

Ohio DECA Newsletter

BACK TO SCHOOL - AUGUST 2026

25-26 Membership:

Members - 7,324

Advisors - 134

Alumni - 313

Professional - 237

Total - 8,008

UPCOMING OHIO DATES

◆ AUGUST

Aug. 25 - Advisor Welcome Call

◆ SEPTEMBER

Sept. 3 - DECA Day @ Guardians

Sept. 15 - Monthly Advisor Call

Sept. 15 - Cedar Point Reg. Due

Sept. 17 - DECA Day @ Reds

Sept. 25 - DECA Advisor PD

UPCOMING NAT'L DATES

◆ SEPTEMBER

Sept. 8 - SMG Begins

Sept. 15 - District Areas Announced

Sept. 28 - SBE Week Begins

Sept. 30 - Activate Your Chapter

◆ OCTOBER

Oct. 15 - 18 - DECA Advisor Amped

Oct. 15 - DECA Power Trip Reg.

Oct. 13 - 23 - VBC Round 1

DAYS TO SCDC:

189

DAYS TO ICDC:

243

CHAPTER SPOTLIGHTS

Want to see your DECA Chapter highlighted in next month's Newsletter?

Advisors or Chapter Representatives should email all submissions, including details and a picture, to our State Advisor at drew.goldfinger@education.ohio.gov. Submissions **MUST** meet monthly deadlines.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

OHIO DECA DAY @ GUARDIANS - SEPT. 3

For the first time, Ohio DECA is partnering with the Cleveland Guardians for a fun day at the ballpark! Students will also participate in an Industry Panel with Cleveland Guardians Staff Members. The game will take place on **Thursday, September 3rd @ 1:10PM against the Toronto Blue Jays**. The deadline to purchase tickets for this event is **August 21st**, and any interested advisors must register their chapters through the appropriate DLG Link: <https://www.decaregistration.com/OH-Day>.



OHIO DECA DAY @ REDS - SEPT. 17

For the first time, Ohio DECA is partnering with the Cincinnati Reds for a fun day at the ballpark! Chapters will arrive at 8:30AM, followed by a 1 hour panel with Industry Professionals. Then, students will participate in a College Fair from 10:00AM - 11:00AM. The game will take place on **Thursday, September 17th @ 12:40PM against the LA Dodgers**. Tickets are just \$25.00 and all interested chapters should contact **Reilly Burns at rburns@reds.com**.



ADVISOR PROF. DEVELOPMENT - SEPT. 25

Advisors - kick-off the DECA year right by attending our Advisor Professional Development on **Friday, September 25th at the Nationwide Arena**. This PD is for both new and experienced advisors, and it is free to participate in the day's programming. **Deadline to register is September 21st and interested advisors should visit <https://forms.gle/5oBL9XEwVmN95gbM9> to register**. A detailed timeline and itinerary for this PD will be distributed to advisors along with registration information.



OHIO DECA DAY @ CEDAR POINT - OCT. 2

Join DECA members and emerging leaders from across Ohio for a fun day of leadership experiences and industry panels, ending with an afternoon in the theme park! Initial DECA Membership is not required to participate, and each chapter will determine their own itinerary for the day.

Deadline to register is September 15th. Registration will be made by chapter at www.decaregistration.com/oh-flc
You aren't going to want to miss this Ohio DECA event!

WELCOME NEW CHAPTERS!!

Emerald Campus

Heath High

Great Oaks Sycamore II

**Approved After January 1st, 2026*

LARGEST MEMBERSHIPS

- 1.) *Great Oaks Sycamore I - 273*
- 2.) *Withrow University - 263*
- 3.) *Great Oaks Mariemont II - 180*
- 4.) *Great Oaks Princeton - 176*
- 5.) *Great Oaks Mt. Healthy - 164*
- 6.) *Butler Tech Edgewood - 157*
- 7.) *Great Oaks Anderson - 150*
- 8.) *Great Oaks Indian Hill II - 148*
- 9.) *Great Oaks Batavia - 146*
- 10.) *Great Oaks Mariemont I - 146*

LARGEST % INCREASE

- 1.) *St. Clairsville +400%*
- 2.) *Metro Early College +366%*
- 3.) *Kent Roosevelt II +238%*
- 4.) *Massillon Washington +134%*
- 5.) *Port Clinton +114%*
- 6.) *Bellefontaine +113%*
- 7.) *Four Cities Compact +100%*
- 8.) *Bucyrus I +95%*
- 9.) *Western Brown I +89%*
- 10.) *Millstream Career II +85%*

**Chapters with 2024 Members*

LARGEST NEW CHAPTERS

- 1.) *Great Oaks Goshen - 119*
- 2.) *Columbus Downtown - 105*
- 3.) *Northridge Local - 83*
- 4.) *Ohio Hi Point Indian Lake - 70*
- 5.) *John R. Butchel Learning - 50*
- 6.) *Butler Tech - DRL - 49*
- 7.) *C-Tec Lakewood - 46*
- 8.) *Westerville South - 42*
- 9.) *Hamilton - 38*
- 10.) *Cuyahoga Falls - 37*

**No Members in 2024*

MESSAGE FROM THE STATE ADVISOR:

Hello Ohio DECA Members and Advisors!

I hope everyone had an amazing summer and is ready for the **Next Big Thing** with Ohio DECA. I am looking forward to starting Year 2 off strong as your State Advisor and am excited for all of the amazing things we have planned for you this year, culminating with DECA ICDC in Anaheim, California! As a reminder, these newsletters will be published monthly on **Fridays**, and we are encouraging all chapters to make submissions that highlight something going on in your chapter! Visit the Ohio DECA website at www.ohiodeca.org/newsletter for submission dates and details!

We have several events already planned for the beginning of the year, including two new DECA Days with the **Cleveland Guardians** and **Cincinnati Reds**! We have our regular DECA Days with the Blue Jackets and Cavaliers planned for later this fall, so stay tuned! Finally, don't forget we also have our annual **Ohio DECA Day at Cedar Point** and encourage your chapter to join us.

Drew Goldfinger

