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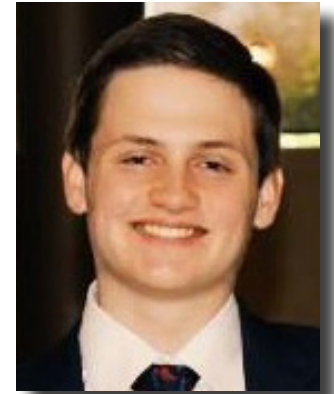
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## Will Goebel

State President

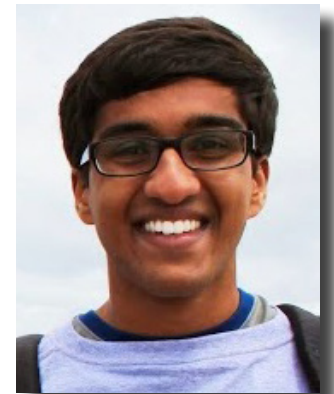
Hello California FBLA! I'm beyond excited to be serving as the State President for this year and I can't wait to see what we can accomplish together. I'm currently entering my senior year at Ruben S. Ayala High School in Chino Hills, CA. Besides my activities in FBLA, I'm also avidly involved in Speech & Debate as well as National Honors Society. I am an avid House of Cards fan and a casual user of Netflix, which means that I spend way too much of my life watching TV instead of studying for AP's! I can speak pretty fluent Chinese, and I actually spent my summer in Taiwan teaching students English. I love traveling, meeting people, and showing all of the other states why California FBLA is the best. This will be my fourth and final year in FBLA, and I can't wait for you all to see what we have planned for this year! Here's to an amazing year, FBLA!



## Amit Pasupathy

Vice President: Bay Section

Hi there CAFBLA! My name is Amit Pasupathy, and I am thrilled to be serving as your State Vice President from Bay Section. Over the past 3 years, I have gained leadership and strategy skills which I hope to carry with me to whichever winding path life takes me. FBLA is filled with people who will change the world, and this year, I dare you to dream of how you'll do it. Outside of FBLA, I serve as my school's ASB President and Spanish Honor Society President. I love engaging in long philosophical discussions, watching romantic Japanese anime, reading about cultural evolution and revolution, and running long distances (but definitely not fast). I can also speak four languages; hopefully we'll find the one we speak in common! Feel free to contact me at [baypresident@cafbla.org](mailto:baypresident@cafbla.org) if you want to talk about FBLA, high school, or just life in general. A great conversation is invaluable.



## Edgar Godinez

Vice President: Central Section

Hello! I'm Edgar Godinez, State Vice-President of Central Section. I was born and raised in the beautiful city of Visalia CA, also known as the gateway to the Sequoias. I am currently enrolled in Redwood High School, as a senior, and am enjoying every moment. This is my fourth year in FBLA, and my second time on the section team, and first on the state team. I also participate in several other clubs and organizations; such as Academic Decathlon, Spanish Honor Society, and Veggie Club. In my free time from work or school I volunteer at Arts Visalia, an art center devoted to Central Valley artist. I also enjoy long runs in the rolling foothills of the central valley, seeing the sun set on the horizon is a breathtaking experience that I cherish. I also do a lot of cooking, a pastime that gives me the chance to show the artistry of food and my culture. My family and I have even developed our very own salsa that we sell to our community.



## Lorel Sim

Vice President: Gold Coast Section

Hello! My name is Lorel Sim, and I am absolutely thrilled to serve as your State Vice President from the Gold Coast Section. As a senior at West Ranch High School, I am still actively involved in my own FBLA chapter, and also focus on Wildlife Conservation Society, California Scholarship Federation, and Global Giving (Google search it if you're unfamiliar!). Outside of academics, I often spend time at Whole Foods unashamedly ignoring the kale and heading straight to the dark chocolate display- 73% cacao is the best kind. I love Mission Impossible-type movies, and like the typical SoCal native, call the beach my second home. I anticipate wonderful, meaningful FBLA memories with all of you, and wish you the best of luck for the coming year.



## Lydia Zhong

Vice President: Inland Section

Hello! My name's Lydia Zhong, and I currently serve as your State Vice President from the Inland Section. I love anything Princess Diaries related, as well as chocolate and Pad Thai (not together, of course). There's a 3-way tie between Chris Pine, Zac Efron, and Paul Walker over my heart. I used to live in Wellesley, MA, so I am a die-hard Boston Red Sox fan, but I never picked up a Boston accent. My hobbies include playing clarinet with an orchestra, swimming, reading bad romance novels, listening to Alicia Keys, and volunteering at a local hospital. I've had a lifelong goal of becoming a doctor and being able to give back to my community. I'm passionate about FBLA because the members are truly amazing and inspiring. Through FBLA, I've had the opportunity to develop my leadership skills and financial literacy, which will be a necessity in life regardless of what profession you choose. Please don't hesitate to approach and talk to me; I promise I won't bite! I'm so excited for the coming year and all the unique memories we'll form together!



## Daphne Cheung

Vice President: Mission Valley Section

Hello fellow FBLA members! My name is Daphne Cheung and I am your State Vice President representing the Mission Valley Section. I am an incoming senior at Gabrielino High School in San Gabriel, California, a small town 10 miles away from Downtown Los Angeles. I am extremely honored to be serving on the California State Executive Team this year and look forward to working with you all. Aside from working on FBLA, in my free time, I like to surf the beautiful waves of Seal Beach, skate around town on my Penny Board, and go restaurant hopping with my friends! I'm also a sucker for chick flicks, and I'm terrified of large birds...



## Simran Grewal

Vice President: Northern Section

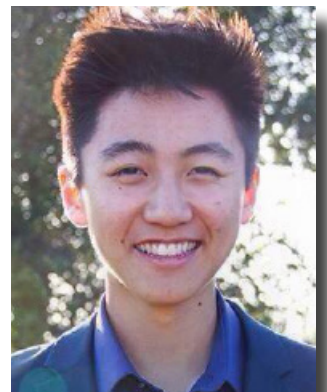
Hello FBLA'ers! My name's Simran Grewal, and I am your 2014-2015 California State Vice President, representing the Northern Section. I'm a senior at Williams High School, where I serve as ASB President and WHS Girls Basketball Captain, while spending most of my day hoping that they open a Starbucks in town (I'm a Chai Latte Addict!). I'm also regarded as the worst driver in the school (although I like to think of myself as "adventurous"). When I'm not participating in FBLA, you can find me singing off-tune to karaoke, quoting Mean Girls (which is totally fetch), and telling myself that I am a fantastic driver (although many would argue against that). However, don't let my bad driving scare you away! Feel free to approach me! I love meeting new people, especially FBLA members!



## Spencer Ma

Vice President: Southern Section

Hey! I'm Spencer, your Southern Section President. I'm a senior at University High School in Irvine (the rumors are true, it's pretty hard) and I like to run, swim and bike. I'm in love with korean barbeque even though I'm Chinese; best way to find me is probably at an all-you-can eat korean barbeque in Irvine. If you play League of Legends, I'm automatically in love with you because I love the game (I have Doublelift's signature on my phone). I'm also extremely interested in politics on the local and state level (other than business), so if you ever see me, feel free to have a conversation just about anything, literally. If you want to know something really unique about me, try searching up my name in Google. All you should get is a small town in Massachusetts (abbreviated MA) called Spencer. So basically it's referred to as Spencer, MA, meaning I can't find myself on Google. Again, feel free to approach me and talk to me because I love meeting new people, especially FBLA members!



## Gregory Gunadi

### State Secretary-Treasurer

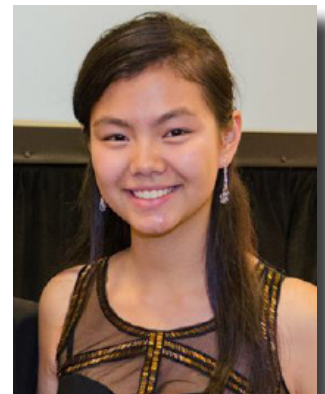
Hi everyone, my name is Gregory Gunadi and it's a pleasure to serve a second year as your State Secretary-Treasurer! My hobbies include eating (a lot), sleeping, playing video games (very rarely), and hanging out with friends and family! For the animal lovers out there, I have an alpaha bulldog named Daisy, and I love dolphins. My favorite movie is Superbad and my favorite book is the The Little Engine that Could because it was the first book I remember reading. I also enjoy playing Fallout 3 and The Game of Life. I can't wait for the upcoming year and hope to see you all at our future conferences! Feel free to contact me for any help or if you just want to have a friendly chat!



## Emily Gao

### State Public Relations Officer

Hey everyone! My name is Emily, and I am stoked to serve as your State Public Relations Officer. I am currently a senior at Homestead High School, and I am happy to say that the past three years in FBLA have given me some of my very best memories and experiences. One thing that you should know is that I absolutely love wordplay, pick-up lines, puns.... they're all PReTTY cool! My favorite two genres of movies are romantic comedies (I've probably watched every romantic comedy you can think of.....twice) and mysteries (Sherlock Holmes-esque movies). Outside of FBLA, I play flute and piano, participate in Mock Trial, volunteer with a dog rescue organization, work with a start-up marketing group, and enjoy spending time with my friends. I'm an aspiring photographer, and I can already picture all of the incredible things you guys will accomplish in the future. I'm looking forward to an Em-azing year, California FBLA! :)



## Rani Mavram

### State Parliamentarian

I am truly looking forward to serving as your State Parliamentarian this year! FBLA has given me many opportunities to learn about the various aspects of business as well as meet many new people. I love attending all the conferences and workshops which have taught me so much and even introduced me to new passions like Parliamentary Procedure. Serving as the Western Region Parliamentarian last year and National Executive Parliamentarian this year, I also got to see how FBLA can impact lives from a national perspective. Outside of FBLA, I am actively involved in ASB and will be serving as Student Board Representative this upcoming year. In addition, I love the American Red Cross and volleyball. I promise I don't bite and all suggestions and feedback is greatly appreciated. Feel free to contact me at [rmavram@cafbla.org](mailto:rmavram@cafbla.org)-- I would be glad to answer your questions or just talk to you.



## Closing Thoughts

The 2014-2015 California FBLA State Team is humbled and honored to serve you for the upcoming school year. We are looking forward to sharing memories and building connections with all of you. Please do not hesitate to contact us for anything at all; our contact information can be found via the [www.cafbla.org](http://www.cafbla.org) website. We can't wait for another amazing year of FBLA!