

the DECA Connection



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Cascade DECA students Ashley Kinney, Emma Toohy, and Andy Casarez standing proudly in front of the sign that rode through the Annual Corn Festival Parade. (See page 2.)

2010 SCDC Conference Info.

- State Theme: Go 3D: Discover. Define. Decide.
- State Dates: February 21-23, 2010
- MDA Fundraising Baskets
- Campaign for State Office
- State Dress Up Dance, Let's Go 50's
- Chapters that Rock!
- Enthusiasm Award, Get Pumped!

SCDC Theme 2010

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This year, your state officer team wants you to “Go 3D: Discover. Define. Decide.” DECA provides many opportunities for members that are simply out of this world. DECA provides opportunities that allow you, as a member, to learn more about your future. That’s why we want you to start thinking about the places that DECA has taken you, or the places that it can take you. Through DECA, you can discover where you want to go, define your course and goals, and decide on how to get there.

At SCDC 2010, we want to see you “Go 3D!” and to discover, define and decide how you will approach your role-play to get to ICDC. Discover, define and decide, if you will run for a state office. And most importantly, discover, define and decide how you will show your enthusiasm for DECA at SCDC 2010, February 21-23 in Portland.



We look forward to seeing you there!

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Chapter Contribution

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Has your chapter done something great? Well why not share it with everyone in Oregon DECA? Many times a chapter will do something amazing and it will not be known because it is not published. Here is how to submit an article from your chapter to *The DECA Connection*:

1. Do something in your chapter.
2. Email what you want put in *The DECA Connection* to a state officer (you can find their email at www.oregondeca.org/stateofficers)
3. Remember to include pictures in your submission.
4. Before you type something up, talk to your advisor(s). Advisors can help figure out what to say or how to say something can be really helpful in figuring out what to say or how to word something.
5. Check out the next newsletter!

Another way to contact the state officers is through

Facebook, you can tell us about your events there. So, get the word out there about all the great stuff that your chapter's doing!

Chapter Contribution Article:

CORN FESTIVAL

On August 29, 2009, Aumsville Oregon had its Annual Corn Festival, and this year Cascade DECA had an entry in the parade and festival. That morning, members set up their clothing/frosty fruit booth at the park. Then, at about noon, members Ashley Kinney, Emma Toohey, and Andy Casarez rode in a vehicle with their advisor, Mr. Bob Reinhardt, to showcase their Cascade DECA banner. During the parade, members threw candy to people lined along the streets. This year, the festival was especially crowded because people came from even outside the small community. The day proved to be a great public relations event for the Cascade DECA chapter.

District Skills Competition Recap

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With the State Career Development Conference coming up shortly, every chapter is hopefully preparing for competition. What better way to practice competition than to experience it? Recently, each district held a skills competition. These are like "mini-state" competitions, with chapters from all over a district competing.

The District I Skills Competition was held October 24, 2009 at Oregon City High School. The District II Skills Competition was held November 21 at Western Oregon University. The District III Skills Competition was held October 14, 2009 at Klamath High School. First of all, I would personally like to thank all the judges who volunteered their time to judge performances. Judges are an integral part of competition and their sacrifice is much appreciated. I would also like to thank all the chapters for taking part in these events. And last but not least, I would like to thank all the members who competed, for without competitors, competitions are not even possible.

Congratulations to those who won, thanks to everyone that participated, and good luck to those competing at SCDC!

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What's a Leader?

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As the year is wrapping up, it is good to look back and see what happened in 2009. As a state officer, I can honestly say that opportunities in DECA this year have really shaped my life. Of all my experiences as a state officer, nothing has been more important to this process than getting to know the members while learning lessons that will help me in years to come.

One of the most important lessons I have learned as an officer was during the 2009 Oregon Leadership Institute, and I am sure how I learned it will surprise you. I would like to preface this story with a small disclaimer. If reading about blood bothers you, perhaps a friend should tell you my story instead. Let me tell you, the most dangerous place for a leader is on the dance floor. During the dance at OLI, someone accidentally elbowed me in the nose. Needless to say, it hurt. Unfortunately, it also bled. Everyone knows that you are supposed to stop the bleeding with a Kleenex, a towel, or something like that, so that is what I did. However, the bleeding didn't stop. After 30 minutes of having a bloody nose, I became very dizzy and extremely tired. After 45 minutes, I started to fade in and out of consciousness. After an hour, my nose finally stopped bleeding. Thankfully, I was going to be okay...that is what the doctor said at least.

Now why in the world did I share this with you? It's because of the lesson I learned during this adverse experience. The lesson is this: "There are some things you can control in your life, and there are other things you can't control. Do the things you can control to the best of your ability, and then choose an appropriate attitude in response to things you can't control."

So, take the lesson I learned during some of my time as a state officer, make a difference in your world by choosing to respond positively to the things that you can't control, and do your best at what you do!



Want to know more about being a State Officer?

Check out the Oregon DECA website:

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OLI Recap

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The Oregon Leadership Institute (OLI) this year was a huge success. It gave DECA members a great chance to meet new people from DECA, FBLA and even HOSA. As a whole, the amount of enthusiasm exhibited by members at the conference was truly amazing! With all of the energy members had at OLI, it will be really exciting to see even more of that excitement and enthusiasm at SCDC this year.

The workshops at OLI seemed to be intriguing to many and inspired members to take what they learned back to their chapters and communities. The formal etiquette dinner was quite a hit this year. You just really cannot beat a good steak, potatoes and veggies! After the dinner it was great to have the girls and guys split up and learn some tips on being ladies and gentlemen. Being able to behave in respectable and gracious ways is very important in all aspects of life.

Having everyone loosen up and have a good time at the dance after dinner was a great way to end the night. (There was even some break dancing going on!) The adventure sessions the next day were fantastic too. As fun as they were, DECA members practiced some great teamwork skills at the same time. Finally, the inspirational speech given by Amy Gallimore had every one laughing and learning to lead at the same time!

OLI is definitely coming back next is sure to be even better! Next year's will be held in Eugene, Oregon. Anyone who liked it this year will definitely have a grand time next year. If your chapter has not made it out for OLI yet then next year will be a great chance to check it out. We want to see you there!

Dance Theme: SCDC

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Hey all you guys and gals! This year's SCDC dance is sure to be a blast! You are never going to want to cut out of this bash! For this year's SCDC dance, we are going back to a time of hula hoops and yo-yos! Yeah, that's right, the '50s! This year, as part of our efforts to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), we will be charging \$2 for everyone wishing to get into the dance.

Don't have two Washingtons, but still think this will be an event to remember? Well, if you **come in 50's attire** we will allow you **free admission** into the dance!

Not sure what to wear? Well here are a few ideas!



Ladies

Cardigans

Petticoats

Poodle skirts

Scarves

Sweaters

Letterman jackets

Gentlemen

Leather jackets

Letterman jackets

White tee

High socks

Sweaters

Rolled up jeans

We want to hear from you!

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