

## **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BEDFORD-LEWISBORO-NORTH SALEM**

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### **LOCAL STUDENT CHOSEN TO ATTEND STUDENTS INSIDE ALBANY PROGRAM**

BEDFORD, NY – Isabella Di Rende, an 11th grader from Fox Lane High School, has been chosen by the League of Women Voters of Bedford-Lewisboro-North Salem to attend this year's Students Inside Albany conference.

Students Inside Albany (SIA) is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of New York State Education Foundation, Inc. This 16th annual SIA program will take place from May 22-25th, and will bring approximately 60 students from across the state to Albany to get a first-hand education about their state government. The program is designed to increase high school students' awareness of their responsibility in representative government and provide information about the tools necessary for meeting that responsibility.

While at the conference, students will join their peers in a hands-on learning experience about how state government works. Students will participate in a series of interactive lectures on topics such as the state budget process, the role of lobbyists in the legislative process, citizen rights to access government information, the role of media in politics, and the move to reform state government. While in Albany, the students will have an opportunity to tour the state's Capitol. The highlight for most students is the opportunity to shadow their Senators and their Assembly member for an afternoon attending session on the Chamber floor.

For more information on the League of Women Voters of Bedford-Lewisboro-North Salem, please visit their website at: <https://sites.google.com/site/lwvblns/>. For more information on the League of Women Voter of New York State Education Foundation, Inc., or the Students Inside Albany program, please visit the State League website at: [www.lwvny.org](http://www.lwvny.org).

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