

# the DECA Connection



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### SCDC Reminders

- Curfew is 11:30 pm-6:00 am and will be strictly enforced.
- You must be in professional business attire when competing, including while testing.
- Don't forget pencils and basic calculators.
- Make sure to hydrate and eat throughout the conference.
- Check in with you advisor when leaving the hotel.
- Don't forget to call your parent/guardian to check in.
- Get an adequate amount of sleep so you are ready for competition.

### Enthusiasm Award

David Hong, District I Vice President



As the State Career Development Conference 2009 is heading our way, the fierce competition for the Enthusiasm Award is once again upon us. For a long time, I believed the enthusiasm award was awarded to the chapter with the loudest cheer. So, for the last three years I shouted at the top of my lungs; but I have interesting news to share, I was completely

wrong. In fact, there are five grading criteria for the Enthusiasm Award. The first grading criteria pertains to opening session. Each chapter is graded on their cheer and enthusiasm, with the possibility of earning 20 points. Then there is the recognition session worth 25 points. Also, hallway presence, which consists of things such as being in your rooms during curfew and door decorations give your chapter a possibility of earning 15 points. Of course, when you are on the stage being awarded a medal it is not nice to brag, so the sportsmanship criteria is worth 15 points.

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## State Career Development Conference Checklist Jessica Hogan, Secretary/Treasurer



As the 2009 State Career Development Conference (SCDC) is right around the corner it is

time to start preparing. This year will be full of competition, dances, bingo, raffles and lots of fun times.

To help you be ready for this years SCDC we have provided you with your very own SCDC Checklist so you do not forget anything that will prevent you from having a great time. The following is a list of suggested items to bring to SCDC to make your experience all it can be:

### Ladies

- Nylons
- Skirt, business conservative dresses or dress slacks
- Dress shirt or sweater
- Closed-toed shoes
- Light make-up
- Simple jewelry

### Gentlemen

- Long dress slacks
- Collared shirts
- Tie
- Blazer
- Nice shoes

### Ladies and Gentlemen

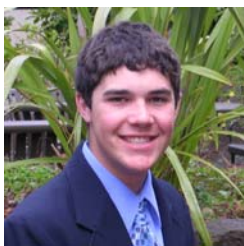
- DECA name badge (provided)
- DECA Blazer (optional)
- Pencils
- Basic calculator
- Study materials

### Night Activities

- Ugly sweater for dance or bingo
- 80's clothing for dance
- DECA name badge (provided)

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## Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Fundraiser Max Patterson, President



Since the beginnings of Oregon DECA, one main focus of our organization

has been philanthropy and support of non-profit organizations.

The charity Oregon DECA and National DECA have partnered with is the Muscular Dystrophy Association, otherwise known as MDA. MDA is an organization focused primarily on researching a cure for neuromuscular diseases and it has helped millions of afflicted children and adults alike.

In keeping with the tradition of supporting our partner charity, Oregon DECA will continue to raise funds to donate to MDA at the upcoming state conference. Our primary fundraiser this year will be the raffling off specially themed baskets. Now, you may be asking yourself; "Baskets?! I don't want a basket full of worthless junk!" But Oregon DECA, no worries, the baskets your state officer team are creating this year are super cool. The baskets available for this raffle include a basket solely dedicated to energy drinks and energy drink paraphernalia, a basket full of bath and body items, one full of everything you need to have a

great movie night, one for all the music lovers of the world and finally a basket that would be perfect for any sports enthusiast.

Tickets for the raffle will be available from any state officer during the conference and will be sold for \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00, and of course, all proceeds will be donated directly to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The raffle will conclude on Tuesday night during the Grand Awards Session where five tickets will be pulled and the winners of the baskets will be chosen.

## Evening Activities

Amanda McLean, District III Skills



Hey Oregon DECA, as we all know state is fast approaching and everyone wants to have

an awesome time. I am guessing some of you wondering what fun and exciting things will be offered to keep you occupied in the evenings. Well, this year we will be hosting two DECA dances, as well as one night of ugly sweater bingo.

All of the state officers have made a sweet basket to raffle off for the

Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). All of the baskets will be on display in the room where bingo will be taking place. Feel free to purchase tickets for these baskets as well as having a blast playing bingo.

This year, the themes are different from the past and you won't want to miss them. Sunday night will be an "Ugly Sweater" dance, and if you are feeling like a more laid back activity, ugly sweater bingo is the thing for you. There will be lots of prizes given, music and fun.

The following night will be an 80's themed dance so get out your leg warmers, and your headbands! These two nights are going to jam packed with fun so don't miss out!



*Jessica Hogan, David Hong and Anne Marie Sketch wearing their ugly sweaters.*

## District II Skills Conference

Anne Marie Sketch, Publicity Director



The District II Skills Conference was held at Taft High School on January 10, 2009. Six

chapters from both District I and II attended, including Cascade, Century, Newberg, Santiam Christian, Waldport, and Woodburn.

The day started with an energizing opening session. We then went into role-plays and testing. After the competition, we continued with lunch and an award session. After lunch, chapters were invited to

spend some time at the beach, which included activities such as flying kites, throwing frisbees and interacting with other members.

I would like to thank all of the members and advisors who attended this conference. I would also like to thank Taft High School and the Taft DECA chapter for their support of the conference.

This competition would not be possible without our judges, advisors and sponsors. We would like to thank the following as our sponsors for this event: Safeway, Starbucks, Eleanor's Undertow, Papa Murphy's and Mazatlan.

Thanks again to those chapters and individuals who participated in this years District II Skills Conference.



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### SCDC Checklist (cont.)

Please note that your 2008-2009 state officer team would like you to have fun, learn a lot and network at SCDC but please remember that you need to have your name badge on at all times while at the hotel.

Also, the curfew will be strictly enforced this year and if you are found breaking any of the rules outlined in the code of conduct, you will be sent home immediately at your own expense.

Most importantly Oregon DECA, have fun and show that you have it in you to at this year's SCDC.



### Enthusiasm Award (cont.)

brings, which is worth 10 possible points.



*Lebanon DECA showing their enthusiasm at SCDC 2008.*

Overall, the Enthusiasm Award is a special award given to the chapter with the most points, good luck Oregon DECA!

Here is a review of the criteria for the Enthusiasm Award:

- Opening Session 23%
- Recognition Session 29%
- Hallway Presence 18%
- Sportsmanship 18%
- Spirit Items 12%



*Lebanon DECA winning the enthusiasm award at SCDC 2008.*

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