



SEKHAR TIMSINA VP OF LEADERSHIP

Hello Ohio DECA! My name is Sekhar Timsina, and I am so incredibly honored and humbled to serve as one of your VP's of Leadership this year. I want to share a little bit about my DECA journey and why serving Ohio DECA means so much to me.

I joined DECA during my Junior year of high school, but my involvement with Career Technical Student Organizations began long before that. During my Freshman and Sophomore years at Fairfield High School, I was involved in Business Professionals of America, where I had the opportunity to serve as both a local and regional officer. That opportunity exposed me to what CTSOs offer to students: opportunities to compete, lead, and meet students from all around the world. By the end of my Sophomore year, I decided to take a leap of faith and enroll in the Business program at Butler Tech D. Russel Lee Career Technology Center.

At the time, I knew this would impact my high school experience, but I did not know how much it would impact my CTSO journey as well. In the beginning of my Junior year, I discovered that the Business program was transitioning from BPA to DECA, and yes, I was slightly distraught for several reasons: BPA was familiar to me, I had established relationships there, and I didn't know what to expect with DECA. Because our chapter was brand new, we did not have an established roadmap to follow and thus, we faced many issues with funding, competition resources, and simply understanding how to navigate DECA.

As one of our Co-Presidents, I saw first-hand how the lack of knowledge and resources impacted our chapter and our growth. This experience is what pushed me to run for state office. I wanted to help create more opportunities for new and emerging chapters to connect with experienced members and chapters, access useful resources, and feel supported as they develop their own chapter culture. Throughout my term, my goal is to make it easier for chapters to learn from one another, access the resources they need, and create an Ohio DECA experience where no chapter feels like they have to figure everything out alone.

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