

## **NH FOR NH (Ed. 3)**

### **The Role of Being At The Head Of A NH FBLA Chapter:**

**Olivia Gosselin**

On March 5, 2024, Vice President of the Goffstown High School FBLA chapter, Olivia Georgantas, was interviewed by her fellow officer, Olivia Gosselin; Historian. This interview was a basis of questions, created to guide and inform all FBLA members on the challenging and dominant role of being a NH chapter vice president. The historian asked Georgantas, first on her stance and value on FBLA. She responded with, "I think this is a great club for students looking to have a future in business or even any leadership role. I value the connections I can make and the leadership opportunities that I gain. I also value the community service work that we do and community outreach. Lastly, I value all the friendships and relationships I have been able to form since being in this club." Gosselin then asked, "How much of a drastic change is it to be a member compared to a hierarching officer?" and the Vice President answered with, "I would say it's a very drastic change, especially because I went from being a regular standing member to vice president. I carry the majority of responsibility for the club, and I'm in charge of helping out other officers and members with any questions. This year in FBLA has been a learning experience for me because it has taught me that time management is essential. I have had to take on a lot of responsibility and accept roles that would be stressful for even adults. Our club faced significant adversity this year and dealing with that was another weight put on my back. I am grateful for all the experience that I have gained this year because I know it can only help me for my future. I'm excited for next year and can't wait to see what we will do!". Gosselin also

requested from Georgantas, “What advice would you give to someone who is looking to become an officer next year, in any chapter?”. She responded with, “I would tell them to go for it! It is an amazing experience and you learn so many invaluable lessons from this role. I would also tell them that it is a lot of work, so if they are not ready for that commitment, they should rethink and evaluate their choice.” To conclude the interview, Olivia Georgantas was triumphantly asked, “What are you most looking forward to this year at SLC?”. The Vice President happily answered, “I’m actually running for state office so I’m super excited for that! I’m also excited for the great learning experience and time to hangout with all FBLA members!”. Goffstown has had a large team of officers this year, and to hear from the insides of the “operation” has been quite interesting to their members, especially those looking to take in officer positions next year!

Olivia Georgantas also wishes good luck to all competing chapters next month at SLC!



## How Prospect Mountain FBLA works with the community

### **Sam McGrath**

Above all of the points and competitions, Prospect Mountain FBLA's main goal is to help the community where it needs it most. While that can be achieved with the projects assigned to us by the national FBLA and State Officers, we also have our own ways of benefiting those around us.

One thing we do at Prospect is we run the school store, The Wolf Den. It's open every day during lunch, and it sells all sorts of school merchandise. We're also working on a website to host a digital store so people can order products whenever they want and pick it up during lunch. Running the school store isn't just about standing behind the cashier and helping customers find what they want, it also involves a lot of behind the scenes work. We have to make sure there is enough stock of everything and enough cash in the register for change, and we need to advertise to the school to make sure students know about our deals. It's a complicated process, but it's a great introduction to business behind the scenes.

We also support the community by working directly with local businesses, such as The Stitch Factory, the company where we order all our clothing items from, owned by our school librarian. We also work with the Alton Business Association and help with the Alton Home Show by helping the businesses there and bringing in food trucks while delivering food to the people working the event. We've also gotten some community service hours by working with local businesses, such as when we volunteered to help care for dogs at Darbster Doggy adoption center in Chichester in January.

Of course, the state officer projects are a great way to support the community, such as the unhousted drive we held for clothing and other items, and the presentation we setup with a science teacher on how being environmentally friendly can support your business. We also went to Alton Central School to present a lesson and play a game about Financial Literacy and FBLA to 8th graders. We're going to Barnstead Elementary this week to do the same thing there. Not only does this teach kids important lessons, but it also gives our chapter the chance to create a strong bond with future members.

These are just some of the ways we've collaborated with the community to benefit all of us, and we've got more things planned for the future. While our main focus for this month is to prepare for SLC, we're also working on a mattress fundraiser and planning next year's events. Even if we don't get points for helping the community in our own way, we're not doing it for the points; we're doing it to try and make a difference in the community, and make it a better place for everyone.

## SLC at a Glance - Goffstown High School

### **Olivia Gosselin**

Hello fellow FBLA members and thank you for reading the NHforNH articles! My name is Olivia Gosselin and I am the historian of the Goffstown High School chapter. There are a handful of new FBLA members this year across the state and I'm sure many of you will be attending SLC next month! There is lots of anticipation, hard work, and stress that goes into this two-day conference each year, and frankly it is one of my favorite parts of the year! I attended SLC '23,

last year, and it was one of the most exciting and competitive things I've ever done! You're probably wondering why this event is so special, if you've never been. Well, imagine a gathering where the brightest young minds in business and leadership come together to hone their skills, network, and get inspired. The energetic atmosphere is surreal, the buzz from all students of the competing schools, all dressed in their snazzy, professional attire, ready to take on workshops, seminars, and competitive events designed to challenge and grow their business acumen. The workshops are led by seasoned professionals, sharing their insights on modern business practices, leadership strategies, and entrepreneurship. The competitive events are definitely a highlight, showcasing students' talents in areas like business plan development, public speaking, and finance. It's a chance for members to put theory into practice, get feedback from experts, and maybe even scoop up some awards, which look great on college applications and of course, for your school! The ability to stay at a hotel and spend time with your peers and other schools is always a great time, too! At night, after all of the competitions, seminars, and voting, all members can celebrate their chapter's success of the year and attend the popular socials, like the dance, game night, and even a yoga class!



The impact of the conference is remarkable. The connections made, the confidence built, and the lessons learned are invaluable. It's not just about winning competitions; it's about preparing these future leaders for the real world. The conference ends with a grand ceremony, celebrating the achievements of all participants, leaving them with a sense of accomplishment and a network of peers and mentors that could support them in their future endeavors. I am looking forward to seeing all of my fellow chapters compete and create friendships at SLC '24! Good luck to all and remember to work hard for your competitive events!

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Thanks for all the effort through this project. Get ready for SLC!