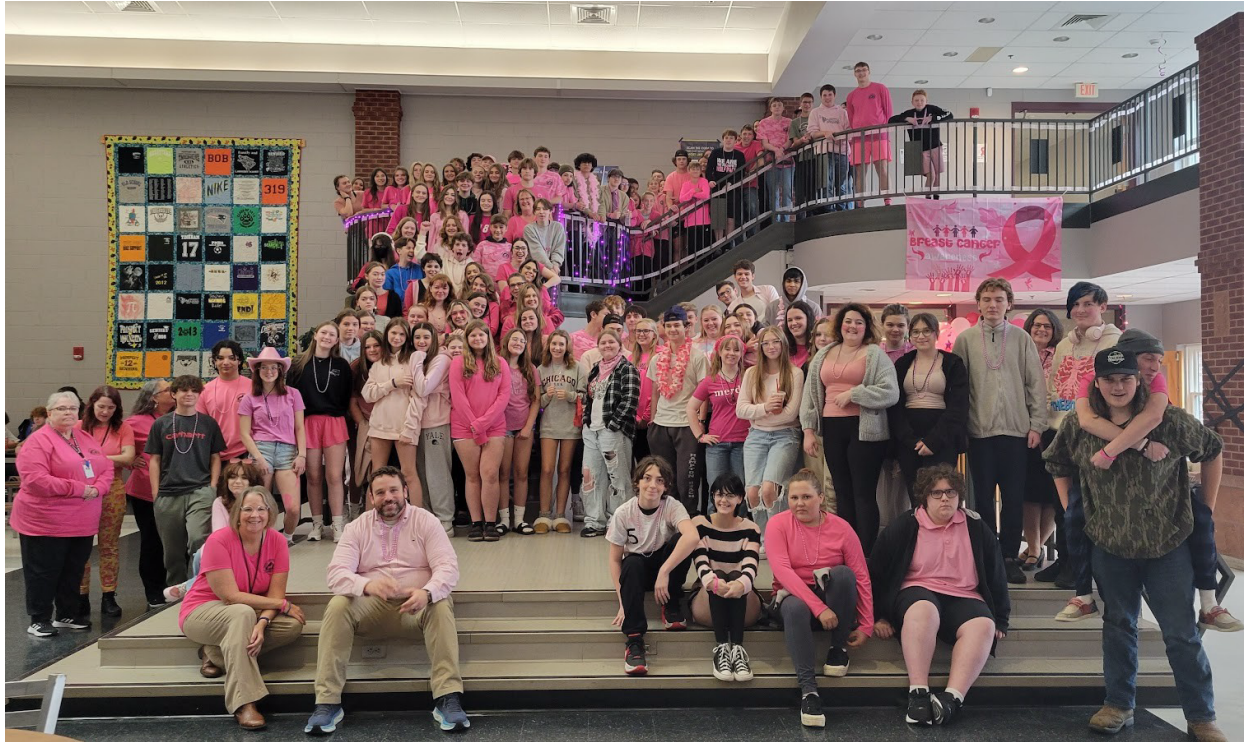


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Prospect Mountain FBLA Raises \$1000+ for Cancer Research



Prospect Mountain High School students dressed in pink for Prospect Pride Cancer Awareness Day.

On Thursday, October 26th, the Prospect Mountain High School Future Business Leaders of America chapter (PMHS FBLA) celebrated Prospect Pride Day, a school-wide day to raise awareness for victims and survivors of breast cancer. Throughout the month, PMHS FBLA raised money for cancer research by selling shirts, selling raffle tickets, and hosting a silent auction, totaling over \$1,000. Along with that, they had posters with cancer facts up around the school and gave out pink ribbons, necklaces, and bracelets to allow everyone to show their Prospect Pride. Each grade also got to make their poster board for a different type of cancer, with the best one earning points for the upcoming Winter Carnival.

Throughout the month they planned fundraisers and activities to get the school engaged in Prospect spirit, and it all culminated on the 26th, when the school was decorated and everyone wore pink to show their support. At the end of the day, the winners of the raffle and auction were announced, and the money was counted to total \$1,108.05. The money was all donated to breast cancer research, as well as Heavenly Hats, a non-profit organization where cancer patients will receive a hat for each dollar donated from students who donated \$1 to wear a hat to school on Prospect Pride day.

Bradley Tuttle & Sebastian Roberts - Kingswood FBLA

Greetings fellow members of New Hampshire Future Business Leaders of America, Bradley Tuttle, the secretary of Kingswood Future Business Leaders of America, accompanied by Sebastian Roberts, the vice president, are writing on behalf of the commanding accomplishments which were made by our chapter, Kingswood Future Business Leaders of America. Participants were actively involved, in planning holiday-themed events for our community. On November 25th, Kingswood Regional High School played host to a delectable, decorative, and dedicated craft fair that sparked cheer in happy holiday spirit. Partnered with other clubs such as the National Honor Society and the Technology Student Association, our chapter organized a cookie walk filled with student-baked delights. Additionally, a Santa's workshop, a gift-wrapping station, vendor lunches, and Christmas-themed raffles were also arranged. Students participating in Future Business Leaders of America and other clubs worked shifts at each of these, providing community service and a fun time. This craft fair had a great turnout, as it provided a great opportunity to not only see the plethora of crafts our vendor community could make but also a chance to purchase Christmas gifts for the family. Money earned through fundraising from the event was dispersed into our local chapter, lending us money for future activities and plans that we will enact.

Throughout the month we have also embarked on the state officer projects, particularly focusing on our officer's project; Megan Ouellette's Subtly Sustainable environmental project. We have started researching topics on our environment, and have even held beach cleanups for the surrounding beaches in our area. These included, but are not limited to Carrie Beach, Albee Beach, and Brewster Beach, but more are to be picked up in the future. Her project is not only about helping the environment through actions like picking up trash on a beach but also education on our environment, which is the first step in changing our environment. By educating our Chapter, Megan has shed light on topics that may have been overlooked or are unfamiliar. To help advance our education about Megan's project, we held a holiday party in which we had four different presentations about the environment. We learned about renewable energy, plastics, climate change, and endangered species. While learning about the environment our Advisor, Mr. Douglas Ball, provided environmentally friendly snacks and drinks. Something as simple as having an inner Future Business Leaders of America party is what Future Business Leaders of America is about. The L in Future Business Leaders of America stands for Leaders, as it means hosting events such as these which allows people in our school to come together and educate ourselves. This was an entirely student-led event that was also business-orientated. Students inside the club were able to understand differing perspectives on the environment that surrounds us, shifting focuses on why it needs to be changed.

Throughout the presiding month, our chapter has provided the community with a splendid time via a Christmas-themed Craft Fair, which advanced both the vendors and our chapter for fundraising money. We have also helped rid the community of filthy litter on our beaches. We did this while learning about the impacts of harming the environment and ways to

become substantially sustainable. Our next goal is to embark on the other officer projects while continuing to excel in Megan's project. We will continue to stay active and work hard for the betterment of our school and social communities. Thank you to those who are not involved in our Future Business Leaders of America Chapter but have still assisted us. This includes Parks and Rec, Student Council, TSA, Craft Fair vendors, and other students in Kingswood Regional High School.

Preparing for FBLA Testing Events

By Avaninder Bhagayath, Senior Director of PR (Phillips Exeter)

FBLA testing events are generally composed of 100 multiple-choice questions, distributed between various subtopics, to be answered in a maximum of 50 minutes. The amount of correct answers determines winners, and tiebreakers are decided by looking at who answered a selection of 10-20 questions more correctly, and then it was time for completion.

These tests can require a significant amount of time to prepare for depending on your prior knowledge. When studying, use the question distribution graph on the event's guidelines sheet to determine the most frequent question categories, since those will be the most important to study if you have limited time. Below the graph are more details about each category, which are necessary to know before you start taking practice tests. Some tests contain topics covered by available resources (for example the economics test covers a lot of AP macro and micro), while others require more searching for resources.

When you have a solid understanding of the topics, the practice tests for every objective test event are available here. Be careful, since most of these tests only contain 15 questions. Thankfully, there are other resources, such as Quizlets that have a significantly expanded set of questions. When reviewing mistakes, check if those mistakes come from the heavily weighted topics from the graph, since you might need to re-review that part of the curriculum. For fact-based tests, such as computer problem solving, memorizing flashcards can be the most efficient way to prepare, but tests that involve calculating numbers or something similar require practice ahead of time since mistakes can always happen.

The most important part of doing an Objective Test for FBLA is keeping a steady pace. You have 30 seconds per question, and all of your questions are multiple-choice, so guessing and marking the question for later (if you have extra time) is always a better strategy than wasting more than a minute on that question. Most of the questions you can only guess if you don't know the answer since most tests rely upon memorization.

If you spend the time to study properly, you will do well on the test! Good luck, and we'll see you soon.

Prospect Mountain FBLA Builds Connections with Community



Prospect Mountain FBLA Chapter at their holiday party in Alton, NH

Recently, the Prospect Mountain FBLA chapter has been working hard on the state officer projects, champion chapter goals, and FBLA week events. Still, while planning upcoming activities, they have been hosting community events. One of the things FBLA does at PMHS is run their school store, called the Wolf Den. Throughout December, they held a different sale every day to celebrate the holidays, including specific sales for the clubs and staff members. Connecting with the community, PMHS FBLA put forth announcements and decorated the school store, bringing holiday cheer to Prospect.

The Prospect Mountain chapter also earned a total of 28 community service hours in December by volunteering in group activities, as well as working individually. Members served their community by volunteering for Alton Dance Academy's winter show, the craft fair held by the PMHS robotics club, and helping take care of kids during church services. As a group, they also volunteered at the Darbster Doggy adoption center in Chichester, helping to care for and play with puppies who never ran out of energy, Nicholas and Eve.

As we get settled into the new year, PMHS FBLA has been shifting gears and working on state officer projects and placing their focus on FBLA week, but that's not going to stop them from spending time helping and giving back to their community. To wrap up the month of December, PMHS FBLA held a holiday party where they held a Yankee gift swap and played games- all were welcome. Lastly, to celebrate their community, they wrote thank you cards to the teachers and staff members at school and distributed them the next day to spread holiday cheer.

What Have The Reigning Champions, Goffstown High School, Been Up To?

The two time reigning gold seal chapter, Goffstown High School has had quite the start to the 23'-24' FBLA year. They are constantly involved in their community and the well being of their school. This ranges from holding study sessions in preparation for the State Leadership Conference, running their own school store every day at lunch, to inviting in guest speakers to help teach their members and fellow peers on the importance of the environment, business, and mental health. You may be wondering, what exactly has this chapter been doing to gain a spot as a 3 time Gold Seal Award winner, this spring?



At the start of the year, their members participated in the Walk for Suicide in Concord, to help support state officer, Annie Martino, with the kickoff to her state officer project! In October they attended the annual Fall Leadership Workshop and placed second in the “money raised for NH food bank” awards category and happily accepted their gold seal chapter award from SLC 2023. They had a whopping attendance of 43 members! Goffstown has found throughout the past years, that attendance and participation is a key to success. In November they partnered with a local organization in their community, called “Litter Critters”, where they cleaned up the roads around their school and town area. This also associated themselves with state officer, Megan Ouellette’s, sustainability project! As a whole club they hold meetings every other week, where they talk about upcoming events and activities, along with simple club socials. For example, in November they made over 50 Veteran’s Day cards to give to their local veterans on the memorable holiday. They give out “Member of the Month” awards too, to recognize the members who stand out in their chapter.



By the end of November, they collected over 692 pieces of clothing from their school, as their donations of their clothing drive, inspired by state officer, Chelsea Zhao's, "Threads of Hope" project. In December, their chapter volunteered at the NH Make A Wish Holiday Party, where over 300 children attended! This was a huge success for Goffstown and they felt very good after doing it. They also participate in the NH Salvation Army "bell ringing" every year to raise money for those who needed it, this past holiday season. Goffstown ended their year with some great holiday parties, to celebrate and look back on what they've accomplished this past year. They are currently holding their own "toiletries drive", accepting donations from their members and school to work towards state officer, Hannah Short's, state project.



Their officer team of 11, along with their chapter advisor, Mr. Smith, come together every week to discuss ways to promote the club, involve their members, and of course, work towards SLC! Goffstown is working hard to keep their title as a Gold Seal Award winner and that takes in-depth planning and dedication. With the upcoming annual FBLA week, the team has been working harder than ever to promote FBLA everywhere and get their community informed on the importance of this club. They have some big plans for this renowned week, and all 7 days are planned to be full of daily events and participation opportunities. Can't wait to see what they will bring to the table! They have also begun selecting event categories for their members, and regular training sessions are about to begin. Goffstown looks to prepare their members as much as possible this year, to be ready for anything and everything at SLC.

The Goffstown chapter has especially been working on their social media platform this year! They post on their instagram almost everyday, informing their followers on meetings, events, state officer projects, member recognition, club status, and upcoming news! This school year alone, they have made 63 whole instagram posts, with a total of 452 followers! Their goal is to reach 500 followers by the end of the school year! They also collaborate as a chapter, through an app, called "Remind", which notifies all of their members on upcoming meetings and basic reminders. They find this to be a very effective way of communicating as a chapter, remotely. Goffstown FBLA heavily relies on communications to cooperate as such a large chapter of over 50 members. They have big goals for the rest of the year,



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