



# THE DIAMOND

Washington DECA's Bi-Monthly Newsletter

EDITION 1



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## THIS EDITION AT A GLANCE

Upcoming Events, Community Service, Accelerating Your Chapter, Message from the State President, Leadership Skills, DECA Accomplishments, Q+A, Resources

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**OCT 2-6**  
SBE Week

**OCT 3**  
FLC Scholarship Applications Due

**OCT 12 & 24**  
Run for Office Workshop

**NOV 5-7**  
Fall Leadership Conference

### COMMUNITY SERVICE IS IN OUR BLOOD

Washington DECA is proud to announce our partnership with Bloodworks Northwest and Vitalant, organizations dedicated to helping low blood supplies throughout the state. Get involved at [www.wadeca.org/community](http://www.wadeca.org/community) today!



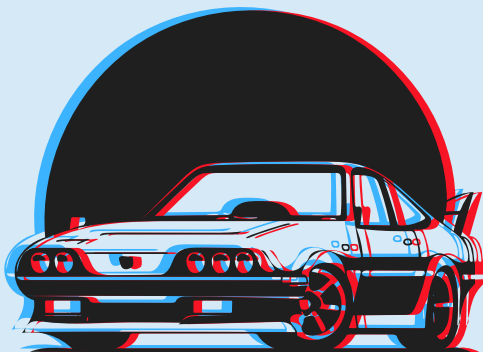
### ACCELERATING YOUR CHAPTER

Members truly make a chapter! A chapter with passionate members who aid the chapter to even greater heights truly is spectacular. As you race forward with your chapter, here are some ideas to add to your chapter's trunk.

Be active with your networking. This suggestion can seem obvious but often times it isn't utilized nearly as much as other ideas. Connecting on social media or throughout the school draws members to your chapter, helping to grow it even further. Hosting practice sessions with nearby chapters can be a great way to get

diverse range of feedback, getting you on track to earn some DECA glass! Being active can bring other benefits as well. Hosting events at school and garnering a large membership can help with raising funds for competitions! School-wide fundraisers are a great way to earn money for those DECA trips! Furthermore, keeping a presence in the school can help administrators recognize your chapter when allocating budgets and funds, they can attract grants!

Written by Audrey Tan, 23-24 Area 11 President



## **WHAT YOU MISSED AT CLA**

On September 18th, Washington DECA held a virtual Chapter Leadership Academy meant to aid and inform chapter officers on upcoming events in Washington DECA, provide activities to conduct in chapters, teach leadership skills, and offer a platform to network with other chapter officers. Some notable moments of the Academy were representatives of Bloodworks NW and Vitalant showing chapter officers the new community service partnership in Washington DECA. Another was the workshop circuits, where officers split off to learn about the new and returning chapter bundles, fundraising and the new addition to wadeca.org, FundDECA. Officers also engaged in activities around Elevating your Brand and Matching with DECA Competitive Events. For access to the resources given in CLA, [click the link here](#). The next CLA will be held at the Fall Leadership Conference in November. Hope to see you there chapter officers!

Written by Ferrah Capas,  
23-24 Area 7 President



## **A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE PRESIDENT**

Remember that your Officer team is a group of people, not positions. Take the time to get to know your team on an individual level, outside of DECA. This could mean hanging out after school, partaking in fun activities together (e.g. hiking, volunteering, playing sports), and getting to know each other during school hours. The 2022-2023 State President, Anika Halappanavar, gave the advice that you want to have a unique connection with each person on the team. Friends work well together on projects they care about, and friends understand each other well! When it comes to making challenging decisions, try to establish early on that the interest of the DECA program comes before anyone's individual interest. On a personal level, people before positions. On a professional level, the DECA program over the person.

-William Chang, 23-24 State President

## **WA DECA'S QUESTION**

**What is your favorite thing to do after you finish your DECA competition?**

Send us your answer here! The most creative will be featured in the next newsletter.

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Our answers:

**Audrey Tan, Area 11 President:**

"I'm definitely doing a happy dance after finishing my competitions!"

**Manya Pradeep Narayan, Area 3 President:**

"Go window shopping with friends!"

**Navaj Nune, Area 6 President:**

"Eat out with friends."

## **LEADERSHIP'S LEADERSHIP SKILL FOCUS**

*Accountability (ə-ˌkaʊn-tə-ˈbi-lə-tē) - noun: an obligation or willingness to accept responsibility for one's actions, (Merriam-Webster, n.d.).*

We've all been there, even from our earliest memories—the knowledge that yes, breaking that window wasn't your smartest decision. And yet, accountability is not only accounting for negative actions but positive as well. A leader who knows how to give credit where credit is due to the positive actions of their peers builds an organization founded on ethics and transparency. So own up to your mistakes! Don't ever forget that no matter how people may seem, they're still people—and everyone appreciates being recognized for a job well done.

Written by Caitlin Pham, 23-24 Area 10 President and VP of Leadership

**DECA-CCOMPLISHMENTS**

**We want to hear from YOU!**

**Do you have an amazing member, chapter, advisor, or SBE? Get them recognized by filling out this five-minute survey!**

**<https://forms.gle/BYAPyTnA8BQHz3o57>**

**The most amazing DECA-ccomplishments from across the state will be featured on social media and in this newsletter section!**

**Fill it out today!**

# YOU ASKED, WE ANSWERED

We asked Washington DECA students across the state for their questions and feedback! Here are some of the best:

**"How can being a DECA member benefit you in the future?"**  
-Madi Dedloff, Area 11

Answer: DECA has a ton of benefits! The competition, networking opportunities, and community service can build your communication, leadership, and professional skills, helping you accelerate your career!

## QUESTIONS + FEEDBACK?

Send them to

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## RESOURCES

DECA: @decainc	WA DECA: @washingtondeca	State President: @wadecaprez
Area 1: @area1deca	Area 2: @area2deca	Area 3: @area3deca
Area 4: @area4deca	Area 5: @area5deca	Area 6: @area6deca
Area 7: @area7deca	Area 8: @area8deca	Area 9: @area9wadeca
Area 10: @area10deca	Area 11: @area11deca	Western Region: @decawrvp

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