



THE DIAMOND

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THIS EDITION AT A GLANCE

Upcoming Events, Today's Quote, Hosting a Mock Competition, Message from a Mission Team, Getting Ahead- a Racing Start, Leadership Skills, DECA-ccomplishments, DECA Month Feature, Resources

UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC 11

Area 11 Conference

DEC 12

Area 6 Conference

DEC 18 (7:30 PM) & JAN 2 (4:30 PM)

Run for Office Workshop -
State President Candidates

(If you attended a workshop at FLC, you are good!)

TODAY'S QUOTE:

**"THERE IS NO INNOVATION
AND CREATIVITY WITHOUT
FAILURE."**

~BRENE BROWN

HOSTING A MOCK COMPETITION

It's competition season! One amazing way to prepare your chapter is by hosting a mock competition. An instructional guide on how to host one can be found on LearnDECA and also linked [here!](#)

- 1 Walk through your mock competition proposal to present to our advisor! Fill-in-the-blank pages allow the process to be as smooth as possible.
- 2 Now, you need to organize your event... by picking what events you are doing! Work through the logistics, sharing info, budget, schedule, and more with an easy, step-by-step method.
- 3 Finally, it's time to implement! Get information on how to set up rooms, make signs, train judges, and send out thank you letters afterwards!
- 4 and now, evaluate your results! Find tips on what to evaluate your event on, and improve it the next time.



A MESSAGE FROM A MISSION TEAM

Hello, Washington DECA! The Career Development team wishes you all the best for your upcoming Area Conferences.

If you're competing in a role play event, be sure to check out Learn DECA on the Washington DECA website and ask your Area President for the password to be able to access it. LearnDECA has some incredible videos from last year and this year that feature role play winners that will help you make it to the State Career Development Conference!

If you are competing in a written event, once again, be sure to check out DECA Plus and other resources online.

Remember that you are incredibly talented and capable, and we are here to support you in any way we can! Be sure to check out all the above resources to help you succeed. We love you, Washington DECA!

-Written by Manya Pradeep Narayan (23-24 Area 3 President) and Sidhya Ganesh (23-24 Area 4 President)



GETTING AHEAD- A RACING START

Want to hit the ground running? There's no better way than with pre-competition preparation. As you prepare for the varying conferences ahead of you this year, considering these tips will give you an extra boost on the race track!

Before the competition, make sure to eat and drink enough. Sleep is a necessity to any successful DECA competitor. It can be tempting to stay up late, nervously reviewing practice role plays or presentation notes but a little extra sleep goes a long way. No matter how good of a racer you are, no one can run without fuel.

The right outfit can help make you feel more confident and self-assured, or simply a little more comfortable. Beyond the DECA dress code, it's important to consider personal preference in your attire. Do you want a pristine outfit that will "wow" your judges or would you prefer something a bit more subtle? Is comfort your main desire? There are plenty of pieces to swap in or out. Use of various accessories can take your outfit to the next level. If you prefer comfort, try getting pieces in pleasant fabrics such as cotton. Present your best self this competition season!

As the season of DECA competitions is upon us, it's important to consider the basics. Eating and sleeping well, as well as choosing the right outfit, all lead back to one core question: how can you present your best self during DECA competition? Pre-competition preparation is the key to racing ahead this DECA season. Best of luck to everyone and see you on the race track!

Written by Audrey Tan, Area 11 President



LEADERSHIP'S LEADERSHIP SKILL FOCUS

Innovation (i-nə-'vā-shən) - noun: the introduction of something new

It's a competitive world out there, and there's always someone else who's working towards your same goal. Innovation is your way to get ahead. Although innovation and creativity are constantly interchanged, they're not the same. Creativity is making an idea that is unique, but innovation is making an idea that is unique and useful. You don't have to create something completely new to be innovative, you simply have to take what you have and add to it in a refreshing way. Use this in your chapters! Maybe you want to make an entirely new idea, which is amazing! But don't forget that updating an existing project to make it better is just as beneficial to everyone... choose whichever path that suits you best!

Written by Caitlin Pham, 23-24 Area 10 President

WASHINGTON DECA CHAPTER: RICHLAND HS



"We've been hungry for the retention and incoming of members, we strive to keep a friendly environment fitted perfectly to keep everyone content and happy with their DECA chapter. We will be on stage, the officer team is making sure of it."

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!

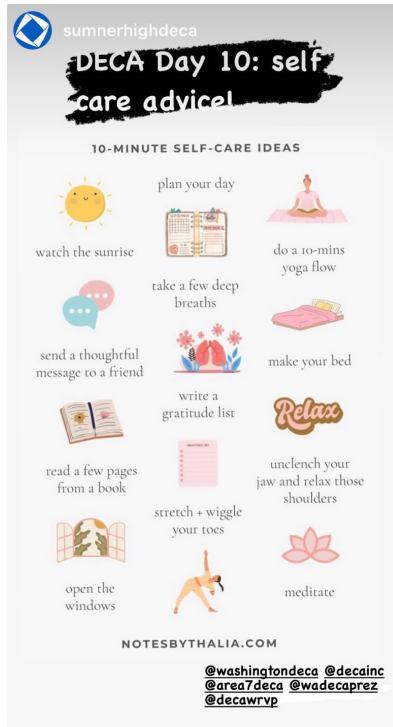
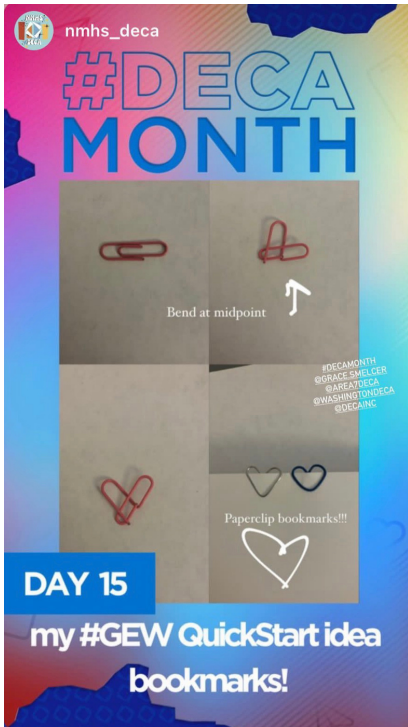
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The most amazing DECA-ccomplishments from across the state will be featured on social media and in this newsletter section!

Fill it out today!

DECA-CCOMPLISHMENTS

FEATURED DECA MONTH POSTS



QUESTIONS + FEEDBACK?
Send them to
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RESOURCES

DECA:
@decainc

WA DECA:
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State President:
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<https://www.wadeca.org/funddeca>

Area 1:
@area1deca

Area 2:
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Area 3:
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DECA+

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Area 6:
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Area 9:
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Area 10:
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