



THE DIAMOND

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THIS EDITION AT A GLANCE

Upcoming Events, Today's Quote, Present Like a Professional, Message from a Mission Team, Community Service for Newbies, Leadership Skills, DECA-ccomplishments, Resources

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB 14

ALL Competition Mentor Series Videos Released on Learn DECA!

FEB 14-16

10-page Events Due (5:00 PM)

FEB 21

Scholarship Letters and Survey Due

FEB 29 - MAR 2

State Career Development Conference!

TODAY'S QUOTE:

“Winning doesn’t always mean being first. Winning means you’re doing better than you’ve done before.”

~**BONNIE BLAIR**

PRESENT LIKE A PROFESSIONAL

With the State Career Development Conference coming up, it's time to review something all of us will need: good presentation skills!

- Presentations are important whether you're a **student or in a professional career**
- Well-created presentations convey **professionalism, creativity, and communication skills**
- For an idea to have impact, the **presentation must be impactful** as well

Here are our tips for your role-play or presentation outline!

- Introduce yourself! Name/role/why you're here
- Introduce the topic
- Give two or three key points
- Summarize information
- Answer questions
- Wrap it up & say goodbye!

To practice these skills, try checking out www.deca.org for example role-play prompts!



MESSAGE FROM A

MISSION TEAM

Hello, Washington DECA! We know that with SCDC coming up, chapters are focusing on competition. But for those whose DECA competitions have come to a close, there is still an amazing way to be involved: joining Washington DECA's Race to Save Lives community service challenge!

Host either a blood OR monetary drive and utilize your chapter's social media to raise awareness about Bloodworks Northwest and Vitalant, both blood donation organizations that provide services all across the state. It's that easy! Check it out at <https://wadeca.org/community> and start saving lives today, as well as take the opportunity to win amazing prizes!

Written by:

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COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR NEWBIES

You're walking along the street when you see a sign. Pet shelter opening this Saturday! Amazing, right? But a little further down the street, there's something else—a soup kitchen, volunteers needed. Park cleanup at 9, Mental Health Awareness Week, and on, and on, and on it goes.

If you remember anything from this article, make it this: you can make an impact. Maybe it seems like there are so many bad things in this world, you can't help them all. Perhaps that's true. But you are part of an organization that has already helped hundreds and hundreds of amazing charities throughout the world, and that could be you, too!

But how do you do something like this? Here's a three-step guide to starting off a successful community service drive!

1. Find an organization that you're passionate about and reach out! If those aforementioned pet shelters are your thing, partner with one in your community. Park cleanup at 9? It could be you heading that event! Anything that benefits others is fair game.
2. Figure out what you want to do. Hosting an event to raise awareness about an issue? Collecting donations? Raising money? Select an idea. Feel free to think outside the box, but also inside! Sometimes, the most basic ideas are those that work best.
3. Fill out the planning section of DECA's project management plan. This includes a budget, risk management plan, etc. Reach out to your local Area President for help if needed! Information on project management plans can be found at deca.org.

No matter what organization you choose, you can make an amazing impact in your local community. Be confident, passionate, and open your heart to a cause—and there's no way to fail.

Written by Caitlin Pham, Area 10 President

LEADERSHIP'S LEADERSHIP SKILL FOCUS

Creativity (krē-(,)ā-'ti-və-tē) - noun: the quality of being invented in a new form, rather than being imitated

Despite some beliefs, the state officer team is not a group of “join DECA” robots. Everyone has their own personalities and insights that they bring to every project. In the broader workplace, there are dozens of qualified people for a job... but how many of them see the world in a bland, unoriginal way? If given a question, who can think outside the box? Those are the people who drive projects to success—and the type of person that you as a chapter officer can be as well. Don't just be a DECA robot. Come up with your own projects! Bring your personal passions, history, and life to DECA and make your role your own.

Written by Caitlin Pham, 23-24 Area 10 President

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](https://forms.gle/BYAPyTnA8BQH3o57)

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 was one of the best:

“Where can I go to prepare for DECA competition?”

-Sarah French, Area 10

Answer: Check out the Learn DECA website at <https://wadeca.org/learndeca> to find a competition mentor series, role-play tips, written event formatting, and more! DM your Area President for the password!

QUESTIONS + FEEDBACK?

Send them to

<https://forms.gle/zPRPjTgUXjwAvFchA>



RESOURCES

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

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Area 5:
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Area 6:
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@area7deca

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Area 9:
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