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King Philip Students Earn Recognition at International DECA Conference

17,000 students compete for international awards and scholarships as emerging leaders and entrepreneurs.

Wrentham, MA – King Philip DECA chapter members earned the organization’s highest honor at DECA’s annual International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, April 16-21, 2018.

Students receiving recognition at the International level were:

Name of Student	Event/Scholarship	Place/Honor
Dana Truni, Emma Izdorczak, Jamie Buckley	<i>Community Service</i>	Top 16 International Finalist
Brie Stephani	<i>Start Up Business</i>	Top 10 International Finalist
Shelby Anderson	<i>Public Relations</i>	Top 10 International Finalist
Nick Sammarco, Luke Eldrige	<i>Sports + Entertainment Promotion Plan</i>	2 nd Place, “DECA Glass”
Abby Melanson, Alex Welch	<i>Learn + Earn</i>	2 nd Place, “DECA Glass”

During the school year, approximately 121,000 of DECA’s 226,000 student members take part in the organization’s competitive events program, allowing them to compete for local and regional titles. The competitions are designed to stimulate real-life business scenarios and test students’ academic understanding and skills development. The top state and provincial winners put their talents to the test during the program’s final round of competition in Atlanta. The DECA ICDC was the pinnacle of competition where nearly 17,000 students vied for international honors. Over \$500,000 in scholarships and awards were presented to students and teachers for their achievements. Our program at King Philip is under the direction of Mr. James Dow.

This year’s #DECAICDC featured a record-breaking 19,300 members and advisors in attendance, DECA’s largest



conference to date. In addition to career-based competition, DECA members engaged in leadership academies and networking opportunities with over 60 internationally recognized businesses.

Our chapter and state association would like to highlight an accomplishment that has been in the making for over 46 years. Congratulations to the 2017-2018 DECA Inc. Executive Officer Team.



President- Jaron May

Jaron May is a two year DECA member from King Philip Regional High School in Wrentham, MA. Jaron has found a place for himself and met some of his best friends in DECA. Jaron served DECA Inc. by attending state and regional conferences, assisting DECA in policy and representing the importance of student organizations. Our chapter and state wish him well at Syracuse in the fall.

ABOUT DECA:

DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. DECA enhances the preparation for college and careers by providing co-curricular programs that integrate into the classroom instruction, apply learning, connect to business and promote competition. For more information about DECA, please visit our school's website and to see the conversation from this year's conference follow #DECAICDC on Twitter.

