# Ohio DECA Newsletter

**OCTOBER 2026 - VOLUME II**



## 26-27 Membership:

Members - 5,112
Advisors - 91
Alumni - 52
Professional - 27
***Total - 5,282***

## UPCOMING OHIO DATES

**OCTOBER**
- *Oct. 30 - Pin/T-Shirt Deadline*

**NOVEMBER**
- *Nov. 3 - DECA Day @ CBJ #2*
- *Nov. 9 - 13 - Pin/T-Shirt Voting*
- *Nov. 15 - Initial Membership DUE*
- *Nov. 16 - DECA Day @ Cavs*

## UPCOMING NAT'L DATES

**OCTOBER**
- *Oct. 13 - 23 - VBC Round 1*
- *Oct. 15 - DECA Power Trip Reg.*
- *Oct. 15 - 18 - DECA Advisor Amped*

**NOVEMBER**
- *Nov. 15 - Initial Membership DUE*
- *Nov. 20 - 22 - DECA Power Trip*

**DECEMBER**
- *Dec. 1 - Chapter Campaigns DUE*

## DAYS TO SCDC:
138

## DAYS TO ICDC:
192

## STATEWIDE HIGHLIGHTS

### Ohio DECA Day @ Cincinnatti Reds

On Thursday, September 17th, DECA members participated in our first DECA Day with the Cincinnati Reds! Students participaned in an Industry Panel as well as participate in a College Fair. After the days' programming, they got to enjoy the game against the Los Angeles Dodgers! **Make sure to participate in our other upcoming DECA Days in October and November!**



## ADVISOR PD WORKSHOP - SEPT. 25

On Friday, September 25th, 25 DECA Advisors from across Ohio particiated in our first annual Advisor Professional Development. Advisors shared best practices and learned about upcoming changes coming to both DECA and Ohio DECA during the course of the 2026-2027 school year.

**Thank you to all those Advisors who participated and I hope you found benefit from the days programming!**






## DECA DAY @ CEDAR POINT - OCT. 2

On Friday, October 2nd over 100 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. This day gave participants insight on the hospitality and entertainment industry.

**Participating Chapters: Newark High, Reynoldsburg High, Whitmer High and Cuyahoga Falls High**

## PENTA FALL FRENZY - OCT. 2

On Friday, October 2nd, Penta Marketing & Business Programs from Districts 1 & 2 participated in their Fall Frenzy. This competition took place at Owens Community College and saw students participating in a variety of competitions.



## DISTRICT 3 FALL CONFERENCE - OCT. 5

The District 3 Fall Leadership Conference has held on Monday, October 5th at the Westgate Entertain Center in Lima. Students participated in events such as Job Interview, Series Case Study, Team Management, Branding Campaign, Entrepreneurship Challenge, Public Relations and Policy Adovcate. **Participating Schools: Bellefontaine, Bucyrus, Carey, Indian Lake, Millstream, Lima Senior, Marion Harding, St. Marys and Upper Sandusky.**





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## DECA T-SHIRT/PIN ENTRIES DUE - OCT. 30

Submissions for this year's Ohio DECA T-Shirt & Pin are due October 30th by 5:00PM. For any students interested in submitting a design, please make sure you review the official **2026-2027 Ohio DECA Pin & T-Shirt Design Contest Rules.** These rules can be found on the Ohio DECA website at **www.ohiodeca.org/students**. **Only one pin design submission can be made per chapter.** Ohio DECA encourages all chapters to participate in deciding the designs for the 2026-2027 year!
Check out last year's pin design contest winner which was used at ICDC!




## OHIO DECA DAY #2 @ CBJ - NOV. 3

The annual DECA Day with the Columbus Blue Jackets is back with the first of two opportunities coming up in October! 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 Panthers! 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 3rd.

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

Voting will begin for this year's T-Shirt & Pin Contests starting **Monday, November 9th** and will end on **Friday, November 13th at 5:00PM.** Each member will need their DECA Membership ID # to participate; the voting Google Form will be made available once all T-Shirt and Pin submissions have been received! **Each DECA member can only submit ONE vote for their T-Shirt and Pin of choice.** Check out last year's t-shirt design contest winner, which was the conference shirt for the State Career Development Conference.




## OHIO DECA DAY @ CAVS - NOV. 16

The annual DECA Day with the Cleveland Cavaliers returns for the 2026-2027 season! Event experiences include a Professional Speaker Panel, Marketing Activity, an Arena Tour, with the day concluding with the game against the Chicago Bulls! Further event details as well as chapter order form will be sent to Advisors soon. This is a great fall opportunity for new members to get involved with DECA. Your chapter isn't going to want to miss out on this fun opportunity with the Cavaliers!

# MENTORSHIP PROGRAM SIGN-UP!

Hello Ohio DECA! My name is Alp Onguc, and I am beyond honored to serve as your Ohio DECA Vice President of Leadership. I am a Senior at Sycamore High School and have competed in DECA all four years of high school! I also serve as the President of Sycamore DECA, where we have expanded our mentorship program to reach 125 members, launched a chapter website and securd over $1,000 in partnerships to fund need-based scholarships for CDC attendees. Outside of DECA, I am involved in Mock Trial, MUN, and Politics Club.

This term, my goal is to make mentorship more accessible to every Ohio DECA member, regardless of region or chapter. Throughout my DECA journey, I have experienced first-hand the difference mentorship can make. Mentorship affects success at all levels: preparing roleplays, choosing competitive events, or even navigating an unfamiliar convention center at CDC. To deliver on this vision, I am working to establish Ohio DECA's first statewide mentorship and chapter partnership program! We are aiming to connect experienced DECA members with rookies seeking guidance in competition, leadership and professional development.

This initiative can only succeed with your participation! Whether you are a veteran competitor looking to share your experiences, a first year-member looking to gain experience, or an advisor interested in connecting with other chapters, I encourage you to to participate!

Please scan the QR Code to sign-up for this Mentorship Program. In the meantime, I encouage you to reach out to me through my instagram at **@deca_alp** if you have any questions or suggestions. I am incredily excited to see how much we can accomplish together as an Ohio DECA family this year!

# STATE OFFICER SPOTLIGHT:



***Alp Onguc***
***Vice President of Leadership***
***Great Oaks Sycamore***

## WELCOME NEW CHAPTERS!!

***Ohio Hi Point - Graham II***



## LARGEST MEMBERSHIPS

***1.) Great Oaks Indian Hill II - 212***
***2.) Great Oaks Sycamore II - 212***
***3.) Great Oaks Princeton - 181***
***4.) Great Oaks Harrison I - 167***
***5.) Great Oaks Sycamore I - 164***
***6.) Great Oaks Milford - 156***
***7.) Great Oaks Goshen - 151***
***8.) Great Oaks Mariemont II - 142***
***9.) Great Oaks Batavia - 141***
***10.) Great Oaks Wyoming - 136***

# BUSINESS PATHWAY WORKSHOP

Registration is now open for the Ohio Career-Technical Education in-person Business/Finance/Marketing Pathway Instructor Workshop. This workshop will provide training on foundational information for Ohio educators of the C4, C5, S5 and G2 Business/Finance/Marketing Pathways.

This workshop will take place on **Friday, October 30th from 9:00am - 2:00pm** and is limited to the first 40 participants. The workshop will be held at the **Delaware County District Library: Liberty Branch**, at **7468 Steitz Road Powell, OH 43065**.

Register for this professional development workshop here:
**https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/NGdBsceeWL**

***ACTIVATED AS OF OCTOBER 7TH**

## MESSAGE FROM THE STATE ADVISOR:

*Hello Ohio DECA Members and Advisors!*

As September has come and gone, I really appreciated the opportunity to connect with so many chapters at both our **DECA Day with the Cincinnati Reds** as well as our **DECA Day at Cedar Point!** These DECA Days are a great opportunity to make real-world connections with DECA. We still have several DECA Days coming up over the next few months, including our **DECA Days with the Columbus Blue Jackets, the Cleveland Cavaliers, and the OSU Men's Basketball Team!** In addition, each chapter is encouraged to participate in our **Pin & T-Shirt Design Contest!** Please make sure to have all designs submitted by the **October 30th** deadline.

Your Team 83 State Officers are hard at work implementing their Impact Goals to better serve our members and chapters. They are excited to continue this work over the next few months, while also having the ability to connect with you all individually at upcoming events. Please do not hesitate to reach reach out with any questions!

Drew Goldfinger

