

Central Region DECA Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome DECA 2009-2010

Welcome to DECA 2009-2010, this year will be filled with many exciting opportunities as usual. Many of these should be taken advantage of in order to get the most out of DECA as possible.

With the theme Live. Learn. Lead. it incorporates three of the most important lifestyles to live by.

I encourage you to Live your high school experience up to be something to remember. For me high school flew by and when I came to realize it I was walking across the stage at graduation. I lived my high school career to be the best 4 years of my life to come. I took advantage of many extra curricular activities that got me involved to ensure I wouldn't leave with regrets.

While you are having fun and all living up your high school career I strongly encourage

you to learn as much as you can. Learning may not sound exciting for many of you, especially because school is just getting back into session and you have to leave the summer fun! However, these years you will come to learn what best fits your interests that will eventually lead to a future career.

Most importantly I want all of you to be the leader DECA has instilled into you! Whether it is being the leader that you want to be in DECA, or just being a positive role model amongst your. You will never regret being a leader; it will leave you always with an experience. That experience may be a negative one or positive one, but either way you learn from practice... And yes practice does make perfect!

Getting Ready to "Txt It Up" with CRLC 2009

Central Region DECA, it is my honor in working with Minnesota DECA to host the 2009 Central Region Leadership Conference (CRLC). This conference always brings much excitement throughout the region. As the region with

the reputation of being "the most connected" this conference provides us with the opportunity to meet, mingle, and have fun with the members we have built our closest relationships with! If you have not yet marked your calendar with

the dates of this conference, it will be held December 4th-6th 2009, in Minneapolis. Be ready to "Txt it Up" with this years theme, Minnesota DECA has worked extremely hard to make it the best it can be.

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To do list:

- Become friends with DECA and your National Officers on Facebook.
- Submit your own video to one of the ABC's of DECA.
- Check out the latest updates DECA has to offer on Twitter.

President's Letter

Central Region DECA,

Your National Officer Team and I have been working hard these past few months to make sure this school year is going to be one of the best DECA years yet! But in order for that to be possible, we need your help! I know there are great things to come for the Central Region and I'm very excited to stay involved with you all as much as possible! On behalf of your National Officer Team and all members of the National DECA staff in Virginia, I would like to welcome you to yet another wonderful year of DECA!

This year, communication will be the key to our success, and we'd like your help! Many of Team 64's goals for the year deal with communicating with you all. The more we, as an organization, communicate with each other, the more we can grow and learn. Not only do we encourage you to communicate with other chapters and state/provincial associations of DECA, but we encourage you to communicate with your National Officer Team as well! Links and icons have been placed under the officer biographies on www.DECA.org that will direct you to our Facebook, Twitter, and Skype accounts so you can communicate with us as much as you'd like. Through these different methods of social media, my fellow officers and I will also be promoting DECA events and projects that we encourage you to partake in. Team 64 will also be adding various How-To guides to the Leadership Toolkit online which we encourage you to visit. The Leadership Toolkit serves as a very valuable resource for chapters that includes many ideas from years past that you are able to use to benefit your own local DECA chapter. Another new project Team 64 will be starting this year, is The ABC's of DECA YouTube Account. We will be collecting videos this year that will be placed on the YouTube account so members can have a better visual representation of what DECA is all about. Since this is a new project, Team 64 would really love your help! Your Central Region Vice-President, Nick Gerken, will be informing you more in depth about Team 64's Program of Work as the year progresses and he will be encouraging you participate as much as possible.

One thing that I always tell DECA members is - you get out of DECA what you put into it. So I encourage you to make the most out of this coming DECA year and try your hardest in everything you do. Challenge yourself as well and take every opportunity that comes your way. While it's important that you take advantage of these opportunities, make sure that you are helping others to be aware of the possibilities as well. So on that note, let us all try our hardest this year to make it the best one yet.

Ryan Dyck
National President

*"The only way of finding the limits of the possible is by going beyond them into the impossible."
-Arthur C. Clark*

Speaking Up with Skype!!

Your national Officer Team has established their POW with a major goal in connecting with the membership and seeing what they have to offer. In doing so we have decided we will be in contact with the members through several way including bi-monthly Skype conference calls.

As each month comes around I will be announcing the conference calls to be scheduled for that month. This will include the times and topic of each session. At this time we invite any DECA member, or potential member inquiring about DECA to join the conference

calls. My Skype name is: NickisDECA. I would love to hear from you or feel free to contact me with any questions. This months calls will take place on September 9th, and September 23rd.