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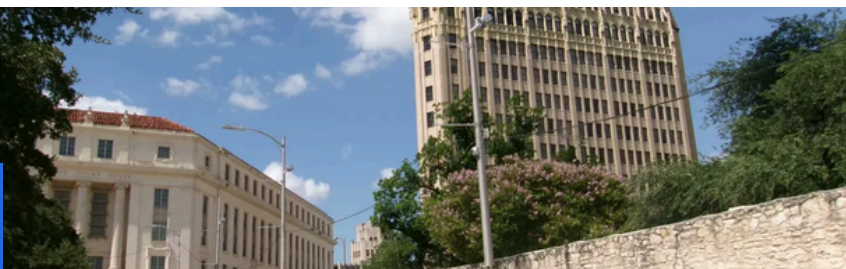
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A Letter From Your STATE PRESIDENT

Aarav Sapra



Hello New York State FBLA!

My name is Aarav Sapra, and I am the New York State FBLA President for the 2026-2027 school year. As a rising senior at Williamsville East High School, I will be working alongside the rest of the State Officer Team to welcome all members to the school year!

I first joined FBLA at the beginning of my sophomore year with the intention of qualifying for the National Leadership Conference. While this inspired me to get involved with FBLA, I discovered many benefits beyond competing in FBLA events. I connected with an incredible community of other students and advisers, and discovered new ways in which I could grow as a leader and as a person. When I ran for office within FBLA, I stepped outside of my comfort zone and learned of the importance of representing others for them.

As State President, I want to create an environment for FBLA members in which they feel supported and successful in their endeavors. Some of my goals for this year include increasing engagement of FBLA members within each chapter in New York, launching new initiatives for FBLA that will connect all members throughout the year, and increasing the availability of study materials for FBLA competitors to help them reach their goals. I want to ensure that each and every member in FBLA feels a place within the organization and the confidence to take on each and every opportunity FBLA offers them.

Our State Officer Team has been hard at work to make this coming membership year exciting and rewarding for all of you. Make sure to take advantage of the various Program of Work Challenges, state initiatives, and build strong relationships with your chapter and other members across New York State. Who knows what impact you may make on your future!

As we begin this new membership year, I encourage every one of you to enter with ambition, confidence, and an open mind. Ensure that you challenge yourselves to step outside of your comfort zone and to take advantage of all the opportunities that FBLA provides for each of us. No matter how many years you have been a part of FBLA, I hope that you find yourself a part of a community of individuals who challenge and support you in your journeys, making memories that last beyond high school.

Sincerely,
Aarav Sapra

NYS FBLA State President
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A handwritten signature of Aarav Sapra in white ink on a blue background. The signature is stylized and cursive.

MEET THE 2026-2027 STATE OFFICER TEAM



Aarav Sapra STATE PRESIDENT

My name is Aarav Sapra, and I am the New York State FBLA President for 2026-2027. I am a rising senior at Williamsville East High School.

I first joined FBLA at the beginning of my sophomore year with the intention of qualifying for the National Leadership Conference. While this inspired me to get involved with FBLA, I discovered many benefits beyond competing in FBLA events. I built powerful friendships and unforgettable memories. As State President, some of my goals for this year include increasing engagement of FBLA members within each chapter in New York, launching new initiatives for FBLA that will connect all members throughout the year, and increasing the availability of study materials for FBLA competitors to help them reach their goals. Outside of FBLA, I'm always looking for something fun to do. Whether it's playing basketball with friends, discovering a new restaurant, or binge-watching a Netflix

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series, I enjoy making the most of my free time. Music is a big part of my daily routine, and Drake is almost always on my playlist. I also enjoy traveling, and Hawaii remains one of my favorite places I've ever visited.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the members of New York State FBLA and to contribute to the great positive impact that the organization makes for all of its members and beyond. Feel free to reach out!



Aditya Hariharan EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Hello New York State FBLA! My name is Aditya Hariharan and I am honored to be serving as your 2026-2027 Executive Vice President. I am a rising junior at Walter Panas High school.

My FBLA journey started all the way back in middle school, and that experience led me to join FBLA as a freshman. In my sophomore year, I served as my chapter's President; and as your Executive Vice President, my goal is to provide members throughout the state the same opportunities and sense of community that FBLA has given me. This year, I have many ideas I'll be working to implement to improve the member experience: advancing chapter growth and resources through toolkits, developing a strong Program of Work, and hosting monthly roundtables with chapter officers. Outside of FBLA, I'm involved in clubs like Model United Nations and Students Demand Action, and am currently serving

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on the National Youth Council of UNICEF USA. I've also been teaching karate for the past four years.

I'm looking forward to collaborating with the state officer team and our members to create an inclusive and supportive environment within NYS FBLA. If you have any questions, concerns, ideas, or just want to say hi, please feel free to email me at evp@nysfbla.org, reach out on Instagram at [@aditya_fbla](https://www.instagram.com/aditya_fbla), or connect on LinkedIn! Together, we'll make the 2026-2027 membership year the best yet!

MEET THE 2026-2027 STATE OFFICER TEAM



Aaminah Khondker STATE VP DISTRICT 1N

Hello New York State FBLA! My name is Aaminah Khondker, and I am honored to serve as your State Vice President for District 1N. I am a rising senior at Floral Park Memorial High School.

I joined FBLA as a seventh grader and founded my school's middle-level FBLA chapter. Since then, I have competed at the district, state, and national levels, while being my chapter's Co-President. As District 1N State Vice President, I hope to strengthen connections between our chapters and increase member engagement. Outside of FBLA, I serve as President of PEARLS Women's Leadership, participate in student government, work as a swim instructor and Head Swim Coach, and play competitive club volleyball for a Long Island travel team.

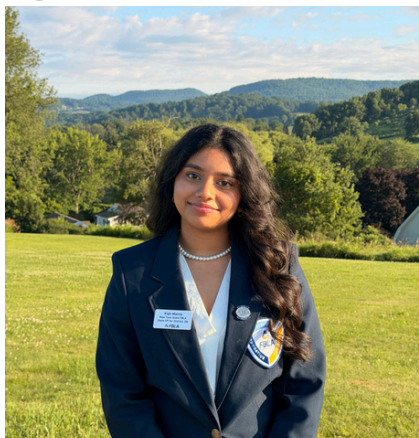


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I am excited for the year ahead and look forward to working alongside our incredible state officer team, advisors, and members. I can't wait to meet many of you and help make this an unforgettable year for New York State FBLA!



Kiah Mehta STATE VP DISTRICT 3N

Hello New York State FBLA, my name is Kiah Mehta and I am excited to serve as your State Vice President for District 3N. As a rising sophomore at Monroe-Woodbury High School, FBLA has become one of the most significant aspects of my high school life.

My objective as District 3N State Vice President is to make each member feel accepted, encouraged, and motivated to participate. My goals are to improve chapter-to-chapter communication, boost attendance at conferences and competitions, and inspire members to take up leadership roles and push themselves beyond their comfort zones. Outside of FBLA, I am the Executive Vice President of the Model UN at my school, I have a part time job, and I enjoy volunteering in my community.



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It is truly an honor to represent District 3N, and I am committed to making this a year filled with growth, opportunity, and success for every member. Together, I know we can make this a great year for New York State FBLA!



Zoe Zaumeyer STATE VP DISTRICT 3S

Hello New York State FBLA! My name is Zoe Zaumeyer, and I am so excited to be serving as your State Vice President for District 3S this year! I am a rising junior at Mamaroneck High School and I have currently been involved in FBLA for two years.

I joined FBLA as a freshman and since then I have worked on State councils for Program of Work, acted as my chapter's Chair for the Committee of Career and College readiness for two years, and served as the district 3S Social Media Officer last year. Outside of FBLA, I am a competitive swimmer and athlete, a student in the Original Science Research program at my high school, and I enjoy learning and researching problems to reach new solutions.



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I want to help all members in District 3S achieve and learn more from their FBLA experience. I am so excited to work with the State Officer team to make that impact!

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Logan Hartmann STATE VP DISTRICT 4

Hello New York State FBLA! My name is Logan Hartmann and I am from Cobleskill-Richmondville High School. I am an upcoming senior for this next year. Thank you for this amazing opportunity to serve as the State Vice President for District 4.

I have been an active member of FBLA since my freshman year. I joined because my advisor is actually my next door neighbor! She urged me to join and it has been a great experience ever since. I became the chapter historian my sophomore year, vice president my junior year, and upcoming president. I have been to SLC for three years and placed in competitions numerous times. I also attended the NFLC in 2025 which was a great networking experience.

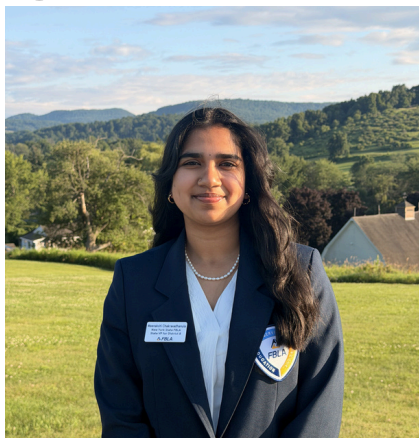
I truly cannot thank you all enough for this amazing opportunity. I am eager to work with everyone apart from our district and state. Feel free to reach out!



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Meenakshi Chakravadhanula STATE VP DISTRICT 8

Hello New York State FBLA! My name is Meenakshi Chakravadhanula, and I am so excited to be serving as the State Vice President for District 8! I am a rising senior at Vestal Senior High School, and this upcoming year will be my fourth year in FBLA.

The three years I have been involved in FBLA have taught me so much and helped me expand on my passions. Outside of FBLA, I play the violin, dance and play tennis, as well as work on managing the Literature Club. I also teach crochet at my school's S.P.A.R.K. Club, and I enjoy playing with my dog and the other dogs at my local dog daycare, where I work on the weekends after volunteering at the hospital.

I look forward to working with the state officers and building ourselves into a more connected, engaged, and successful community. Don't hesitate to reach out!



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Moksh Gupta STATE VP DISTRICT 12

Hello, New York State FBLA! My name is Moksh Gupta, and I'm incredibly honored to serve as your State Vice President for District 12 this school year. I'm a rising senior at Williamsville East High School, and I've been involved in FBLA for the past four years. I've had the opportunity to serve as my chapter's Parliamentarian/Events Manager, Treasurer, and now President. I've also competed at the State Leadership Conference every year, earning Top 5 finishes in multiple events. I have attended the National Leadership Conference for the past three years.

I serve as the Student Representative on the Williamsville Board of Education and participate in a variety of activities, including the Medical Outreach Club, Science Olympiad, National Honor Society, Model UN, Mock Trial, varsity volleyball, and Wind Ensemble as a saxophonist.

If you ever have questions, ideas, or just want to say hello, don't hesitate to reach out. Here's to an incredible year of learning, leadership, and success in NYS FBLA!



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Addeleide Reynolds STATE SECRETARY

Hello New York State FBLA! My name is Addeleide Reynolds, and I am beyond thrilled to be serving as your State Secretary for the 2026–2027 school year! I am a rising sophomore at Clymer Central School, a small K–12 school located in the rural countryside. FBLA is not just an organization to me; it is my second home. Ever since I joined in the 7th grade, my entire life has revolved around it—whether that means attending State Leadership Conferences, Fall and Spring District Meetings, or National Leadership Conferences.

When I am not working on FBLA projects, you can usually find me playing my guitars, listening to music, writing books, doing photography, attending a concert, or creating art.

Together, we are going to break boundaries, elevate our chapters, and make the 2026–2027 school year the most successful and unforgettable one yet.



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Arden Demasi STATE TREASURER

Hello, New York State FBLA! My name is Arden Demasi, and I am a student at Mamaroneck High School. I am so excited to serve as the 2026–2027 New York FBLA State Treasurer.

Since joining FBLA during my freshman year, the organization has helped me grow as a leader. Before becoming State Treasurer, I proudly served as the District 3S Reporter, where I created newsletters to keep members informed about district events. Outside of FBLA, I serve as the President of my school's American Heart Association Club. I am also a student in my school's Science Research program, where I conduct research focused on cardiovascular disease. In my free time, I enjoy playing soccer, skiing, volunteering, and spending time with family and friends!

I look forward to working alongside our members, advisers, Board of Trustees, and other state officers to make the 2026–2027 year successful, memorable, and inspiring for every member!



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Rebecca Hoang STATE REPORTER

Hello New York State FBLA! My name is Rebecca Hoang and I am extremely excited to serve as your 2026–2027 State Reporter. I am a rising senior at T. R. Proctor High School and I've been involved in FBLA since freshman year.

FBLA has become one of the most meaningful parts of my high school experience. I have proudly served as my chapter's Treasurer, POW Chairperson, and now President. As your State Reporter, my goal is to strengthen communication and foster a more engaging, connected FBLA community across New York. Outside of FBLA, I am a math tutor, altar server, volunteer, and I worked as a nurse tech aide. I also love playing the electric guitar, reading, cooking, learning new languages, and making art.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at reporter@nysfbla.org or reach me at @fbla.rebecca on Instagram. Let's work hard to make this year the best New York FBLA has seen!



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Jackson Van Dekker STATE HISTORIAN

Hello New York FBLA! My name is Jackson Van Dekker, and I am beyond excited to be serving as your Historian for the 2026–2027 school year.

FBLA has been a large part of my life since my freshman year at Hendrick Hudson High School. I have been the Vice President of Hendrick Hudson FBLA for the past two years, and I am now the President of my chapter. I also served as the District 3S Secretary for the 2024–2025 school year. Outside of FBLA, I am a big sports fan. I founded the Sailors Sports Network, my high school's sports broadcasting organization, and commentate on all sports ranging from football to field hockey. I also report on sports for my local newspaper, the *Peekskill Herald*. I love watching the Yankees and Knicks, or sitting down with my friends to binge NFL Redzone every Sunday in the fall. Beyond sports, I am also big into music.



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When I'm not busy with school or one of my hobbies, I try to spend as much time with my family as possible. I am an older brother to twin sisters, and my father and I enjoy spending time in cars.

I am truly grateful to be serving as your Historian for the next year, and I look forward to working with the state officer team and connecting with all of you. If you have any questions or concerns, or just want to say hi, please feel free to reach out!



Naman Kapoor STATE PARLIAMENTARIAN

Hello New York State FBLA! My name is Naman Kapoor, and I am honored to serve as your 2026–2027 State Parliamentarian. I am a rising senior at Williamsville East High School in Buffalo.

I joined FBLA during my freshman year, not knowing just how much of an impact this organization would have on me. Through chapter involvement and competing at conferences, I have had the opportunity to meet incredible people, develop my confidence, and grow as a leader. This year, as your State Parliamentarian, my goal is to make parliamentary procedure more accessible and useful for every FBLA member. While parliamentary procedure can sometimes seem complicated, I believe it is one of the most important tools we have to ensure that every voice is heard and every meeting is organized, respectful, and productive. Outside of academics, you can usually find me cheering on the Buffalo Bills, watching Formula 1, or spending time with friends and family. FBLA has given me some of my favorite memories, strongest friendships, and most



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valuable experiences throughout high school, and I am excited to give back to the organization that has given so much to me.

I look forward to working with the State Officer Team and connecting with members across New York to make the 2026–2027 year a successful one. Please feel free to reach out with any questions, especially anything parliamentary procedure related.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP Conference Recap



The Alamo



Block Party



River Walk



San Antonio, TX



Awards of Excellence



National **Winners** from New York FBLA:

2nd Place - Advanced Accounting - Ben Hayes - Stuyvesant HS
2nd Place - Introduction to Business Concepts - Aditya Hariharan - Walter Panas HS
3rd Place - Securities & Investments - Andrew Zhao - Stuyvesant HS
5th Place - Journalism - Henry Goldman - Mamaroneck HS
5th Place - Project Management - Shafeen Basher - Stuyvesant HS
5th Place - Retail Management - Daniel Li - Stuyvesant HS
8th Place - Financial Planning - Kleit Hyseni, Ved Shah, Shibu Trigay - Jericho HS
8th Place - Future Business Leader - Luke Thayer - Commack HS
9th Place - Introduction to Business Presentation - Tristan Chow, Eliana, Rachel You - Jericho HS
9th Place - Visual Design - Brian Chen, Chloe Hu - Jericho HS
10th Place - Advanced Accounting - Cam Pham - Northern Academy of the Arts

Finalists

Broadcast Journalism - Kayla Duncan, Alyssa Singh - Valley Stream HS
Business Management - Tristan Zimolong - Williamsville East HS
Customer Service - Khadija Abd-Elhamid - Williamsville East HS
Digital Animation - Sophia Ho, Lylah Merabi - Jericho HS

Recognition

- Jeffrey Perry - Clymer HS - NYS Who's Who in FBLA
- Jeffrey Perry - Clymer HS - National FBLA Business Achievement Award Capstone Level
- Michelle Johnson - Falconer HS - NYS FBLA Outstanding Adviser
- Michelle Johnson - Falconer HS - National FBLA Adviser Wall of Fame

Champion Chapter Challenge Recipients

- Altmar-Parrish-Williamstown HS - Gold Level
- Clymer HS - Gold Level
- Eastchester HS - Gold Level
- Falconer HS - Gold Level
- Fort Hamilton HS - Silver Level
- Holland-Patent HS - Silver Level
- Mamaroneck HS - Silver Level
- William Floyd HS - Bronze Level

Gold Seal Award of Merit Recipients

- Clymer HS
- Mamaroneck HS
- Eastchester HS
- Monroe-Woodbury HS
- Falconer HS
- William Floyd HS
- Jericho HS
- Williamsville East HS

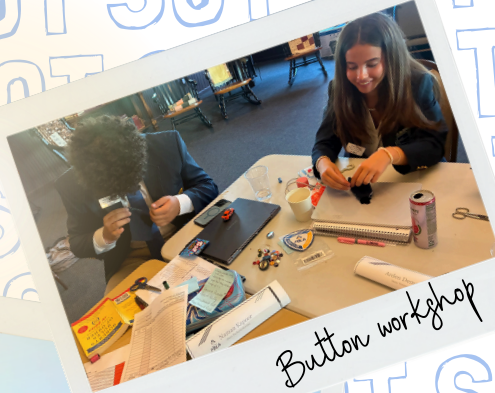
Life Smarts Competition

1st Place - Commack HS
2nd Place - Jericho HS

Congratulations!

State Officer Training

RECAP



Button workshop



Charity proposals



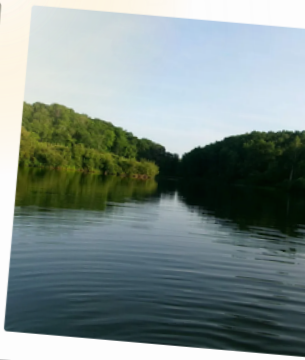
Canoeing



S'mores



Bonfire



What is the 2026–2027 NYS FBLA Theme?

BY SECRETARY ADDELEIDE REYNOLDS

Hey New York FBLA! Get ready because it's time for us to begin Leading To New Levels this coming membership year! This outstanding theme can be credited to the 2025–2026 FBLA State Officer Team! Great job, guys!

This year's official New York State FBLA emblem serves as an inspiring beacon for student leaders entering the 2026–2027 school year. Enclosed in a bold, circular crest, the design features a striking city skyline soaring upward toward a bright sunrise, illuminated by shining radiant sunbeams. At the top, the inspiring theme "Leading to New Levels" arches proudly alongside the state designation and year, setting the tone for a year dedicated to personal growth, professional innovation, and breaking creative boundaries.

The 2026–2027 theme directly mirrors the core mission of Future Business Leaders of America by inspiring students to push beyond their comfort zones and achieve meaningful personal and professional growth. The soaring cityscape highlights real-world career ambitions by motivating members to explore professional pathways, build industry-ready skills, and step into leadership roles with confidence.

Ultimately, "Leading to New Levels" emphasizes that true success is a shared journey: it calls on chapters across New York State to lift one another up through mentorship, community service, and collaboration while continuously striving for excellence every step of the way. Here's to breaking records, making memories, and Leading To New Levels!



A LOOK AT OUR Program of Work

BY EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT ADITYA HARIHARAN

Hello New York State FBLA! This summer, your state officers attended State Officer Training (SOT) in Greenwich. Our team was hard at work to develop an outstanding Program of Work (POW) designed to provide valuable opportunities for our members, embodying our 2026–2027 NYS FBLA theme, *Leading to New Levels*.

This year, we're excited to announce that we have twelve unique POW challenges across our four committees, with each focusing on specific attributes of the FBLA mission. These committees are the Membership Services Committee, Community Outreach Committee, Career Development Committee, and the Executive Committee. These committees are designed to develop active participation in FBLA, strengthen members' engagement within their community, build valuable professional skills, and foster elevated leadership expertise.

The Membership Services Committee has composed a Program of Work consisting of three rewarding challenges: Early Bird Challenge, Recruitment Rumble, and Impact in Action. The fan-favorite Early Bird Challenge tasks chapters with having five or more members who have paid dues by October 31st. The innovative Recruitment Rumble challenges members to deliver a compelling presentation to potential new members, highlight their chapter's uniqueness, and reflect upon the experience. Meanwhile, the Impact in Action challenge offers members three ways to develop media that shares the benefits of FBLA membership and promotes their chapter.

To promote service, philanthropy, and social impact, the Community Outreach Committee has carefully developed three challenges: Broadcasting Business, Caring Cards, and Debris to Design. In Broadcasting Business, members will volunteer at least five hours at a local business, as well as creating a commercial and introduction for the firm, supporting regional enterprise and building professional skills. In Caring Cards, chapters have the chance to aid NYS FBLA's 2026–2027 State Charity, the American Red Cross, by creating and donating heartfelt cards to their local Red Cross chapter. Lastly, members will care for their environment in the Debris to Design challenge, where they will form a team to collect 'trash' around their neighborhood and repurpose it into an impactful art piece.

Early Bird Challenge
Chapter must have five or more members paid by October 31, 2026.

Impact in Action
Choose ONE of the following activities:
Option 1: Flyer Campaign.
• Create a flyer
• Hang at least 10 flyers around your school
• Write a personal statement (250-300 words)
Option 2: School News
• Create a 30-60 video for your news

Recruitment Rumble
Submissions Due: January 15, 2027 11:59 p.m. at the State Leadership Conference.
Create a presentation to new members on your chapter, what makes it unique, and why members should join.
Write a 250–300 word essay detailing a personal story on how FBLA has shaped you.

BROADCASTING BUSINESS
What You Will Do:
• 5+ volunteer hours at a local business
• Create a 3-minute commercial & upload 5+ photos
• Submit a signed volunteer form from the business
• Write a 200–250 word introduction about the business
Why?
• Support and promote local businesses
• Gain valuable real-world experience
• Build marketing & media production skills
SUBMISSIONS DUE: JANUARY 15, 2027 11:59 p.m.
ALL PARTICIPATING MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE A RIBBON AT THE STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

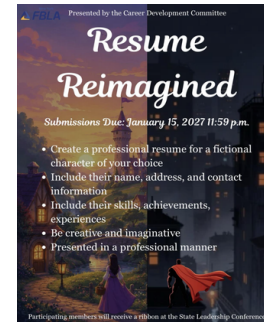
DEBRIS TO DESIGN
What will you do?
• Form a team to collect trash around your community
• Use that trash to design an impactful art piece
Why?
• Increase community engagement
• Foster creative thinking
• Promote team collaboration
All participating chapters will receive ribbons at the State Leadership Conference.
SUBMISSIONS DUE: JANUARY 15, 2027 11:59 p.m.

CARING CARDS
All participating chapters will receive ribbons at the State Leadership Conference.
Submissions Due: January 15, 2027 11:59 p.m.
WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:
• Chapters will meet and make cards to donate to our state charity - American Red Cross
• Take at least 10 photos while creating the cards
• Capture photos of individual cards as well
• Provide proof of delivery
DONATIONS FOR: American Red Cross

PROGRAM OF WORK

The Career Development Committee has conceived three phenomenal activities for members to partake in. In **SWOT Showdown**, chapters will interview a local business owner and create a presentation describing the business' strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Meanwhile, **Resume Reimagined** allows members to build a professional resume for a fictional character of their choice, combining creativity with career skills. Finally, members will enter **The Hot Seat**, where they will record themselves answering questions in a mock interview, providing fruitful exposure to professional communication skills.

Furthering members' opportunities was core to the Executive Committee as they constructed their Program of Work challenges. In **Sponsor Spark**, chapters will gain business communication skills and build relationships with their community as they email local businesses to gain sponsors. **Ready, Set, Resource!** encourages members to further their understanding of FBLA competitive events and contribute to statewide resources by creating a study guide for an event of their choice. The committee's last challenge, **Level Up Live**, promises to foster connections between members across the state as they attend Connection Calls hosted by the committee, gaining valuable leadership insights.

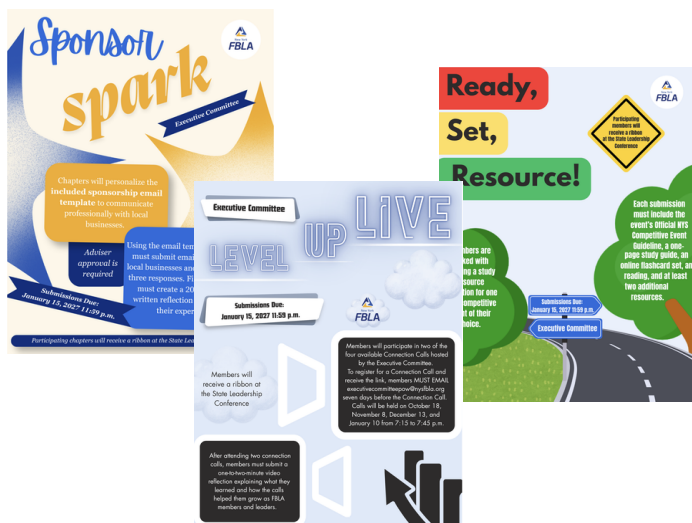


This year, we are also excited to introduce a themed POW Championship. Members who complete a challenge will receive a challenge-specific ribbon at the State Leadership Conference in April, attaining the Explorer level, while members who complete all of the challenges from a committee will obtain the committee's Super Ribbon, and become a Climber. Committees will review and grade submissions to select one Mountaineer amongst their Climbers to receive their committee plaque, and, after careful review of challenge submissions, one of these Mountaineers will become the Summitteer, being named the POW Champion for the 2026–2027 NYS FBLA membership year.

Members can find more information about all of these challenges—including a flyer, submission form, and rubric—on the state website, nysfbla.org. All challenges must be submitted by January 15th, 2027 at 11:59 PM EST, with the exception of the Early Bird Challenge, which is due in October. Members should also note that the Level Up Live Challenge requires them to email a member of the Executive Committee in order to register for a Connection Call.

I highly encourage every member to participate in this year's Program of Work: each activity promises to be extremely productive for both members and chapters. Members who engage in the Program of Work will not only develop their personal skillset but also deepen their connection to their chapter and the organization.

If you have any questions about the Program of Work, want to get tips on how to best accomplish the challenges, or simply want to reach out, please don't hesitate to contact me via email at evp@nysfbla.org, or message me on Instagram at [aditya_fbla](https://www.instagram.com/aditya_fbla). Together, I know we'll be Leading to New Levels this year!



the AMERICAN RED CROSS: OUR 2026–2027 STATE CHARITY



The organization was founded by Clara Barton on May 21, 1881, after she was inspired by the International Red Cross and wanted to bring similar humanitarian services to the United States. From responding to hurricanes, floods, and fires to helping patients receive blood, the organization relies heavily on volunteers and donations to carry out its mission.



Every year, the state officer team selects a charity which we believe aligns with the values and ideals of New York FBLA. We do this at our annual State Officer Training and use a combination of thorough research and parliamentary procedure to determine our final choice.

This year, our state charity is the American Red Cross. Dedicated to helping people during emergencies and disasters, the American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization that provides disaster relief, blood collection and distribution, emergency preparedness, lifesaving training, and support for military families.

As FBLA members, there are many ways we can support our state charity. Chapters can organize fundraisers, blood drives, and donation campaigns. In addition, the Caring Cards Program of Work Challenge tasks members to create cards and deliver them to patients at their nearest American Red Cross Center. Through these efforts, we can demonstrate the spirit of leadership and service that FBLA represents while making a meaningful impact in our communities.

NEW 2027 SLC LOCATION

While the State Leadership Conference this year is held in a brand-new location, the new features shall not overshadow the true experience of SLC: participating in fun workshops, competing in events, meeting State Officer candidates at their campaign booths, elections, networking with members across the state, and so much more. With so much to experience all under one roof, this year's SLC is sure to be one to remember!



This year's State Leadership Conference will be held at Kalahari Resorts & Conventions in Pennsylvania, bringing our conference experience to a brand-new location. Kalahari features a massive 220,000-square-foot indoor waterpark, a 40,000-square-foot arcade and entertainment center, an outdoor adventure park, and restaurants.



Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania
KALAHARI RESORTS
March 10th-12th & Conventions

DISTRICT REPORTS

BY THE STATE VICE PRESIDENTS



FDM: *

December 11, 2026

SDM:

January 22, 2027

* FDM and SDM is the same for District 1S

**DISTRICT
1N**

AAMINAH KHONDKER

Hello New York State FBLA!

My name is Aaminah Khondker, and I am honored to serve as your District 1N State Vice President. I am a rising senior at Floral Park Memorial High School, and FBLA has been one of the most meaningful parts of my high school journey.

FBLA has been part of my life for as long as I can remember. My dad competed at the State Leadership Conference in Rochester, New York, when he was in high school, and hearing his stories inspired me to follow in his footsteps. You could say my passion for FBLA runs in the family.

FBLA has opened countless doors for me by strengthening my leadership, communication, and teamwork skills, while introducing me to lifelong friends, mentors, and opportunities. These experiences inspired me to run for state office because I want every member across District 1N to feel welcomed, supported, and encouraged to make the most of everything FBLA has to offer.

As District 1N State Vice President, my goal is to strengthen communication and engagement across our district while supporting every chapter's

success. Throughout my term, I plan to maintain regular communication with advisers and members, encourage participation in district, state, and national events, and recognize the accomplishments of our chapters. I also hope to promote collaboration, leadership, and service by supporting the statewide charity initiative and ensuring every member feels connected, valued, and inspired to make the most of their FBLA experience.

I am excited for the year ahead and look forward to working alongside our incredible state officer team, advisers, and members. I can't wait to meet many of you and help make this an unforgettable year for New York State FBLA!



DISTRICT REPORTS

FDM:

October 22, 2026

SDM:

January 7, 2027

**DISTRICT
3N**

KIAH MEHTA

My name is Kiah Mehta and I'm honored to serve as your District 3N's State Vice president.

As the District 3N State Vice President, my goal for the 2026-2027 year is to strengthen communication, collaboration, and engagement throughout the district. I plan to build strong relationships with every chapter by maintaining regular communication with advisers and local officers while visiting as many chapters as possible. By staying connected, I hope to better understand each chapter's needs and provide meaningful support throughout the year.

Another priority is increasing member involvement by encouraging participation in district, state, and national conferences, competitive events, and leadership opportunities. I also hope to help chapters recruit and retain members while promoting community service and professional development. Through these efforts, I want every member to feel welcomed, supported, and inspired to become an active leader in FBLA.

My vision for District 3N is to create a more connected district where chapters collaborate, share ideas, and celebrate one another's successes. By focusing on communication, leadership, and member engagement, I hope to leave District 3N stronger than ever and help every member reach their full potential.



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**DISTRICT
3S**

ZOE ZAUMEYER

Hello District 3S!

My name is Zoe Zaumeyer, and I am a rising junior at Mamaroneck Highschool. I am so excited to be serving as your district 3S State Vice President for the 2026-2027 year!

Our district is full of dedicated and successful members, and I am prepared to help all of our members learn and achieve more in the upcoming year!

I have three main goals for this year, firstly, I want to help members with their networking skills and provide more recognition for outstanding achievements. I believe that communication is an essential skill and I want to help build connections across our district by holding networking events at conferences. This will give allotted time for members to interact with each other and learn professional communication. Another goal of mine is to have a series of monthly member spotlights on the district social media page this year. Members or advisers will be able to nominate whoever they think deserves recognition for that month and a post will be made detailing their contributions to FBLA. And finally, I want to create and dispense lesson plans to chapter officers throughout District 3S. These blueprints will allow chapters to have more effective meetings and provide more resources and activities for members.

I am excited to work with you all throughout this year! Please feel free to contact me at svp3s@nysfbla.org.

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DISTRICT

4

LOGAN HARTMANN

Hello District 4!

My name is Logan Hartmann, and I will be serving as your State Vice President for this upcoming year. I am a rising senior at Cobleskill-Richmondville High School. I am excited and well prepared for this role, and I truly cannot wait to meet all of you!

As the school year is quickly approaching, I have been preparing to reach our full potential as a district in FBLA. We are a smaller district, which is why we need to make our presence felt in FBLA. I have some main goals to achieve for this year. I hope you all can participate and help me in achieving these goals for our district!

This year I would like to increase our membership inside of our district. I also want to increase our communication and transparency throughout the district. This will make our district feel unified as a community. By achieving these goals, we can easily make our district's presence felt at larger conferences like the State Leadership Conference. With increasing membership, communication is key. By fulfilling these goals, District 4 can prosper this upcoming year!

I am ready to see all of you at our upcoming conferences. They are actively being worked on and more information about them will be coming out soon. If there are any questions for me, please contact me at svp4@nysfbla.org!



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DISTRICT

8

MEENAKSHI CHAKRAVADHANULA

Hello, New York State FBLA!

My name is Meenakshi Chakravadhanula, and I am a rising senior at Vestal Senior High School. I am so excited to be serving as the District 8 State Vice President for the 2026-2027 school year! I have been a part of FBLA for three years now, and every conference I have attended has taught me so much and helped me expand on my passions. Now, I would like to give back to the organisation that has helped me so much and aide others in translating their passions into reality.

FBLA is more than just an organization- it's a network of driven future leaders. However, I believe that for us to truly thrive, our district needs stronger connections, clear communication, and more awareness of the plethora of opportunities at our fingertips. This upcoming school year, I hope to improve communication between the district chapters, prioritize timely outreach, and increase engagement and awareness of the multitude of activities and opportunities FBLA offers, both within our District, throughout the state, and even nationally.

I believe that the amazing organisation that is New York State District 8 FBLA has incredible potential to be even better, and that together we can build ourselves into a more connected, engaged, and successful community.

With much excitement and warm regards,

Your District 8 SVP Meenakshi Chakravadhanula
svp8@nysfbla.org

FDM:

October 22, 2026

SDM:

January 16, 2027

DISTRICT

12

MOKSH GUPTA

Hello, New York State FBLA!

I hope everyone is having a great start to the school year! My name is Moksh Gupta from Williamsville East High School, and I am incredibly honored to serve as your 2026–2027 District 12 State Vice President. I'm excited to work alongside our amazing members, advisers, and State Officer Team to make this an unforgettable year for District 12. As we begin the year, I have four main goals that I hope will help our district continue to grow: strengthening communication, increasing member engagement, expanding opportunities, and celebrating our members' successes.



My first goal is to strengthen communication across District 12. I want every member to know what's happening throughout the year and never feel like they're missing out on opportunities. Through regular emails, newsletters, social media updates, and communication with chapter advisers, I hope to keep everyone informed about upcoming conferences, competitive events, scholarships, deadlines, and district activities.

My second goal is to increase member engagement. Whether you're a first-year member attending your first meeting or a seasoned competitor preparing for Nationals, I want you to feel like there's a place for you in FBLA. This year, I hope to organize engaging district meetings



featuring leadership workshops, competitive event preparation sessions, networking opportunities, and guest speakers who can share their experiences in business and leadership. I also encourage every member to step outside their comfort zone by trying a new competitive event, running for a leadership position, or attending both the State and National Leadership Conferences.

Another priority of mine is expanding opportunities for our members. I hope to encourage collaboration between chapters by sharing ideas, recognizing successful chapter projects, and connecting members from across our district. By learning from one another and working together, we can continue building a stronger District 12 while helping every chapter succeed.

Finally, I want to celebrate the accomplishments of our members. District 12 is filled with talented students who work incredibly hard both inside and outside of FBLA. Throughout the year, I hope to recognize the achievements of our chapters and highlight the outstanding leadership, service, and dedication that make our district special.

Most importantly, I want this to be a year where every member feels welcomed, supported, and inspired to grow as a leader. FBLA has given me countless opportunities and lifelong friendships, and I hope every member has the chance to experience the same.

I'm looking forward to meeting many of you throughout the year at our district meetings, the State Leadership Conference, and the National Leadership Conference. Let's make 2026 our best yet!

Editor's Note

By Reporter Rebecca Hoang

As we begin another exciting year of FBLA, I want to personally thank you for taking the time to read this edition of *The FBLA Express*. This edition was created during State Officer Training, a five-day trip in which the officer team works alongside the state's Board of Trustees to prepare and plan for the upcoming FBLA year. This first edition promises a productive year ahead!

There are three remaining editions of *The FBLA Express* before the State Leadership Conference in March. All members of New York State FBLA are encouraged to submit articles and/or photos—it's a great way to get involved! If you would like your chapter to be represented in the Fall Edition, please send me your article and photo submissions at reporter@nysfbla.org by **October 15, 2026**. If you have any inquiries, feel free to reach out. We can't wait to hear from you!

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