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DECA ANNOUNCES AWARD WINNERS

Nearly 250 awards recognizing Nebraska high school students who participated in DECA were announced today.

The 56th annual state DECA conference was held recently in Lincoln. The top 150 Nebraska students who finished first, second or third in their events will challenge more than 14,000 other students from the United States, the U.S. territories, Canada and Germany during the national competition in Anaheim, California, to determine the world's best marketing, finance, hospitality, management and entrepreneurship students.

DECA competitive events are designed to evaluate the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for career success in a wide array of professions. Nebraska students participated in more than 35 competitive events, professional development seminars and elected state officers in March.

The following were named new officers and/or DECA award winners:

2013-2014 State Officer Action Team 57

President- Cody Basch, Papillion-La Vista South High School

Secretary- Olivia Bond, Millard South High School

VP-Alumni/Collegiate DECA- Tymber Long, Lincoln Southeast High School

VP-Business Partnerships- Taytem Chapman, Lincoln East High School

VP-Membership Services- Tia Liggett, Millard South High School

VP-Publications- Morgan Coil, Millard West High School

Stock Market Game

Kyle Block, Doug Jager, Meghan Kallhoff, DJ Maldonado, Jamie McCaig, Tyler Stickler-Colletti, Amber Yarger, Omaha Bryan High School

Simon Deng, Anthony Parra, Ben Willis-Teff, Scottsbluff High School

Virtual Business Challenge

Matthu Beck, Omaha Burke High School

Brenna Clark, Zachary Nielsen, Chase Nuzum, Omaha North High School

Ryan Evers, Papillion-La Vista High School

Marketing Research Events

Business Services Operations Research

First Place: Sarah Bethel, Allison Stednitz, Bellevue West High School

Second Place: Joseph Messina, Kyle Ofe, Bellevue West High School

Third Place: Nicole Ebel, Dan Krueger, Zadia Miller, Millard South High School

Buying and Merchandising Operations Research

First Place: Joseph Klimschot, John Lane, Brianna Smith, Millard South High School

Second Place: Kendra Peters, Gering High School

Third Place: Meredith Liu, Millard North High School

Finance Operations Research

First Place: Ty Wilson, Scottsbluff High School

Second Place: Bob Pham, Breanna Ripley, Millard South High School

Third Place: Sam Koca, Matt Smutny, Millard West High School

Hospitality and Tourism Operations Research

First Place: Garrett Schaefer, Megan Klostermeyer, JaChaun Laravie, Bellevue West High School

Second Place: Molly Matt, Rebecca Olson, Taylor Stobbe, Millard West High School

Third Place: Brennan Fowler, Chelsea Reznicek, Nicole Reznicek, Millard South High School

Sports and Entertainment Marketing Operations Research

First Place: Jared Hill, Cassie Taylor, Jill Ziegenbein, Millard South High School

Second Place: Tanner Baird, Michael Marsh, Gering High School

Third Place: Courtney Smith, Serena Cowgill, Samantha Suponchick, Bellevue West High School

Chapter Team Events

Community Service Project

First Place: Megan Manheim, Justine Cruz, Beau Marth, Bellevue East High School

Second Place: Natalie Connell, Matt Kraft, Bennie Olson, Millard South High School

Third Place: Kayleigh Oxford, James Teutschmann, Darrison Tellez, Bellevue West High School

Creative Marketing Project

First Place: Connor Ehler, Zoey Rada, Scottsbluff High School

Second Place: Danielle Milos, Hunter Amoruso, Jesse Koskovic, Bellevue East High School

Third Place: Brianna Olson, Alyson Stanczyk, Millard South High School

Entrepreneurship Promotion Project

First Place: Christina Beaulieu, Taylor Kuhlman, Jennifer Castellano, Bellevue West High School

Second Place: Sarah Hall, Jon Wiebe, Shalee Roseberry, Scottsbluff High School

Financial Literacy Promotion Project

First Place: Kate Durst, Sarah Moore, Westside High School

Second Place: Luke Edwards, Jacob Mizener, Courtney Nunes, Bellevue West High School

Third Place: Allison Stednitz, Jack Glover, Bellevue West High School

Learn and Earn Project

First Place: Katie Alexander, Zach Houfek, Trent Johnson, Millard West High School

Second Place: Krehauna Dotzler, Kimberly Smith, Kylie Spurgeon, Bellevue West High School

Third Place: Aubrey Taylor, Channing Wills, Scottsbluff High School

Public Relations Project

First Place: Danielle Saenz, Jenna Sime, Courtney Van Hoosen, Millard West High School

Second Place: Kathryn Radosta, Jaycee Stephens, Bellevue West High School

Third Place: Taylor Beir, Cody Heins, Millard South High School

Business, Management and Entrepreneurship Events

Entrepreneurship Participating Event- Franchising Business

First Place: Lauren Miller, Scottsbluff High School

Second Place: Shannon Shearer, Millard West High School

Third Place: Khanner Schliesman, Bellevue West High School

Entrepreneurship Participating Event- Independent Business

First Place: Tanner Robbins, Plattsmouth High School

Second Place: Jordan Kelly, Bellevue West High School

Entrepreneurship Growing Your Business Event

First Place: Bianca Perry, Lincoln Southeast High School

Second Place: Allison Chase, Shelbie Hoggatt, Shawn McCarville, Millard South High School

Third Place: Katelyn Sorenson, Papillion-La Vista High School

Entrepreneurship Innovation Event

First Place: Austin Bryant, Millard South High School

Second Place: Adam Froendt, Westside High School

Third Place: Emily Glazer, Katie Zetzman, Westside High School

Fourth Place: Hannah Lueders, Alexis Nelson, Omaha Central High School

Entrepreneurship Written Event

First Place: Kaylie Honz, Omaha Burke High School

Second Place: Angie Cook, Omaha Burke High School

Third Place: Emily Hill, Karley Isenberg, Millard West High School

International Business Plan Event

First Place: Aaron Seals, Bradley Brazeal, Sierra Kimel, Bellevue West High School

Second Place: Brady Garza, Kassie Parks, Carleigh Saathoff, Millard South High School

Third Place: Jordan Abraham, Roman Pagnano, Millard South High School

Marketing Representative Events

Advertising Campaign Event

First Place: Cory Curfman, Carson Ohm, Westside High School

Second Place: Garrett Schafer, Brianna Thomas, Bellevue West High School

Third Place: Ethan Kosmicki, Scottsbluff High School

Fashion Merchandising Promotion Plan Event

First Place: Dalton Taylor, Westside High School

Second Place: Kyle Block, Lindsey Ciurej, Omaha Bryan High School

Third Place: Robert Dusek, Madison Lambert, Jamie Waddington, Bellevue West High School

Sports and Entertainment Promotion Plan

First Place: Shelby Anderson, Amy Elliott-Meisel, Westside High School

Second Place: Jordyn Keller, Millard South High School

Third Place: Sydney McCaw, Preston Barrett, Christopher Murphy, Bellevue East High School

Professional Selling Events

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First Place: Tymber Long, Lincoln Southeast High School

Second Place: Traver Pettijohn, Scottsbluff High School

Third Place: Ethan McGahan, Bellevue East High School

Hospitality and Tourism Professional Selling Event

First Place: Katie Wandzilak, Lincoln Southeast High School

Second Place: Rob Truman, Millard South High School

Third Place: Margo Wilwerding, Westside High School

Individual Series Events

Principles of Business Management and Administration

First Place: Claire Oduwo, Millard South High School

Second Place: Annie Hua, Lincoln South High School

Third Place: Erika Regier, Omaha Central High School

Principles of Finance

First Place: Drew Fitzmorris, Westside High School

Second Place: Kristofor Grimes, Lincoln Southwest High School

Third Place: Ian Lagerstrom, Lincoln East High School

Principles of Hospitality and Tourism

First Place: Sam Skokan, Westside High School

Second Place: Deanna Cortez, Scottsbluff High School

Third Place: Marlee Lupher, Gering High School

Principles of Marketing

First Place: Katie Rogers, Papillion-La Vista South High School

Second Place: Gabe McAndrews, Ralston High School

Third Place: Rachael Robey, Papillion-La Vista South High School

Accounting Applications

First Place: Lauren Akers, Westside High School

Second Place: Michael Hadden, Scottsbluff High School

Third Place: Adam Messerole, Millard South High School

Apparel and Accessories Marketing

First Place: Mary Knickrehm, Omaha Central High School

Second Place: Christina Beaulieu, Bellevue West High School

Third Place: Dalton Taylor, Westside High School

Automotive Services Marketing

First Place: Konrad Christen, Lincoln Southwest High School

Second Place: Chelsea Reznicek, Millard South High School

Third Place: Conner Kaiser, Lincoln East High School

Business Finance Services

First Place: Carson Ohm, Westside High School

Second Place: Abby Magers, Elkhorn High School

Third Place: Tyler Mickey, Scottsbluff High School

Business Services Marketing

First Place: Sujaytha Paknikar, Millard North High School

Second Place: Tyler Banyay, Millard West High School

Third Place: Katie Curtiss, Lincoln East High School

Food Marketing Series

First Place: Katey Everts, Lincoln East High School

Second Place: Lindsey Wilson, Millard South High School

Third Place: Andrew Bruch, Omaha Central High School

Hotel and Lodging Management

First Place: Henry Gentle, Omaha Central High School

Second Place: Katie Wandzilak, Lincoln Southeast High School

Third Place: Noah Placzek, Westside High School

Human Resources Management

First Place: Samuel Eastman, Gering High School

Second Place: Olivia Bond, Millard South High School

Third Place: Nicole Reznicek, Millard South High School

Marketing Management Series

First Place: Katelyn Williams, Westside High School

Second Place: Mitchell May, Westside High School

Third Place: Riley McQueen, Westside High School

Quick Serve Restaurant Management

First Place: Jared Hill, Millard South High School

Second Place: Beau Marth, Bellevue East High School

Third Place: Kody Rawson, Papillion-La Vista High School

Restaurant and Food Service Management

First Place: Shelbie Hoggatt, Millard South High School

Second Place: Aubri Nedella, Scottsbluff High School

Third Place: Calvin Custard, Millard South High School

Retail Merchandising

First Place: Haley Lauterbach, Lincoln Southeast High School

Second Place: Shelby McCabe, Millard South High School

Third Place: Ryan Lamb, Papillion-La Vista South High School

Sports and Entertainment Marketing

First Place: Ben Jodis, Westside High School

Second Place: Matthu Beck, Omaha Burke High School

Third Place: Keona Koster, Kearney High School

Management Team Decision Making Events

Business Law and Ethics

First Place: Pat Coyle, Grant Glazer, Westside High School

Second Place: Kate Durst, Sarah Moore, Westside High School

Third Place: Taylor Kuhlman, James Teutschmann, Bellevue West High School

Buying and Merchandising

First Place: Shelby Anderson, Amy Elliott-Meisel, Westside High School

Second Place: Luke Biggs, Jack Johnson, Westside High School

Third Place: Liz Kutilek, Cora Watanabee, Westside High School

Financial Services

First Place: Nate Lippincott, Tyler Siegel, Westside High School

Second Place: Reid Hammitt, Karly Meyer, Westside High School

Third Place: Barclay Hughes, Michael Mellen, Westside High School

Hospitality Services

First Place: McKinney Harwood, Shannen Pickering, Westside High School

Second Place: Capris Quaites, Sonja Schrager, Westside High School

Third Place: Zach Houfek, Trent Johnson, Millard West High School

Marketing Communications

First Place: Ella Buxton, Abby Cleary, Omaha Burke High School

Second Place: Kathryn Radosta, Jaycee Stephens, Bellevue West High School

Third Place: Emily Glazer, Katie Zetzman, Westside High School

Sports and Entertainment

First Place: Tanner Baird, Caleb Wyre, Gering High School

Second Place: Preston Barrett, Christopher Murphy, Bellevue East High School

Third Place: Bradley Brazeal, Kate Liveringhouse, Bellevue West High School

Travel and Tourism

First Place: Leemah Nasrati, Ellie Pribus, Westside High School

Second Place: Alex Bohn, Anna Fulsom, Omaha Central High School

Third Place: Jenna Sime, Courtney Van Hoosen, Millard West High School

Scholarship Recipients

Bobby Foehliher Living a Legacy Memorial Scholarships (Two \$1,000 scholarships)

Michael Casper, Papillion-La Vista High School

Michael Hadden, Scottsbluff High School

Dan Whitlock Scholarship (\$250)

Mattie Cunningham, Papillion-La Vista South High School

Kenyatta Bush Memorial Scholarship (\$250)

Erin Hodges, Westside High School

N.A.M.E. - Mike Logan Memorial Scholarship (\$500)

Hannah Price, Millard West High School

NE DECA Scholarships (Two \$500 scholarships)

Ella Buxton, Omaha Burke High School

Ryan Evers, Papillion-La Vista High School

Target Scholarship (\$500)

Katie Wandzilak, Lincoln Southeast High School

Distinguished DECA Member of the Year

Nicole Ebel, Millard South High School

Distinguished Chapter of the Year

Bellevue East DECA

Special Recognition

Nebraska DECA Outstanding Service Awards

Award of Merit: Dawn Danauskas, Bellevue East High School

Outstanding Service Award: Mark Moran, Scottsbluff High School

Outstanding Business Partner: Megan Bratetic, Bratetic Design

Outstanding Alumni/Collegiate DECA Member: Allison Goodman

Honorary Lifetime Membership: Jodi Gehr, Lincoln Southeast High School

DECA Outstanding New Chapter Advisor – Valerie Holmes, Omaha Northwest High School

DECA Outstanding Chapter Advisor – Gogi Supenski, Bellevue West High School

Nebraska Association of Marketing Educators (NAME)

Rookie of the Year: Jay Dalton, Omaha Burke High School

Marketing Educator of the Year: Brent Gehring, Bellevue East High School