



NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION - DISTRICT 13
Future Business Leaders of America

DISTRICT 13 DIALECTS

WINTER EDITION #2

FEBRUARY 2026

Students from throughout District 13 (Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, and Allegany counties) all gathered at SUNY Jamestown on February 7, 2026 to complete their first level of competition for the 2025-2026 FBLA year. State Elimination and District-level competitions were held to determine who would represent District 13 at the 2026 NYS FBLA State Leadership Conference in Rochester, NY in April. Congratulations to the State Semi-Finalists who will now advance to the semi-final round of competition in Rochester in April!



IMPROMPTU SPEAKING:

1st Place - Haven Kaltenbach, Falconer
2nd Place - Matilyn Rhines, Clymer

INTRO TO DECISION MAKING

1st Place - Carson Braley, Falconer HS
2nd Place - Matthew Perry, Clymer

INTRO TO PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st Place - Andrew Coulter, Falconer
2nd Place - Kara Collins, Clymer

JOB INTERVIEW

1st Place - Jeffrey Perry, Clymer
2nd Place - Finley Darr, Falconer

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1st Place - Marleen Lober, Clymer
2nd Place - Ella Garrison, Falconer



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

ACCOUNTING:

1st Place - Jeffrey Perry, Clymer HS

AGRIBUSINESS:

1st Place - Patrick Braley, Falconer HS
2nd Place - Addeleide Reynolds, Clymer HS

BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS:

1st Place - Colin Moore, Clymer HS
2nd Place - Savannah Moore, Falconer HS
3rd Place - Finley Darr, Falconer HS

CAREER RESEARCH (ML):

1st Place - Gracelyn TeCulver, Clymer HS
2nd Place - Ethan Widrig, Clymer HS

CREED SPEAKING:

1st Place - Colin Moore, Clymer HS

CUSTOMER SERVICE:

1st Place - Lilli Szal-Williams, Falconer HS
2nd Place - Shalie Quackenbush, Falconer HS
3rd Place - Marleen Lober, Clymer HS

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP (ML):

1st Place - Ethan Widrig, Clymer HS
2nd Place - Peightyn Rzepecki, Clymer HS
3rd Place - Jason Roman, Falconer HS

ECONOMICS:

1st Place - Savannah Moore, Falconer HS
2nd Place - Drew Himelein, Clymer HS
3rd Place - Ella Garrison, Falconer HS

EXPLORING BUSINESS ISSUES (ML):

1st Place - Jason Roman, Falconer HS
2nd Place - Clymer MSS Team: Dakota Collins,
Peightyn Rzepecki

EXPLORING CUSTOMER SERVICE (ML):

1st Place - Jason Roman, Falconer HS

EXPLORING FBLA:

1st Place - Kaylee Rhines, Clymer HS
2nd Place - Jaylah Baker, Randolph HS
3rd Place - Peightyn Rzepecki, Clymer HS

EXPLORING LEADERSHIP:

1st Place - Jaylah Baker, Randolph HS
2nd Place - Ethan Widrig, Clymer HS
3rd Place - Kaylee Rhines, Clymer HS

EXPLORING MGT. & ENTREPREN. (ML):

1st Place - Dakota Collins, Clymer HS

EXPLORING PERSONAL FINANCE (ML):

1st Place - Dakota Collins, Clymer HS
2nd Place - Gracelyn TeCulver, Clymer HS

HOSPITALITY & EVENT MANAGEMENT:

1st Place - Matilyn Rhines, Clymer HS
2nd Place - Kara Collins, Clymer HS
3rd Place - Sharlie Quackenbush, Falconer HS

INTRO. BUSINESS COMMUNICATION:

1st Place - Michael Evans, Randolph HS
2nd Place - Flynn Fadale, Clymer HS
3rd Place - Camden Peters, Randolph HS

INTRO. BUSINESS PRESENTATION:

1st Place - Collen Frederickson, Falconer HS
2nd Place - Clymer Team: Flynn Fadale,
Matthew Perry, Carter Widrig

INTRO. BUSINESS PROCEDURES:

1st Place - Flynn Fadale, Clymer HS
2nd Place - CarterWidrig, Clymer HS
3rd Place - Carson Braley, Falconer HS

INTRO. FBLA CONCEPTS:

1st Place - Michael Evans, Falconer HS
2nd Place - Addie Reynolds, Clymer HS
3rd Place - Carter Widrig, Clymer HS

INTRO. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

1st Place - Drew Himelein, Clymer HS
2nd Place - Matthew Perry, Clymer HS
3rd Place - Camden Peters, Randolph HS

JOURNALISM:

1st Place - Colin Moore, Clymer HS
2nd Place - Matilyn Rhines, Clymer HS
3rd Place - Savannah Moore, Falconer HS

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE:

1st Place - Addie Reynolds, Clymer HS



**Congratulations to the following
CHAMPION CHAPTER SERVICE SEASON HONOREES!
November 6, 2025 - January 7, 2026**



**Falconer Central School - HS Chapter
700 points earned**



**Clymer Central School - HS Chapter
1,700 points earned**



**WELCOME TO THE NEW NATIONAL FBLA
CHAMPION CHAPTER CHALLENGE:**

**CTE CELEBRATION SEASON!
(January 7, 2026 - March 4, 2026)**

- * Participate in at least 2 FBLA Week events
- * Create a display about CTE
- * Get FBLA Week Proclamation signed
- * Prepare a community service report
- * Register for FBLA Week Forum
- * Hold a social during FBLA Week
- * Share a FBLA story on Instagram
- * Present to administrators or school board
- * Hold a teacher appreciation day

**CHAMPION PLUS!
(January 9, 2026 - May 6, 2026)**

- * At least 2 members complete a BAA level
- * Submit an entry for #ENDALZ: SA Bound
- * Enroll in Lead4Change
- * A member compete in Stock Market Game
- * Apply: Distinguished Bus. Ldr. Scholarship
- * Participate in LifeSmarts Challenge
- * Participate in Knowledge Matters
- * Prepare a flyer promoting the BAA
- * Register for the 2026 NLC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2026

STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: APRIL 15-17 IN ROCHESTER

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

March 1, 2026

**SLC Competitive Event Registration
Deadline (complete on website)**

**Prejudged Competitive Event Materials
Must Be Uploaded To: nysfbla.org**

**50% SLC Deposit Postmark Deadline to
Lauren Stipo, Executive Treasurer**

March 28, 2026

**SLC Balance Postmark Deadline to Lauren
Stipo, Executive Treasurer**

**Student Permission/Health Forms must be
uploaded to state website**

**Adult/Chaperone Responsibilities must be
uploaded to state website**

**All Cancellations due via e-mail to Anita
Halstead, Jennifer Judge, Maria Siciliano &
Lauren Stipo**

April 1, 2026

**Deadline for Production Event
uploads to state website**



Business Achievement Awards

*Congratulations to the following
BAA LEVEL ACHIEVERS FOR
JANUARY & FEBRUARY:
Clymer Central School - HS Chapter*

Lily Hamilton - Contributor Level
Matthew Perry - Contributor Level

FBLA WEEK THANKFUL THURSDAY

THANK YOU, DISTRICT 13 ADVISERS!





CELEBRATE FBLA WEEK!

FEBRUARY 8-14, 2026

FBLA WEEK is a celebration observed by the Future Business Leaders of America from February 8-14 that is held during National Career & Technical Education Month. It is a highlight of the membership year, and I can't wait to see what activities you have planned! Be sure to send me photos and a summary of your chapter's FBLA Week events so that I can publish them in our next newsletter!

SERVICE SUNDAY

February 8, 2026

FBLA Helping Hands Challenge - Show your chapter spirit of service by supporting our National Service Project, The Alzheimer's Association!

MAKE YOUR MARK MONDAY

February 9, 2026

Celebrate FBLA by telling your story and what FBLA has done for you!

TRAILBLAZER TUESDAY

February 10, 2026

Watch FBLA social media channels to hear about the successes from some alumni and make plans to attend a virtual trivia game night for our division.

WHY WEDNESDAY

February 11, 2026

Wear your professional attire and do not miss the National President's Forum to celebrate why it's great to be a part of FBLA!

THANKFUL THURSDAY

February 12, 2026

Thank local chapter advisers and state leaders by sharing videos and photos on social media.

FINANCE FRIDAY

February 13, 2026

Share your chapter fundraising success stories and high school members will take part in a Financial Literacy Contest while Middle Level members complete the LEAD Aspire Award.

SPIRIT SATURDAY

February 14, 2026

End FBLA Week with a celebration of your chapter's accomplishments by tagging @fbla_national on Instagram and using the hashtag #FBLAWeek2026.

SOME SDM MEMORIES TO SHARE!



CLYMER CHAPTER



FALCONER CHAPTER

Unfortunately, Randolph did not submit their chapter photo to be included in this edition.

CLYMER FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS SUPPORT THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE



The Clymer HS chapter has been busy this winter completing community service projects that support our New York State Charity Project: the Ronald McDonald House of Western NY in Buffalo.



Clymer FBLA members have sponsored BEAN BAG TOSS EVENTS at each home Varsity Basketball game where they have sold pre-numbered bean bags to sponsors for \$1.00 each. The sponsors write their names down on the sponsorship sheet beside their bean bag number. During the half-time of each Varsity game, the sponsors line up on the out-of-bounds line and toss their bean bags at a big tarp that is placed at half court. The bean bags that land the closest to the center of the big "X" in the center of the tarp win a prize.



Prizes have been donated to FBLA and have included gift cards to local businesses such as Neckers Company General Store, the Dutch Village Restaurant, Subway, Arbys, and McDonalds. Other prizes have included oversized candy items such as yard-long Reeses Peanut Butter Cups, and a variety of Buffalo Bills fan gear. More than \$300 has been earned for the Ronald McDonald House through this fundraising program.



Members have also donated gift baskets, participated in coin challenges, and held a pop tab collection contest in the school to help support the Buffalo Ronald McDonald House. Plans are underway for another visit to the House over February Break!