

## *DECA Rebels*

Each year we have the wonderful opportunity to recognize accomplished students in many different areas of Business, Marketing and Diversified Occupations. The Fairfax High School DECA(Distributive Education Clubs of America) is designed to teach Marketing Education students Civic Consciousness and Vocational Understanding . DECA bridges the gap between the classroom and the business world. It develops skills in Marketing/Management careers, building competitive spirit, and becoming a responsible citizen in America's competitive free-enterprise society. The DECA competitions and conferences give Marketing Education students the opportunity to network with business owners, learn about proper business attire, and the importance of strong work ethics.

The Fairfax High School competed at the Annual DECA District 13 Leadership Conference which was recently held at Springfield Mall. According to FHS DECA Advisors whom include Susan Louis, Cheryl Lawrence and Lawrence President, these competitions provide an integrated component of Marketing Education which prepares students for rewarding careers in Marketing, Management and Entrepreneurship. These competitive events focus on specific occupational skills in which student can apply later in life. The DECA competitions featured a variety of events; ranging from job interviews, marketing decision-making to public speaking. Yet 20 Fairfax High School DECA students, out of a possible 36 overall 1st or 2nd place overall winners, earned the right to compete and represent the Fairfax High School DECA chapter at the state level competition in Norfolk. Students attending the State Competition include:

Erica Miller, Maria Fonseca, Kelly Ebert, Janelle Juanpere, Christina Nguyen, Molly Hope, Kirsten Bennett, Dominique Vu, Lauren Owens, Jonathan Asagari, Maggy Hu, Taha Badi, Courtney Maginnis, Kaili Ludwick, Janea Lee, Samantha Valdivia, Cara Watters, Kyle Reid Cooper, Matt Doyon, Sara Pullen, Anca Uliu, John Roman ,Brittany Phillips, Izabela Solosi, Daniel Capp, Pat Cambell, Mason Andress, Matt Newman, Michael Geib, Tina Miles, Cristal Vargas, Ashley Maginnis, Erika Marin, Justin Nguyen, Basil Sadif, Rachel Sepelyak.

DECA winners whom placed 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> we're then treated to a breakfast at the Springfield Golf and Country Club to honor their achievements. Role Playing, team events and Manual members will then attend the State Conference which is scheduled for March in Norfolk. Student whowin at states will then move on to represent Fairfax High school at the International competition which will be held in Dallas, TX. The Fairfax DECA Chapter operates to compete and represent Fairfax High School and once again they outshown the competition. Congratulations to all participating students for your excellent achievements and Good Luck at States!

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