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MAHS DECA Members Qualify for Nationals



MAHS students Kathleen Donahoe (front row, left), Jonathan Lee, Marco Bartoletta, Mike Dalena, Lauren Burgeson, Amy Hyland and Rachel Petrusic-Craig, Jerrel Gilliam (back row, left), Andrew Brown and John Marcavage won numerous trophies and medals at the recent state DECA conference in Hershey. Not pictured are Brian Flannery, Will Aldridge, Nick Priola, Joshua Taylor and Chris Barrett.

A total of 10 Moon Area High School students are headed to the International DECA Conference in Louisville, Ky., in April after finishing with honors in their respective competition categories at the state DECA competition in Hershey on Feb. 17 to 19.

Marco Bartoletta won a first-place trophy in Marketing Management Services in addition to two medals for two role-plays; Amy Hyland and Kathleen Donahoe won a first-place trophy in Travel & Tourism Management in addition to two medals for their test and two role-plays; Rachel Petrusic-Craig won a third-place trophy in Principles of Business Management and a medal for her test scores; Lauren Burgeson won a third-place trophy in Retail Merchandise; Andrew Brown, Jerrel Gilliam, Mike Dalena and Jonathan Lee won a first-place trophy in Quiz Bowl team competition and John Marcavage won a fourth-place trophy in Accounting Applications.

Each category pitted approximately 40 DECA district conference winners from across the state against one another. Winning students returned high marks on a 100-point written exam and then performed well during a face-to-face case problem competition with a judge, who was knowledgeable in the specific topic.

A total of 5 additional Moon Area students also finished with high marks in the state competition including Brian Flannery, who secured won a fifth-place trophy and two medals in Automotive Services Marketing and Nick Priola, who secured two medals in Materials Handling & Logistics. Students who received a medal included Will Aldridge – Quick Serve Restaurant Management; Joshua Taylor – Materials Handling & Logistics and Chris Barrett – Food Marketing.