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- Highlights from the DECA year

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Thank you New York DECA

On behalf of the Executive Council Team we would like to thank each and every member, advisor, and supporter of DECA for this opportunity. Throughout this past year our team has worked diligently to provide the membership with a fun and worthwhile DECA experience.

We would also like to

thank the Board Members for their constant support and guidance. This would not have been possible without them. We would like to thank in a special way Mrs. Peres for acting as our special advisor and leading us through this year.

We have had a great year leading New York DECA and we know that the skills we have learned here will greatly help us in our futures. Thank you once again New York DECA.

-2008-2009 New York State DECA Executive Council



Highlights from the DECA Year

As another year comes to a close it is a time to look back at the past successful year of New York DECA. This year, the Executive Council began with our mission statement to provide avenues for all members to achieve success in New York DECA. Our hope is to leave a legacy of leadership, integrity, and spirit. The Executive Council has worked hard throughout the year to provide you with an outstanding DECA year. Through your participation and support, we have once again added to the long-standing success of New York DECA.

This year members had four main opportunities to become involved with lead-

ership conference and competition. In early November, about 80 DECA members attended the SONAR Conference in Nashville, TN. This was a great opportunity to attend leadership workshops, meet new people, and sight see. During the leadership workshops, New York had several winners in the competition aspect.

Next, each Region held their Regional Competition in January, which allowed members the chance to compete and preparing for the upcoming State Career Conference.

Just about a month ago, we held the State Career Conference and asked you to experience "Lights, Camera, New York DECA." Over 2,000 members and advisors were in attendance.

States provided everyone with the opportunity to attend Focus Training, compete, and elect your next Executive Council Team. The excitement and commitment of each of you truly helped to make the conference a success.

And finally, members had the opportunity to attend the International Career Development Conference in California. This was a great way to end your DECA year. New York had several winners in competition and through the DECA scholarship fund. New York DECA Members were also able to sight see and visit the amazing sights of California. Thank you to everyone for a great year.

-Erin Haffey

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Community Service Project Wrap Up

This year New York DECA raised \$9,881.31 for Autism Speaks. A charity that well deserves this donation for all the efforts and research conducted as they try and find a cure for Autism. This accomplishment could not have been possible without the help from New York DECA chapters. The Executive Council would like to thank again the following chapters for their help:

- Babylon High School
- Calhoun High School-
- Division Avenue High School
- East Aurora High School
- Farmingdale High School
- Glen Cove High School
- Great Neck High School
South
- Hamburg High School
- Irondequoit High School
- Mattituck High School
- Newfield High School
- Oceanside High School
- Paul V. Moore High
School
- Roy C. Ketcham Senior High School
- Smithtown High School East
- Smithtown High School West
- William Floyd High School



Highlights from ICDC

The end of the DECA year has come all too fast. The International Career Development Conference took place this year in Anaheim, California. In total, New York State had 378 members in attendance. Between competitions and workshops, New York members excelled to their greatest potential.

In addition to competitions and workshops, DECA members were able to explore all that California has to offer. Members toured Los Angeles, enjoyed Disneyland, and walked the streets of Beverley Hills. State

pins were traded, and New York DECA members sharpened their networking skills as they met DECA members from across the nation and across the world. At the New York State meeting, outgoing Executive Council members saluted, and incoming Executive Council members were introduced. All in all, the culmination of the DECA year has been a lot of fun and a huge success!

-Meredith Baade



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President's Farewell

As the outgoing president of this organization I would like to like to personally thank the membership for a fantastic year. I had the opportunity to interact personally with hundreds of members which made me realize how special I am to work with the future leaders of America. All chapters and members are unique in their own way, but the common

thread is your drive and dedication to this organization. Our Fall Conference, SoNar, SCC, and ICDC were all so much fun with New York DECA in attendance. Besides from the fun aspect, many of New York's own students received great success at both SCC and ICDC. Not only did they bring great pride to themselves but they also gave great pride to our organization.

For those of you who will be going to college I wish you luck, happiness, and prosperity, in your future. For those who will be in DECA last year remember to give it your all because it is a vital learning experience. Thank you New York DECA for electing me to lead such an amazing group.

Ethan Statnton
-Ethan Stanton

Vice President's Farewell

I would like to take this time to thank each and every member for helping to make this the best DECA year for me. I would not have gotten to this point if it were not for the support and confidence that each member has given me.

It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve as your 2008-2009 New York DECA Vice President. I have enjoyed

meeting so many of you and sharing a common interest in DECA. The skills that I will be taking away with me next year will be help me to become successful in life.

Freshman, sophomores, and Juniors, you still have time left in this organization to learn and benefit from it. Take full advantage of every situation that comes your way because it will

allow you to grow not only as a student but as a person. Seniors, good luck in all of your future endeavors. The world of opportunities is endless so leave your mark on what you do.

Thank you to all members for this great opportunity, I am truly grateful. This journey for me would not be possible without you.

-Erin Haffey

Secretary's Farewell

Hello New York DECA. Wow, this year has flown by. I am so happy that I was able to serve as your 2008-2009 Secretary. I hope that I have fulfilled your expectations and helped to add to your DECA experience. The Executive Council has worked hard to keep up the tradition of excellence within New

York DECA. I wish you all the best of luck next year and will miss all the fun I have had this past year. Seniors, I wish you luck as you start the next chapter in your life and I hope that DECA has prepared you for what's to come ahead. To the rest of the membership, enjoy the rest of high school while you

can, time flies by to fast and you don't want to regret missing out on anything. Thank you for giving me this wonderful opportunity.

-Alyssa Stoeckl



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Treasurer's Farewell

Dear New York DECA,

I would just like to say it has been an honor serving as your 2008-2009 New York State DECA Treasurer. I have learned so much from this experience and will always remember New York DECA. All of the

lessons and experiences that I have had the opportunity to participate in I will take with me. I will use this knowledge as I apply it to my future whether it is in my chosen career in business or everyday life.

Thank you again for an excellent year and I wish you the best of luck in your future.

-Bryan Shea

Parliamentarian's Farewell

New York DECA, It's almost impossible for me to put into words how much this year has meant to me. I cannot thank you enough for granting me the opportunity to serve as your Parliamentarian for the past

year. It was an honor to fulfill the duties of a state officer, and I cherished every chance I had to improve the experience for you, the membership.

I hope that New York DECA can continue to grow as an organization, and I wish each and every member the best of luck in all future endeavors.

-Jonathan Gartner

Calendar of Events

The DECA year may be coming to a close, but it is never too early to start planning for the future! Here are some of the important dates for the 2009-2010 DECA year.

May 2009

30: Final Regional President Report Forms due to ehaffeyNYDECA@aol.com

November 2009

6 - 8: North Atlantic Region Leadership Conference, Buffalo, New York

18 - 22: DECA New York Experience

December 2009

2 - 6: DECA New York Experience

9 - 13: DECA New York Experience

March 2010

3 - 5: New York State Career Conference, Rochester, New York

April 2010

24-27: International Career Development Conference, Louisville, Kentucky

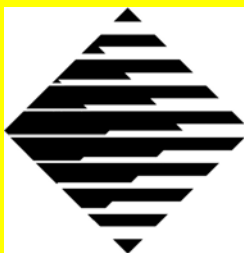
Stay tuned to each issue of the ECC for new updates on important due dates and events.

-Jonathan Gartner



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Glen Cove DECA competes at the State Career Conference

From March 3rd through March 6th, 19 Glen Cove DECA members traveled to Rochester to compete against other DECA members from throughout New York State in the annual DECA State Career Conference. After winning at the Regional Level of competition, working diligently on research manuals, and studying what they learned in their Glen Cove High School business courses, Glen Cove DECA members were well prepared and ready to compete. Students competed in the following areas: Accounting, Career Prospectus, Job Interview, Public Speaking, Visual Advertising, Advertising Campaign, Quiz Bowl, and Fashion Merchandising Promotion. Glen Cove was well-represented on Stage during the awards ceremony. Anne

Seo received a 3rd place trophy in the Visual Advertising competition by creating a billboard ad for apple juice. Sarah Morales and Jessica Pearsall were each awarded with a top-10 finalist medal for their Advertising Campaign for a local business. Jessica Andreotti received a top-10 medal in the Career Prospectus competition. First-time competitor Andrew Sakhaee came out victorious with a top-10 finalist medal in the Job Interview competition. Other Glen Cove DECA competitors included Heather Artinian, Alison Baade, Brittany Baker, Laura O'Brien, Chloe Stein, Kieran Basra, Zachary Boyajian, Gregory Roussine, Patrick Bellidoro, Anish Joshi, Chris Borer, Warton Du, and Adan Kornfeld. In addition to indi-

vidual awards, the Glen Cove DECA Chapter was recognized for its charitable fundraising work with Autism Speaks and for contributing articles to the New York DECA newsletter. Adding to all the accomplishments was a special sense of pride throughout the duration of the conference as New York State DECA Historian and Glen Cove Chapter member Meredith Baade ran this exciting event with her fellow executive council officers. Well done Meredith and well done Glen Cove DECA!!



Hamburg DECA goes to California

This past April 26th, eighteen students boarded a plane to California. These Hamburg DECA students including 2008-2009 NY DECA State Vice President Erin Haffey and, from Lancaster DECA, 2008-2009 NY DECA State Secretary Alyssa Stoeckl departed to Santa Monica to prepare for the 2009 International Career Development Con-

ference in Anaheim. Hamburg brought eight manual teams, and in between preparing for competition, these students made time for fun. First was walking around the Santa Monica Pier, followed by a tour of Los Angeles, which ended at the beautiful Venice Beach. Once in Anaheim, Hamburg visited Universal Studios, and Downtown Disney. Finally, once it

was time for competition, the team of Sammi Bugaj (sophomore) and Rachel Trotta (freshman) qualified for finals, and ultimately winning top ten in the nation for their General Marketing Research project. In addition, Erin Haffey received the national Tropicana scholarship. Kudos to the winners, and great job Hamburg DECA!

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Meet Your New Officers

At this year's State Career Conference, you the membership, helped to elect your 2009-2010 Executive Council. You chose from the four candidates who you would like to hold the positions of President, Vice President/Parliamentarian, Secretary/Historian and Treasurer. Each of the new officers would like to share a little bit about themselves, to remind you why they were elected for office.

President:

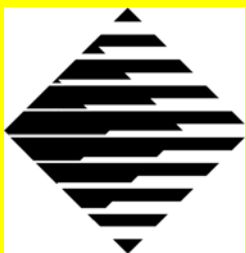
Kimberly Brower is currently a Junior at Sanford H. Calhoun, and is thrilled to serve as New York DECA's 2009-2010 State President. Throughout her past two years in DECA Kimberly has served as Calhoun's chapter Historian and President, as well as the Secretary of Region 1N. She can not wait to work with her fellow officers to make the upcoming year a memorable one for all of New York State DECA. DECA has played an extremely influential role in Kimberly's life, and has shaped her goals for the future. In addition to her enthusiastic participation in DECA, Kimberly is also an active member in Athletes Helping Athletes, the Freshmen Mentoring Program, the Calhoun Newspaper, and several academic honor societies. She is also a member of the Calhoun Varsity Cheerleading Squad and devotes much time and effort to raising money for local charities. Kimberly is eager to get to know and assist the membership, and looks forward to an exciting and successful year.

Vice President and Parliamentarian:

Barbara Bianchi is currently a senior at Irondequoit High School and has been a dedicated member of the Irondequoit DECA chapter since her freshman year. Barbara is extremely excited and very privileged to be the 2009-2010 New York DECA State Vice President and Parliamentarian. She is passionate about the 50th anniversary for New York DECA and cannot wait to experience another successful and eventful year with the members. Barbara is open to any advice and help needed by the members and has large ambitions for a larger, more active delegation. Her highest hopes are for all the members to reach for the gold in all their competitions and to spread their knowledge and dedication throughout the New York DECA delegation and their communities.

Barbara has served as her chapter's secretary as well as president. In addition to her many hours spent in the business department and DECA, she is also a member of her high school's Varsity Basketball and Track & Field teams, National Honor Society, Student Government, Irondequoit's Big Brothers Big Sister's program, and Christ the King Youth group. Barbara wishes all the members best of luck and is ready for any challenge this year and cannot wait to serve with the 50th officer team!

“High achievement always takes place in a framework of high expectation.”
~Jack Kinder



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Secretary and Historian:

Zachary Crane, a student at Great Neck North High School and an active member of GNN DECA, is honored to be serving as New York State DECA's 2009-2010 Secretary/Historian. Zachary has been extremely involved with DECA since his freshman year and is looking forward to furthering his DECA experience by serving on the 2009-2010 Executive Council.

In addition to being actively involved in DECA, Zachary also participates in other clubs and organizations. He is the President and Co-Founder of the Micro Finance Club. He also is the Student Government Secretary and the Euro Challenge Economics Team Captain. Zachary is excited to work with both the Executive Council and the New York DECA members in the upcoming year to improve their overall experience. He hopes for an incredible year in the organization and hopes to bring many favorable improvements to the organization

Treasurer:

Samantha Sachs, from Sanford H. Calhoun High School, has been elected to serve as your 2009-2010 New York State DECA Treasurer. Samantha has served as Chapter Treasurer, Chapter Marketing Vice President, as well as Region 1N's Vice President. She is looking forward to working with the Executive Council in efforts to bring New York DECA to new heights.

Outside of DECA, Samantha is an active member of several other clubs and organizations. She is a member of the Varsity Tennis team and is the Treasurer for the Class of 2010. She also participates in the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization along with many other charitable activities for the community. DECA has given Samantha the opportunity to give back to the organization that has done so much for her and she inspires all members to do the same. Good luck and reach for the stars!!

