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### **Vestal High School Student Wins First Place and Overall Champion in Computer Game & Simulation Programming at National FBLA Conference**

A student from Vestal High School won top prizes at the 2023 National Leadership Conference of Future Business Leaders of America, Inc. (FBLA), the nation's largest Career and Technical Student Organization focused solely on business. The event held June 27 - 30, 2023, in Atlanta, GA, attracted more than 13,000 middle school and high school students and educators from across the country.

Vestal High School is proud to share that these students qualified to compete in the National Competition - Ameet Ashok, Solomon Chen, Daksh Dhamsania, Abhiram Kandanati, Andrew Lee, Rayaam Lodi, and Miron Sulicz. Miron, a rising senior, captured first place in the category of Computer Game & Simulation Programming. He was also crowned the overall champion in this event!

More than 8,700 High School members from nearly 1,600 high schools and more than 850 Middle School members from more than 250 middle schools competed in more than 100 competitive events over four days. Students also engaged in learning workshops, met with representatives from more than 60 colleges, universities, and employers, and heard from Jordan Davis, an educational speaker and FBLA alumnus, during the opening ceremony.

"Our Vestal High School student members did an exceptional job," said Vestal HS FBLA advisor Annette Mezzadonna. "They wowed the judges with their keen understanding of areas as diverse as Accounting, Banking and Financial Systems, Communications, Securities and Investments, Political Science, Financial Math and Computer Game & Simulation Programming."

FBLA President & CEO Alexander T. Graham said. "They headed home with a renewed sense of accomplishment, a robust network of peers from across the country, and connections to colleges and employers as they explore future career opportunities."