

Ohio DECA Newsletter

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24-25 Membership:
1,922

25-26 Membership:
2,504

*AS OF 9/16

UPCOMING NAT'L DATES

◆ OCTOBER

*Oct. 9 - 11 - DECA Advisor Amped
Oct. 15 - DECA Power Trip Reg.
Oct. 14 - 24 - VBC Round 1*

◆ NOVEMBER

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

UPCOMING OHIO DATES

◆ OCTOBER

*Oct. 3 - DECA Day @ Cedar Point
Oct. 14 - Monthly Advisor Call
Oct. 16 - DECA Day #1 @ CBJ
Oct. 31 - Pin & T-Shirt Entries Due*

◆ 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*

DAYS TO SCDC:
159

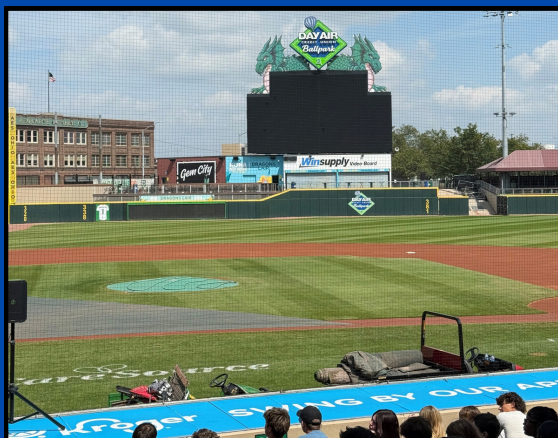
DAYS TO ICDC:
219

CHAPTER SPOTLIGHTS

DECA DAY @ DAYTON DRAGONS

On Thursday, September 4th, over 150 DECA members attended the first DECA Day with the Dayton Dragons. Students participated in an Educational Session with Dragon Staff Members, took a tour of the facility, and attended the game that night against the Lansing Lugnuts.

Participating chapters included Centerville HS, Colerain HS, Graham HS, Kettering Fairmont HS, Lima Senior HS, Ohio Hi Point - Marysville HS.



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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, Ohio DECA Executive State Officer.

Hi! My name is Lanie Gehner and I am thrilled to be serving my second term as an Executive State Officer. I'm currently a Senior at Harrison High School and a two-time ICDC Glass winner. DECA has truly been a life changing experience for me and I hope to inspire others!

This year, my mission is to raise awareness and fundraise for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) while also helping chapters strengthen their community outreach efforts. In recognition of September as MDA Awareness Month, I launched an introductory reel on the Ohio DECA Instagram and created MDA Monday Fun Fact Quizzes. These initiatives not only highlighted MDA's mission but also significantly increase member engagement.

Building on this momentum, I am excited to launch a Community Outreach Toolkit in October, designed to provide chapters with resources and strategies to expand their local impact. Additionally, I will be hosting a Connect Call to guide DECA members in taking meaningful action within their communities.

Through these efforts, I hope to inspire chapters across Ohio to make a difference and Go The Extra together!

STATE OFFICER **SPOTLIGHT:**

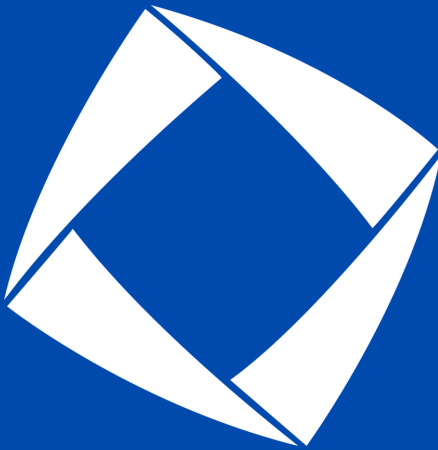


Lanie Gehner
Harrison High School

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECA DAY #1 @ BLUE JACKETS - OCT. 16

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 Avalanche! Chapters interested in participating in Day #1 should submit the appropriate paperwork to **Alec Rivers by October 6th**. A second DECA Day with the Blue Jackets will take place on **November 17th**.



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. Voting will take place November 3rd - 7th, where chapters will be able to decide our designs for this year's conferences!

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! Further event details as well as chapter order form will be sent to Advisors soon. Your chapter isn't going to want to miss out on this fun opportunity with the Cavaliers!



**THE ULTIMATE
DECA
POWER TRIP**

**NOVEMBER 21-23, 2025
ARLINGTON, VA**

ULTIMATE POWER TRIP - NOV. 21 - 23

DECA members from across the country come together to participate in a variety leadership and networking sessions designed to enhance their DECA experience. In addition, members will also engage with several College & Career Exhibits as well as learn more how to succeed in DECA's Competitive Events. There is also an Educational Learning Series for Advisors!

Deadline to register is October 15th @ DECA.org.

WELCOME NEW CHAPTERS!!

Hamilton High

Marion Harding High II

Westerville Central High

LARGEST MEMBERSHIPS*

- 1.) Great Oaks Sycamore HS - 271
- 2.) Great Oaks Mariemont HS II - 179
- 3.) Great Oaks Princeton HS - 172
- 4.) Great Oaks Batavia HS - 146
- 5.) Great Oaks Mariemont HS I - 144
- 6.) Penta - Perrysburg HS - 132
- 7.) Great Oaks Harrison HS II - 125
- 8.) Great Oaks Harrison HS I - 117
- 9.) Trotwood Madison HS - 115
- 10.) Great Oaks Millford HS - 113

Current Chapter List*

PARMA NORMANDY HS I
BUTLER TECH NORTHWEST HS
WHITMER HS
GLENDALE HS - BUSINESS
PENTA-BOWLING GREEN HS
AKRON NORTH HS
LANCASTER HS
PENTA-MAUMEE HS
GAHANNA-LINCOLN HS
PENTA-ANTHONY WAYNE HS
PENTA-PERRYSBURG HS
PICKAWAY ROSS CAREER TECH CENTER
GREAT OAKS BATAVIA HS
SAINT MARYS MEMORIAL HS
GREAT OAKS SYCAMORE HS
GREAT OAKS MARIEMONT HS II
PARMA VALLEY FORGE HS II
CLAY HS
GREAT OAKS PRINCETON HS
PARMA NORMANDY HS II
GREAT OAKS MARIEMONT HS
MASSILLON WASHINGTON HS
C-TEC LAKEWOOD HS
OLENTANGY BERLIN HS
NORTHMONT HS I
TROTWOOD MADISON HS
HAMILTON HS
PARMA VALLEY FORGE HS I
GREAT OAKS HARRISON HS II
GREAT OAKS MILFORD HS
GREAT OAKS HARRISON HS I
MAPLE HEIGHTS HS
OLENTANGY LIBERTY HS
BUTLER TECH COLERAIN HS
PENTA-ROSSFORD HS
BUTLER TECH - DRL
PENTA-OAK HARBOR HS
GREAT OAKS GOSHEN HS

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MESSAGE FROM THE STATE ADVISOR:

Hello Ohio DECA Members and Advisors!

I hope the start of the 2025-2026 School Year has gone smoothly as you and your chapter begins an exciting Ohio DECA year. I encourage chapters to participate in the upcoming DECA Days with the **Columbus Blue Jackets**. DECA Days are a fun and engaging way to enhance member participation, while also providing networking opportunities.

In addition, registration for the **DECA Ultimate Power Trip, Nov. 21st - 23rd** in Arlington, Virginia, is now open. This conference provides members further opportunities to hone their emerging leadership skills, while also connecting with DECA members from across the country. **Registration closes October 15th** - don't miss out! I look forward to visiting some of your chapters in October and November to learn more about "How Ohio Does DECA!"

Drew Goldfinger

