeffrey Perry - Clymer Central HS
Grace Spaulding - Waverly Central School
Emma Williams - Cattaraugus-Little Valley HS

FALL DISTRICT MEETINGS



SPRING DISTRICT MEETINGS



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Publications

DISTRICT NEWSLETTERS



DISTRICT 1S WINTER NEWSLETTER



State Vice Presidents create district newsletters to keep their districts informed on current pertinent topics. Newsletters can be found on each district's page.

DISTRICT 7 WINTER NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2025



DISTRICT 3S FALL NEWSLETTER



DISTRICT 1N NEWSLETTER

JANUARY
2025

Updates

Spring District Meeting

The Spring District Meeting at Hofstra University highlighted FBLA members' dedication, teamwork, and success through exceptional planning, participation, and collaboration.

State Leadership Conference

Join us at the State Leadership Conference, FBLA's annual multi-day event featuring exciting competitions, workshops, and elections. SLC offers invaluable opportunities to develop leadership skills, showcase talents, and connect with peers while advancing your journey as a future business leader!

Program of Word Reminder

We kindly invite you to participate in our Trash to Treasure, Arts for Hearts, and Recognizing Risks challenges. These initiatives encourage creativity, community service, and environmental awareness while empowering members and making a meaningful difference.

Reminders

Please don't forget to register for your competitions at the State Leadership Conference.

Also don't forget to complete our Program of Work challenges.

Upcoming Events

- State Leadership Conference

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FBLA EXPRESS



The FBLA Express is written by the State Reporter four times per year. Issues can be found on the state website on *The FBLA Express* page.



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State Leadership Conference

SLC INFORMATION

The 2025 New York State FBLA State Leadership Conference (SLC), held from April 9–11 at the Joseph A. Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center, brought together over 800 high school students from across the state for a dynamic blend of competition, leadership development, and networking. Participants engaged in a variety of competitive events, testing their skills in areas such as business communication, marketing, finance, and technology, all designed to simulate real-world business scenarios. The conference also featured workshops, keynote speeches, and the election of the 2025–2026 NYS FBLA officer team. Evening activities included a Talent Show and a Neon Dance, fostering camaraderie among attendees. Overall, the SLC served as a pivotal experience for aspiring business leaders to hone their skills and build lasting connections.

WINNERS OF SLC 2025 CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE

SLC HIGHLIGHTS



CONCLUSION

Thank you New York State FBLA for a wonderful membership year. This was one to remember and we will treasure the memories made. To our seniors, good luck in wherever life takes you and we hope the skills FBLA has taught you will take you far. To our underclassmen, see you next year!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

INSTA: @NEWYORK FBLA

STATE WEBSITE: NEWYORKFBLA.ORG

NATIONAL WEBSITE: FBLA.ORG

Thank you!