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MAHS DECA Students Advance to State Competition

A total of 53 Moon Area High School students qualified for the state DECA competition to be held in Hershey on Feb. 17-19 and secured an opportunity to compete for a spot at the DECA International Conference in Louisville, Ky., this spring.

Moon Area students competed against 275 opponents from five other area schools in 20 areas of study during the DECA District III Conference. 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. The top six finishers in each individual category and top four teams in partnership events qualified for advancement to the state conference.

The following students advanced to the state competition by placing first in their competition category: John Marcavage – Accounting Applications, Will Aldridge – Quick-Serve Restaurant, Mallory Snyder – Restaurant and Food Service, Brian Flannery – Automotive Services Marketing, Nick Priola – Materials Handling/Logistics, Marco Bartoletta – Marketing Management, Holly Goodwin – Principles of Finance, Brenna Longo – Principles of Hospitality & Tourism, Haley Iacullo – Principles of Marketing, Amy Hyland & Kathleen Donahoe – Travel & Tourism Marketing Team and Jonathan Lee – Free Enterprise Test.

Students who finished second included Chad Bertrand – Accounting Applications, John Bubeck – Automotive Services Marketing, Rachel Petrusic-Craig – Principles of Business Management, Joshua Taylor – Materials Handling/Logistics, Chris Eisengart – Marketing Management, Matt Moorman – Retail Merchandising, Ben Dunning – Hotel & Lodging Management, Kristen Miller & Paige Petroval – Hospitality Services Team, Eric Owen & John Hertzner – Sports & Entertainment Marketing Team, Kylie Nickles & Lindsay Ottaviani – Travel & Tourism Marketing Team, Brian Schroeder & Chris Rozzo – Buying & Merchandising Team and Michael Dalena – Free Enterprise Test.

Third-place finishers were Danny Johnston – Quick-Serve Restaurant, Darren Burns – Automotive Services Marketing, Jared Calabria – Sports & Entertainment Marketing, Dylan Czartoryski – Principles of Hospitality & Tourism, Jackie Jones & Janet Broniecki – Business Law & Ethics Team and Jerrel Gilliam – Free Enterprise Test. Fourth-place students included Maylin Burns – Quick-Serve Restaurant, Kaitlin Augustine – Apparel & Accessories Marketing, Sam Petraglia – Business Services Marketing, Matt McCready – Marketing Management, Ali Fellows – Principles of Marketing, Kaitlyn Renken & Heather Lonkert – Hospitality Services Team and Andrew Brown – Free Enterprise Test.

Fifth-place finishers were Mike Kelley – Restaurant & Food Service, Chris Barrett – Food Marketing, Lauren Burgeson – Retail Merchandising, Derek Khazraic – Sports & Entertainment Marketing, Caroline Egan – Hotel & Lodging Management and Katie Johnston – Principles of Hospitality & Tourism. Sixth-place students included Alyssa Rosenwald – Restaurant & Food Service, Alli Brown – Retail Merchandising, Kaitlin Cider – Hotel & Lodging Management and Megan Kirby – Principles of Marketing.

DECA is a student organization that supports the development of marketing and management skills. Across the United States, 4,500 high schools and 200 colleges have DECA chapters boasting more than 185,000 members.