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- * Paige Dorman, former CRVP, explains how DECA continues to impact her.
- * You'll want to experience Omaha's versatility if you attend the CRLC.
- * Claire Coker reminds us to "keep on keepin' on" when we get busy.



This past October will be a month I won't soon forget. I had the opportunity to make several new friends and create lasting memories.

In early October, I had the privilege of attending North Dakota DECA's Fall Leadership Conference. This was my first conference as CRVP, which alone was thrilling.

The ND DECA State Officers were one of the most enjoyable groups of people

I have ever met. I cannot wait to see them at the Central Region Leadership Conference in December!

In mid October, I attended Missouri DECA's Fall Leadership Conference. Being part of a conference in my home state was a huge honor, and I am grateful for all of the hospitality MO DECA continues to extend my way.

At this conference, I was able to connect with friends I hadn't seen in several months. Visiting with these friends reinforced my belief that DECA can help us to create long-lasting bonds.

November will be a busy month for

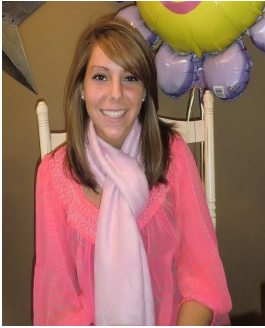
me, as well. At the beginning of the month, I will help train the newly-elected Missouri DECA State Officers. In the middle of November, I will attend Wisconsin DECA's Fall Leadership Conference as well as the ACTE National Conference in St. Louis.

As always, feel free to contact me at any time. You can reach me by emailing decavpmicah@gmail.com.

DECA Wishes,

Micah Melling
Central Region VP
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Catching Up with Paige Dorman, the 2010-2011 CRVP



What have you been doing since your term as CRVP ended?

Since my term as CRVP ended, I have shifted my energy onto other things. I am in my second year of college now, and my major is Communications with a minor in Business Administration. I am just really trying to soak up all that my campus and my classes have to offer before my college years are over!

Looking back, what was your favorite memory from your year as a National Officer?

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was the International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida. ICDC has to be my favorite because it encompasses my whole DECA experience into one conference. I interacted with members from all over the world in a week's worth of time. I was able to experience all of the attractions that Orlando had to offer, and I was able to make lasting memories with the other National Officers on Team 65.

How are you currently using the skills you learned in DECA?

I try to use the skills that I have learned in DECA as much as possible. One of the most important skills that I use on a daily basis is the ability to interact with my classmates. DECA has helped me to use my viewpoints and the viewpoints of the people around me to create wonderful and innovative ideas.

What are your plans for the future?

My plans for the future right now are very broad. I will be starting an internship with PDC Production Company, the company who puts on DECA's International Career Development Conference every year. I hope to learn all of the starting steps that it takes to make an event successful, like most DECA members have seen.

What is the one thing you would like to tell DECA members?

The one thing that I would like to tell all DECA members is to soak up your DECA experience to the fullest while you have the time. Make your connections, meet people, network, travel to as many places as possible. Because before you know it, the experience will be over, and you can only take away what you were able to soak up.

The National Advisory Board: A Valuable Support System

Sixty-one. That is the number of businesses that partner with DECA. These sixty-one businesses comprise the National Advisory Board (NAB).

The members of DECA's NAB are committed to investing in the lives of students they believe can be the leaders of tomorrow.

"The members of the NAB believe that DECA pre-

pares the leaders of tomorrow's economy. By investing in DECA, we are investing in the future of American business and entrepreneurship. We want to see DECA members succeed and are willing to provide the support they need to maximize their impact on the world," said Roger Glenn, NAB Chairman.

Some of the nation's largest and most powerful

companies sit on the NAB. Some of these companies include Marriott, Safeway, Finish Line, NAPA Auto Parts, and Men's Wearhouse.

Throughout the year, CRVP Micah Melling will be posting information about all of DECA's NAB partners on the Central Region DECA Facebook page.

Be sure to check it out!

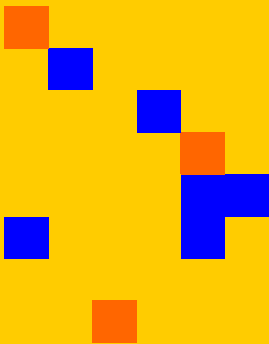
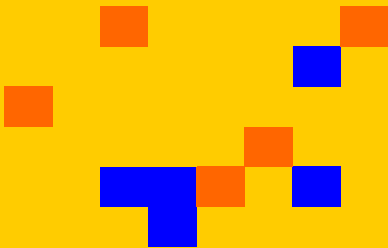
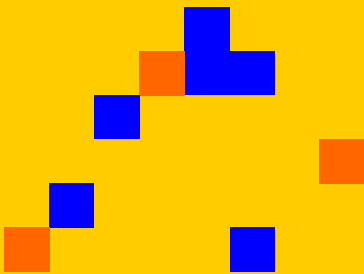
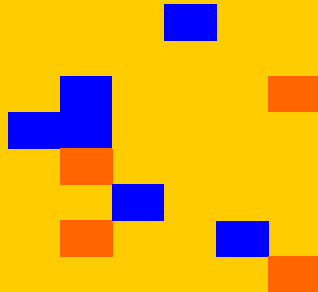
Omaha Nebraska: A City with Much to Offer

Omaha, Nebraska is the site of this year's prestigious Central Region Leadership Conference. As you can see by the pictures below, Omaha is a diverse city with much to offer: entertainment, shopping, restaurants, and one of the nation's top zoos.

So, are you ready to get "Wild About DECA" in Omaha from December 2-4?

For more information, visit the conference website: <http://www.crlcomaha2011.org>.

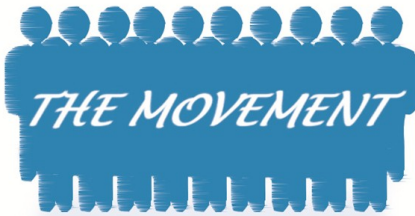
"This year's Central Region Leadership Conference is going to be WILD! Nebraska is excited to host the conference and share with our fellow members how great a city Omaha is!" - Nicole Coffey, CRLC Conference Coordinator



The Movement

Fast Facts

- Over 20 associations have agreed to join The Movement.
- The goal for this year is to raise \$100,000 more for MDA than last year.
- The goal for next year is to raise \$1,000,000 for MDA.



Making a Difference for MDA

The Movement: Making a Difference for MDA

The Movement is an international fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) in which any association of DECA can participate. The *ultimate goal* of The Movement is to "raise the bar" in terms of what the world thinks students can accomplish. Currently, over 20 associations have joined this exciting project.

For more information on The Movement, please contact Central Region Vice President Micah Melling.

Check out "The Movement" on Facebook!

A Letter from Your National President



Dear Central Region,

Keeping up with DECA when school work starts to pick up is always a struggle. It always seemed to me like there weren't enough hours in the day to do everything I needed and

wanted to get done. What I encourage you to do this month is to keep pushing forward. Never give in to the stress of everyday life and stop "aspiring higher."

A great way to get more involved in DECA is to attend your fall leadership conference or the Central Region Leadership Conference! You are lucky enough to have an amazing Central Region Vice President paving the way for you this year. Micah is driven to succeed and is looking out for each and every one of you.

Take advantage of the people within DECA that are there for you, like Micah and I. We are here to be a guide on your hike towards success.

Keep on moving forward this fall, and hopefully I will see many of you at ICDC in the spring!

Best Wishes,

Claire Coker
National DECA President
2011-2012