

Ohio DECA Newsletter

VOLUME III - OCTOBER 2025

24-25 Membership:
3,959

25-26 Membership:
5,211

*AS OF 10/13

UPCOMING NAT'L DATES

◆ NOVEMBER

*Nov. 15 - Initial Membership Dead.
Nov. 17 - 23 - Global Ent. Week
Nov. 21 - 23 - DECA Power Trip*

◆ DECEMBER

*Dec. 1 - DECA Inc. Campaigns Due
Dec. 5 - DECA SMG Ends
Dec. 9 - 12 - ACTE CareerTech*

UPCOMING OHIO DATES

◆ NOVEMBER

*Nov. 3 - 7 - Pin & T-Shirt Voting
Nov. 5 - DECA Day @ Cavaliers
Nov. 13 - DECA Board Meeting
Nov. 17 - DECA Day #2 @ CBJ
Nov. 18 - Monthly Advisor Call*

◆ DECEMBER

*Dec. 9 - Monthly Advisor Call
Dec. 9 - 10 - District 6 & 12 Comp.
Dec. 12 - District 11 Comp.*

DAYS TO SCDC:
131

DAYS TO ICDC:
191

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER CONNECT CALL

On Monday, September 29th, the Team 82 Ohio DECA State Officers connected with members from across Ohio to network as well as discuss goal-setting and Chapter Campaigns.

These monthly calls are a great way for members to stay up-to-date on all things Ohio DECA while connecting with others! We encourage everyone to attend future calls!



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PENTA - FALL FRENZY

On Friday, September 26th, Penta Marketing & Business Programs from Districts 1 & 2 participated in their Fall Frenzy. This competition took place at Owens Community College.

Participating Chapters: Penta Career Center, Penta-Anthony Wayne, Penta-Bowling Green, Penta-Maumee, Penta-Oak Harbor, Penta-Perrysburg and Penta-Rossford.

DECA DAY @ CEDAR POINT

On Friday, October 3rd over 160 DECA members collaborated with members of Ohio BPA, participating in an Industry Panel with Cedar Point staff members, as well as enjoying a day at the park.

Participating Chapters: Lakewood Local, Lancaster HS, Ohio Hi Point Triad, Pickerington HS North, Port Clinton HS, Toledo Roy C. Start HS II, Toledo Roy C. Start HS IV and Whitmer HS.



SW OHIO FLC

On Tuesday, October 7th Southwest Ohio held their annual Fall Leadership Conference at Harrison High School. Over 400 DECA members participated in various interactive activities, such as DECA Tank!

Participating Chapters: Colerain HS, Edgewood HS, Harrison HS, Mariemont HS, Northwest HS, Withrow University HS, Western Brown HS, Sycamore HS, Taylor HS, Urbana HS and Ross HS

DECA DISTRICT 3 FALL CONFERENCE

On Monday, October 13th over 400 members from across District 3 participated in practice competitive events at Westgate Entertainment Center in Lima. Members also had the opportunity to network with students from other chapters!

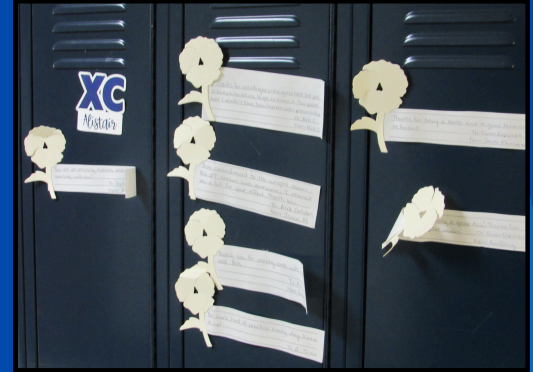
Participating Chapters: Bellefontaine HS, Bucyrus HS I, Bucyrus HS II, Carey HS, Findlay Millstream HS, Lima Senior I, Lima Senior II, Marion Harding I, Marion Harding II, Ohio Hi Point - Indian Lake, St. Marys HS and Upper Sandusky HS.



NAPOLEON DECA - SUICIDE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

For the past ten years, Napoleon DECA has held a Suicide Awareness Campaign. The effort for this campaign is to bring awareness to mental health and establish positive self worth across the high school.

Napoleon DECA hosted a guest speaker from a local guidance center who was accompanied by a young adult who shared her story while also explaining how the agency helped in tough times. Napoleon DECA continued this campaign throughout September by putting positive notes to students on nearly every locker as well as weekly sidewalk chalk messages. Yellow ribbons were tied around every classroom door to symbolize the support for this campaign.



OHIO WALK-A-THON

Description:

During your DECA class, students will walk around their high school track to support MDA. Feel free to make informational posters to put around the track or come up with activities to do during the walk. DECA members must donate at least \$5 to participate. The total amount raised from each chapter can be sent on the MDA donation page found in the Instagram Bio or GroupMe.



Incentives:

- Prepares members to be community-oriented leaders
- Opportunity for the Thrive Community Service Campaign
- Ohio DECA spotlight on Instagram and CDC opening when you share pictures



HELP US SUPPORT MDA!!

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)



JOIN THE GROUP ME!!

In order to increase communication between members throughout the state, Ohio DECA has created a Group Me to share important information that will help members Go The Extra this year!

Please scan the QR Code to the right, or click [here](#) to join!

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Aiden Johnson or Ifedolapo Ogunbodede, Ohio DECA Executive State Officers.

"Hi! My name is Ifedolapo Ogunbodede, and I'm beyond excited to serve as one of your Ohio DECA Vice Presidents of Leadership this year! I'm a Senior at Sycamore High School and have been in DECA since my Freshman year, starting out as a member of Washington DECA. Outside of DECA, I'm also involved in Mock Trial and Student Council!

This year, alongside Aiden Johnson, my impact goal is to improve statewide communication and provide members with resources to help them navigate everything DECA has to offer. We plan to accomplish this through our statewide GroupMe and Monthly Connect Calls! These are the best ways to receive association updates, connect with members, and reach out to your state officers. Make sure to scan the QR Code above to join as well as share it with your chapter!

Lastly, our resource network will organize DECA and Ohio DECA materials according to where you are in your DECA journey, and will serve as a one-stop shop for skill development, competition prep, and leadership support.

I'm always open to connect, so feel free to reach out to me on the GroupMe. I can't wait to help our association feel more connected and empowered to Go the Extra!"

STATE OFFICER SPOTLIGHT:



Ifedolapo Ogunbodede
Great Oaks Sycamore

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECA T-SHIRT/PIN ENTRIES DUE - OCT. 31

Submissions for this year's Ohio DECA T-Shirt & Pin are due October 31st by 5:00PM. For any students interested in submitting a design, please make sure you review the official **2025-2026 Ohio DECA Pin & T-Shirt Design Contest Rules**. These rules and scoring rubrics can be found on the Ohio DECA website at www.ohiodeca.org/students. Ohio DECA encourages all chapters to participate in deciding the designs for the 2025-2026 year!



DECA T-SHIRT/PIN VOTING - NOV. 3 - 7

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DECA DAY @ CAVALIERS - NOV. 5TH

The annual DECA Day with the Cleveland Cavaliers returns for the 2025-2026 season! Event experiences include a Professional Speaker Panel, Marketing Activity, an Arena Tour, with the day concluding with the game against the Philadelphia 76ers! Chapters interested in participating should contact **Thyran Nowden** at tnowden@cavs.com. Your chapter isn't going to want to miss out on this fun opportunity with the Cavaliers!



DECA DAY #2 @ BLUE JACKETS - NOV. 17

The annual DECA Day with the Columbus Blue Jackets is back to celebrate their 25th Anniversary Season! Event experiences include skating on the ice, an Educational Speaker Panel w CBJ Staff, an Area Tour, with the day ending with the Blue Jackets game against the Canadiens! Chapters interested in participating in Day #2 should submit the appropriate paperwork to **Alec Rivers** by **November 7th**. Don't miss out on your last chance to attend DECA Day with the Blue Jackets!



WELCOME NEW CHAPTERS!!

Sandusky HS

LARGEST MEMBERSHIPS*

- 1.) *Great Oaks Sycamore HS - 272*
- 2.) *Great Oaks Mariemont HS II - 179*
- 3.) *Great Oaks Princeton HS - 172*
- 4.) *Great Oaks Indian Hill HS II - 148*
- 5.) *Great Oaks Batavia HS - 146*
- 6.) *Great Oaks Mariemont HS I - 144*
- 7.) *Penta - Perrysburg HS - 132*
- 8.) *Great Oaks Indian Hill HS I - 128*
- 9.) *Great Oaks Harrison HS II - 125*
- 10.) *Great Oaks Goshen HS - 119*

Current Chapter List*

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***AS OF 10/13**

MESSAGE FROM THE STATE ADVISOR:

Hello Ohio DECA Members and Advisors!

As we move into October, I encourage all members to take advantage of the amazing DECA opportunities happening at your schools and in your local community. Events such as DECA Days, Fall Leadership Conferences, and the DECA Ultimate DECA Power Trip will really enhance your DECA experiences.

I am extremely excited to begin visiting chapters throughout the months of October and November and look forward to connecting with so many of you soon. If your chapter is still interested in potentially scheduling a visit, please let me know. I hope to make additional visits in the Spring as well.

Finally, please do not forget to submit designs for our **T-Shirt and Pin Contest, due October 31st!**

Drew Goldfinger

