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Students from throughout District 13 (Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, and Allegany counties) all gathered at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center on April 9-11, 2025 to compete in the 2025 FBLA State Leadership Conference. All first and second place award winners from our District 13 SDM were presented with their trophies at our District 13 Meeting on April 9, and our district's 2025 NYS FBLA Honor Society members were inducted and recognized.

Thank you, District 13! There are no words to express my appreciation for the support that each of you gave me throughout my campaign at this year's SLC. Whether it was helping to move campaign materials back and forth from the hotel, giving me words of encouragement, or helping to work my campaign booth, everyone pulled together and helped make my dream become a reality. For that, I am forever grateful.

Congratulations to our 2025 District 13 members of the NYS FBLA Honor Society:

Now, District 13, it is time for me to begin fulfilling my campaign promises! This newsletter is the first way of doing that. Throughout my campaign, I said that I wanted to RECOGNIZE members by publishing three editions of the District Dialects Newsletter.



This newsletter is for you, District 13 members! Congratulations on a very successful State Leadership Conference! Congratulations to our graduating senior members. I hope to see some of you in Anaheim this summer and/or at our FDM this fall!

- Patrick Braley, Falconer HS - First Year Honors*
- Finley Darr, Falconer HS - First Year Honors*
- Ella Garrison, Falconer HS - First Year Honors*
- Matilyn Rhines, Clymer HS - Second Year Honors*
- Jeffrey Perry, Clymer HS - First Year Honors*
- Nathan Zink, Randolph HS - First Year Honors*
- Nickola Whitford, Randolph HS - Second Year Honors*

Jeffrey Perry, SVP-13

Congratulations to the following District 13 “State” Level competition winners:



STATE AWARD WINNERS FROM DISTRICT 13:

First Place Awards

- Community Service Project - Matilyn Rhines, Clymer
- ML Financial Literacy - Matthew Perry, Clymer
- Outstanding New Member - Kierdan Nickerson, Clymer
- FBLA Concepts - Kierdan Nickerson, Clymer
- Mission & Pledge - Kierdan Nickerson, Clymer
- FBLA Concepts - Carson Braley, Falconer
- Exploring Technology - Drew Himelein, Clymer
- Critical Thinking - Matthew Perry, Clymer
- Digital Citizenship - Drew Himelein, Clymer

Second Place Awards

- Chapter of the Year - Clymer HS
- Annual Business Report - (Jeffrey Perry), Clymer HS
- Chapter Business Display, Falconer High School
- Career Exploration - Addie Reynolds, Clymer HS
- Creed Speaking - Ella Garrison, Falconer HS
- Exploring Leadership - Carson Braley, Falconer HS
- Exploring Public Speaking - Kara Collins, Clymer HS
- Intro to FBLA - Roman Wassink, Clymer HS

Third Place Awards

- Intro to Info. Tech.
Dominic Pangborn, Falconer
- Intro to Word Processing
Savannah Moore, Falconer HS

Fourth Place Awards

- Word Processing
Jeffrey Perry, Clymer HS

Fifth Place Awards

- Chapter of the Year - Falconer HS
- Hospitality & Event Mgt.
Matilyn Rhines, Clymer HS

***Congratulations to the following
National Honorees:***

Drew Himelein

National 4th Place - Exploring Technology!

Emma Williams

**Humanitarian Award Winner (NYS)
BAA - Contributor Level 1
Cattaraugus-Little Valley HS**

Trevor Priest

**BAA - Contributor Level 1
Cattaraugus-Little Valley HS**

Vienna Durfey

**BAA - Contributor Level 1
Clymer HS**

Matilyn Rhines

**BAA - Contributor Level 1
BAA - Contributor Level 2**

Jeffrey Perry

BAA - Advocate Award Level 3

Clymer Central School

**National Champion Chapter - Gold Level
Hollis & Kitty Guy Award of Merit**

Falconer High School

**National Champion Chapter - Silver Level
Hollis & Kitty Guy Award of Merit**



***CLYMER FBLA LEARNS THE
FOOD TRUCK BUSINESS***

Clymer FBLA members have been very fortunate to gain real-life career skills working on their school's very own food truck! The school district obtained a grant in 2001 for this student-based enterprise and students were able to help design the decorative wrap for the outside of the truck, its name, and what equipment would be placed inside of it, along with how it would be arranged. The rest is history!

Clymer FBLA has been able to extend their student-based enterprise from their "Pirate's Cove" school store to the Pirate's Cove Food Truck by moving their inventory into the truck for several food truck events. Last spring, FBLA students ran the truck for four home CSP Track Meets, a First Friday in Corry, PA on November 1, and most recently at the Mayville Ice Festival on February 15.

FBLA members have completed food safety training, earned their Food Safe licenses, researched and planned event menu options, costed out menu items, applied pricing strategies, and have learned how to temp food, take and complete food orders, handle money and make change, as well as apply food safety protocols.

Overall, this has been a fantastic experience for our students - not only learning about jobs in the food service industry, but all about planning and managing a real-life business. Some events have been profitable, and some have not - real life lessons are being learned.



STATE OFFICER TRAINING



State Officer Training took place at Christ the King Spiritual Center in Greenwich, NY in July. It was an amazing week filled with learning, making new friendships, bonding as a team ... as we selected our 2025-2026 State Charity and developed our Program of Work for the upcoming year.

I am very proud to announce that our State Charity will be the Ronald McDonald House for this year! The Ronald McDonald House in District 13 is located in Buffalo, NY and it provides lodging and meals to families who have a child hospitalized in Buffalo, but live too far from the hospital to commute from home. Not only does the Ronald

McDonald House provide a building as a “home away from home”, but it also supports and provides family support areas and snacks/personal care items within the hospitals shown below. Please consider supporting the Ronald McDonald House this year. Two FBLA members and their families have stayed at the WNY RMH during their cancer treatments within the past 15 years. My brother’s family stayed in the Philadelphia RMH this spring, and my chemistry teacher stayed in the RMH in Cleveland last winter. I have been able to see first-hand the amazing ways that this charity has been able to support families during a medical crisis with a child.

One easy way to support our RMH that does not cost you any money is to hold a pop tab collection. You can ask local diners, bars, American Legions, etc. to collect them for you by providing them collection containers with a label/sign. The Buffalo RMH uses those pop tabs to pay their utility bills. You can also visit their website (shown below) to find their wish list and hold a supply drive within your school to donate much-needed items to the house or hold a fundraising event to provide a cash donation to the Ronald McDonald House of Western New York. I can’t wait to see the amazing things that District 13 does to help support this very important charity that provides basic needs to families during very scary and stressful situations with an injured or sick child receiving treatment.

Our Program of Work will be going live on the NYS FBLA Website very soon! Check in often & watch out for it!

WNY Region – Buffalo Services:

780 W. Ferry Street - Buffalo, NY 14222
(716) 883-1177 www.rmhcwny.org



- *West Ferry Street House Provides: 12 guest rooms, 4 private suites with private showers; warm meals; on-site laundry room; staffed 24-hours a day; family room, play area, office area with computer and printer*
- *Hospitality Cart @ Oishei Children’s Hospital visits Patient Floors M/W/F*
- *Family Room @ Oishei Children’s Hospital*
- *Family Room @ Sisters of Charity Hospital*

Serves families with a child at:

- Oishei Children’s Hospital
- Sisters of Charity Hospital
- Erie County Medical Center
- Roswell Park Cancer Institute

