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# What's Going On In Your Local Chapter?

## DELAWARE VALLEY HS, PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER RAISES MONEY FOR MARCH OF DIMES

FBLA students from Delaware Valley HS, Milford walked and raised money for the March of Dimes, Northeast PA division. The students received pledges and raised over \$250. The event is sponsored yearly by Mr. Joseph Biondo, Chief Investment Advisor of Biondo Investment Advisors. His family has been actively involved for several years. FBLA members involved in the walk are: Nick Ottinger, Billy Viccica, Elena Eshleman and Harina Patel.



Our Chapter's partnership with Rotary is leading us to another exciting endeavor! We were recently offered the opportunity to help fund the making of a "shelter box." These useful tools are full of objects that can be used in the event of a natural disasters world wide such as blankets, tents, first aid items, children's activity packs, tool kits, thermal fleece blankets, and a portable stove. Although a simple idea, these boxes are extremely valuable to helping those affected by these awful events and have had a large part in saving many lives.

These boxes are valued at \$1,000. Although a large ticket price, our chapter has decided that the cause is worth the time and effort it will take to raise the money. We plan to hold a spaghetti dinner in the spring in order to raise the money or at least a portion of it. Our chapter has been very successful in the past with holding spaghetti dinners for various reasons. We also like the team building element of the event as our chapter is able to

work together towards a common goal.

If you are interested in this cause, visit [www.shelterboxusa.org](http://www.shelterboxusa.org) for more information.

Waynesboro, PA  
Chapter 5932



# What's Going On In Your Local Chapter?

## DELAWARE VALLEY FBLA CHAPTER COLLECTS JEANS

The Delaware Valley HS FBLA chapter participated in the Teens for Jeans collection. Billy Viccia, an active FBLA member coordinated the event at the high school. With permission from our Principal, Mr. Ron Collins, Billy made the collection a homeroom vs. homeroom competition with the two winning homerooms receiving a bagel breakfast sponsored by our FBLA chapter. We were very proud to collect a total of 649 pairs of jeans that will be sent to teen shelters.



## Garnet Valley FBLA's Hot Chocolate Fridays!

“It’s HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY!” The winter months, forcing students and staff to wake up from a warm, comfortable bed, can be the most strenuous times for Garnet Valley High School. Rushing for time, students may not be able to stop at a local Wawa or even grab a granola bar for breakfast. Dragging their feet throughout the week, waiting for that Friday to come, students should be treated with something special that will brighten their day and alleviate their stress on the best day of the week!



What better way to cheer up high school students than offer them soothing, sizzling Hot Chocolate?! Garnet Valley’s FBLA chapter has created a new sensation by selling this delicious beverage from 7:00 – 7:25 AM every Friday morning! Priced at just \$1 per cup, sales are excellent, as people swarm out of their buses and line up at the convenient Hot Chocolate stall to pick up their steaming-hot reward. Plus, every Friday, different FBLA members are getting involved with their club by selling and experiencing business management on the spot.

The proceeds from hot chocolate sales will be donated to the American Trauma Society, benefiting PA FBLA’s State charity. Great job Garnet Valley FBLA!

Swathi Raman, President



# What's Going On In Your Local Chapter?

## Our Greatest Gift for Valentine's Day

Today, parents are running around, catering to their kid's needs and wants; whether it may be picking up the kids from sports practice or extracurricular activities or simply from a friend's house, parents never have enough downtime to themselves to cherish life. Therefore, the Souderton Area High School's FBLA has put together a Valentine's Babysitting, where parents drop off their kids for FBLA members to entertain and watch over while they get three hours to enjoy their night out. Moreover, this event is like killing two birds with one stone because not only do we give a special gift to the deserving parents in the community, but also raise money in order to send our members to the state competition in Hershey this April.



After weeks of planning, on Saturday, February 16, 2013, the kids arrive and we open the night with an enthralling activity of feet volleyball—kids kicking multiple balloons



back and forth over the net consisting of a string attached to two orange cones at the end—in which they competitively kick, shout, and try to win. Following the captivating game, they made crafts—heart goodie bag, “Hoo loves you?” owl, water color heart, and ladybug—as well as play other games, such as getting candy hearts out of the bowl with a pair of chopsticks.

All in all, we accomplished our goal by putting a smile on the parents and kid's face at the end of the night as well as raising \$399.00 for the state competitions. But most importantly, we were proud to give our greatest gift for Valentine's Day to both the parents and kids.

# What's Going On In Your Local Chapter?

During the week first week in February, Greenwood Middle School raised money by voting for a prince, princess, king, and queen at a masquerade ball. The prince nominees from the seventh grade included Wade Fisher, Donovan Swartz, Christopher Carvell, and Colton Murphy. The princess nominees from the seventh grade included Grace Keim, Kelby Ross, Laura Sheaffer, and Montana Farner. The king nominees from the eighth grade were Elias Goodling, Chase Stalvey, Luke Gorman, and Noah Santos. The queen nominees from the eighth grade were Libby Korber, Abby Potter, Maddy Pyle, and Jesse Sheaffer. During the week, people dropped money into a slot for the person they wanted to win. The prince and princess were Christopher Carvell and Laura Sheaffer. The King and queen were Chase Stalvey and Abby Potter. All together we raised \$205.55 for a local needy family whose eighth grade daughter has brain cancer and has large medical bills to pay.

--Reporter, Christopher Carvell

Hazleton Area FBLA is once again taking part in annual outreach programs to bring awareness to the community about the growing issue of suicide. Last year, on May 6, 2012, a group of Hazleton FBLA members participated in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's "Out of the Darkness Walk" and donated \$200 and a basket towards the cause. This year, triggered by local teen suicides, a high school group called q2h was established to prevent suicides. Hazleton FBLA is working with q2h and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention this spring to strengthen the cause and spread awareness.

(Picture – Hazleton Area FBLA members who participated in the 2012 Out of the Darkness Walk.)





# Final Fairwells

PA FBLA, what an amazing 4 years it has been. First I would like to thank the members for believing in me and letting me live out my dream of becoming the State President. First I would like to thank my local chapter for supporting me. To Mr. Boncal, Mrs. Skiles, and the PA FBLA Board of Directors, thank you for supporting me and putting up with me at those long Board Meetings. You are all wonderful people and I can't thank you enough for everything you have done. To Mr. Luke Skerpon, you are like an older brother to me. Words cannot explain how thankful I am for everything you have done for me. Thank you for always being there. Miss Ryland, I don't even know where to begin. You're my second mom. I didn't know I could get so close to someone I didn't even know 4 years ago. Thank you for encouraging me and never letting me fail, at anything. Finally, thank you to my team. I am so glad to have met all of you and worked so closely with each and every one of you. You are truly amazing young people. You made my last year in FBLA the best one ever! Thank you again to everyone.

Emily Wolfe  
State President



# Final Fairwells

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Wow. I never realized how fast life truly is until now. I remember running for the Vice President at Large position two years ago, afraid that I was going to go on stage and well... choke. Thankfully, I made it through my speech and I gained the support of all of you, the Pennsylvania members. I remember after my first year as an officer though, how hard it would be to say goodbye... and I was right – it is hard.

Yet, I consider myself fortunate to have met such amazing people. I want to thank Mr. Boncal for continuing to help me grow as a leader and for being there whenever it was needed. Thank you to Mrs. Skiles for teaching me how to be an elegant lady in the business world and for all the wise words of wisdom. Thank you to Miss Ryland for always giving me the extra push to work hard and helping me evolve into who I am today. Luke, thank you for always being so supportive of my dreams and for giving me the knowledge to execute them. To all the State Officers, thank you for sharing this special experience with me and for making it always fun along the way.

A special thank you goes to my adviser and second mom, Mrs. Angle, for always believing in me and my potential. I would have not been able to run for a state office, let alone a national one if it wasn't for your support. I will miss every drive to State College and Hershey with you and every conversation we had along the way.

Last, but not least, thank you to all the members. If it wasn't for you, I would not be who I am today. Thank you for having the confidence in me to help run your organization. It has truly been an honor.

As we say goodbye, we remind ourselves that farewells are not forever, nor are they the end. They are simply words to say that we will miss you dearly and that we will remember you fondly.

Although we may be separated by time and distance in the interim, nothing will diminish the important role that you have played in my life.

I wish all of you happy adventures, fantastic new friendships, amazing experiences and the journey of a lifetime.

Danielle DuBee  
State First Vice President

# Final Fairwells

The end of this school year marks the end of one of the most important aspects of my life, FBLA. As I look back at my term as state secretary I cannot help but look back at the jubilation I felt when I was first declared PA FBLA Secretary. As I look ahead at all the future I can identify that moment as not just a momentous point in my FBLA career but also as a paramount moment in my life.

As Secretary I have been given the amazing opportunity to develop myself as a student, an officer, and as an individual. All that I have done in this past year whether it is conferences, workshops, competitions, or speeches has given me a memory that will stay with me forever. Along with the memories I have acquired through my term as an FBLA officer, I have also met a myriad of new and fascinating people, many of whom have become my dear friends. After attending the SLC, SLW, and a variety of other FBLA hosted functions and events I can truly say that FBLA has become more than just a club or an organization to me, it has become a home away from home and a second family that I can always count on for support.



I feel there is no better way to end my term than with the humblest of thank you's to all the members, advisors, officers, and everyone that has stood by me and supported me in all my endeavors.

James Coulson  
State Secretary

Being a state officer for PA FBLA has helped me grow into the person I am today. As a shy freshman with the dream of going to states I have now changed to a student that goes above and beyond. The 2012-2013 FBLA year has proved to be a special one. The FBLA state officers are truly amazing and it will be interesting to see where we all go after high school. I would have never been involved with FBLA in the first place if it wasn't for my mom, Jennifer Servedio, she always encouraged me to do clubs and get active. My advisor, Mr. Selleck, is the man that helped me truly get involved within FBLA once I started. We have been through a lot together and it will be tough to say goodbye for the final time. I would also like to thank my great friend Nicholas Skerpon who helped me campaign my three years as being a state officer. I wouldn't have been able to do this without his help. As this year comes to an end it will difficult to say goodbye but we are still a family. "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." – Doctor Suess

Lorenzo Servedio  
State Treasurer



# Final Fairwells

Becoming a Pennsylvania state officer was definitely the high light of my high school career. I never guessed how rewarding or enjoyable being elected into this position would be. Along the way I have met so many people and I have made the some of the best friends a girl could ask for. The state officer team worked hard this past year to make sure everything ran smoothly for the Pennsylvania delegates. We created a huge bond between the nine of us and our amazing advisor Miss. Ryland. We will always have a connection and we will always be a family.

My FBLA family does not only include this year's executive board, but it also includes all of the delegates. Without members an organization like this is nothing. We bonded at states and became even closer at nationals. It's been an incredible ride for all over us and I would like to thank everyone who has made this year special for me.

Allison Vine  
State Reporter



It does not seem like it has been one year since I was appointed as a State Parliamentarian. I didn't know what this adventure would hold when my name was called... but I'm very glad it was. I have learned so much since joining this State Officer team. I have developed as a leader, a public speaker, and as a person. I have had so many great opportunities and I am so appreciative to everyone on the Executive Board. The people I have been able to meet through this experience have positively affected my life in many ways. I'm grateful to everyone!

After graduation, my plans aren't exactly finalized. I plan on attending the University of Pittsburgh and studying Eastern Asian language and culture. I hope to have the opportunity, further in the future, to start my own bakery business.

I would like to specially thank my adviser Mrs. McDonald who is an amazing inspiration to me. I don't know what I would've done the past four years without her. I'd also like to thank a lot of my local chapter members especially my sister, Mackenzi. They made this year the best and the most fun!

Madison Winegardener  
State Parliamentarian

# Final Fairwells

All I can say is that I can't believe this year has gone by so quickly. It feels like a blink of an eye instead of an entire year. It has been an amazing year just because of the opportunities that I've had and all of the friends that I've made. Getting to know my fellow state officers has been a blast! Each one is very special in their own way and I'm so glad that I've gotten to know each of them. I'm also happy to have worked with Ms. Ryland, Mr. Skerpoon, Mrs. Skiles and Mr. Boncal. They all work so very hard to make each PA FBLA event a blast and they do their jobs well. Everyone from the State Officer team has made this a great year. I'm so lucky that I had been elected to work with such amazing people and I couldn't have asked to work with a better team.

Sara McConnell  
State VP at Large

I cannot believe my term as a Vice President at Large is coming to an end. I came into this experience very nervous, but yet excited. As a freshman, I dreamed about being a state officer and going to nationals. Being an FBLA state officer has been an overall rewarding experience and has allowed me to further develop my leadership qualities. Since I was elected I feel my confidence has strengthened. I am now more comfortable to talk in front of a room full of people and voice my opinion. I also learned the importance of working as a team. As a team of nine, often times, we didn't agree but no matter what the situation was we always came to a compromise. Whether the officers and I were selecting the state project for PA FBLA or being "Team Tisha" at the SLW Dodge ball Tournament we always worked together. PA FBLA has given me unbelievable opportunities, memories, and friendships that I will remember forever. The members, advisers, and executive committee of PA FBLA are what make being a state officer worthwhile. I would like to thank my fellow state officers for a wonderful year full of friendships that are sure to last a lifetime. I would like to personally thank my Hazleton Area local chapter adviser, Mrs. Barletta.



She has worked with me this past year 24/7. I thank her for all the late night phone calls full of questions and the driving to conferences even on weekends! This experience was also great because of our state adviser, Miss Ryland. Even though I don't see her as much as I'd like, we developed a great relationship. Also working with the state officers are Mr. Skerpon, Mrs. Skiles, and Mr. Boncal. Without all of these great people PA FBLA would not be a success. So thank you to everyone for an unforgettable experience that I will truly miss.

Morgan Stahr  
State VP at Large

# Final Fairwells

I can't believe that my year as an FBLA state officer is really almost over. It seems like just a few weeks ago, I was at states going through the whole election process to actually become a state officer. Now it's all coming to an end.

Being an FBLA state officer is a completely life changing experience. As an officer, I have learned more than I could have ever learned without this experience. The process to become a state officer may seem long and arduous, and some of the work we do may seem rather difficult, but it is all worth it. As an officer of FBLA, I was able to travel farther away from home than I have ever been before. (Nationals, in San Antonio, Texas) Along with the traveling that I have been able to do with FBLA thanks to being a state officer, I have made some wonderful friendships. When on the state officer team, you are instantly bonded to all of the other state officers; it is such a close bond that it is almost like the officers are a part of your very own special family. As an officer, I was able to trust every one of the other officers on the team, which is a neat feeling; it's awesome to be able to trust someone as much as I trust my fellow state officers.

Being an FBLA state officer has taught me so much about responsibility in general. As a state officer, you are assigned tasks to do, and it is your sole responsibility to come up with a plan of work for the assignment, and then completely carry out your plan of work. Also, I have learned so much more about the FBLA organization than I ever would have known. I have learned more about business, leadership, and public speaking. The number of things that I have learned from my experience as a state officer can go on and on.

As a state officer of PA FBLA, I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has made the year so wonderful for me. I want to thank you, the members, for being so much fun to work with. I want to thank all of the other members of the state officer team, for helping me when I needed help with anything and for just always being there to support me. I want to thank Ms. Ryland, Mr. Skerpon, Mr. Boncal, Mrs. Skiles, and all of the other authority figures that helped to guide me through my term as a state officer; without them, I would have learned nothing from the experience. And of course, I want to thank my adviser, Mrs. Caroline Tassone. Without her, there is no way I could have even become a state officer. She has guided me more than anyone else, and I am grateful for everything she has done for me.

Now, PA FBLA, I say my farewells. I am truly proud to have been able to serve you. Although I will no longer be a state officer, I will continue to be an active member of this amazing organization. I will take my experience I have gained as a state officer of PA FBLA to be the very best business leader that I can be.

Erica Orndorff  
State VP at Large