

Ohio DECA Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2026 - VOLUME I

26-27 Membership:

Members - 1,272

Advisors - 25

Alumni - 31

Professional - 27

Total - 1,355

UPCOMING NAT'L DATES

◆ SEPTEMBER

Sept. 30 - Activate Your Chapter

◆ OCTOBER

Oct. 15 - 18 - DECA Advisor Amped

Oct. 15 - DECA Power Trip Reg.

Oct. 13 - 23 - VBC Round 1

UPCOMING OHIO DATES

◆ SEPTEMBER

Sept. 25 - DECA Advisor PD

◆ OCTOBER

Oct. 2 - DECA Day @ Cedar Point

Oct. 13 - DECA Day @ CBJ

Oct. 30 - Pin/T-Shirt Designs DUE

DAYS TO SCDC:

157

DAYS TO ICDC:

211

CHAPTER SPOTLIGHTS

Ohio DECA Day @ Cleveland Guardians

On Thursday, September 3rd, DECA members participated in our first DECA Day with the Cleveland Guardians! Students participated in an Industry Panel and a Tour of Progressive Field. After the days' programming, they got to enjoy the game against the Toronto Blue Jays!

Make sure to participate in our other upcoming DECA Days in October and November!

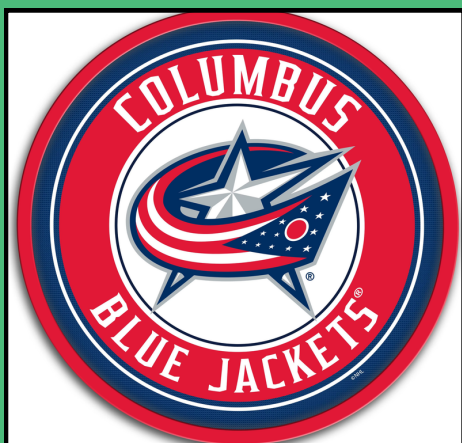


UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

**NEXT
BIG
THING**
DECA



OHIO DECA DAY #1 @ CBJ - OCT. 13

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.

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!



**THE ULTIMATE
DECA
POWER TRIP**

**NOVEMBER 20-22, 2026
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY**

ULTIMATE POWER TRIP - NOV. 20-22

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 Advisor Learning Series!
Deadline to register is October 15th @ DECA.org.

JOIN THE GROUPME!!!

Hello again Ohio DECA! If we have not met, my name is Aiden Johnson and I am extremely honored to serve as your Ohio DECA President. I am a senior at Edgewood High School and have been in DECA since my freshman year. Other than DECA, I am involved in Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and I play football.

This year I will continue to work to strengthen the connection between chapters and the association. I hope to build off of that foundation in my second term through continued improvement of the GroupMe and Connect Calls. These are great places where students can connect with other members, receive important updates, and so much more! Advisors, this is a great resource to get your students connected and experience the fullness that DECA provides. Stay tuned for the Connect Call schedule coming soon! GroupMe is here to stay; if you have not joined this network of hundreds of Ohio DECA members, do so now by scanning the QR code shown on the right.

A promise I made in my election speech was to make sure every member has access to the same opportunities and that no one will miss an opportunity because they simply “didn’t know about it”. My hope is to get more students running for state office, for them to take full advantage of all of the resources DECA has to offer, and to make Ohio DECA greater at the national level, all while becoming more connected and growing as leaders. I am excited to continue to serve you all! I know that Ohio DECA’s best days are yet to come and I know that Ohio DECA can be the Next Big Thing.

Lastly, I would love to connect with you. Feel free to reach out to me on GroupMe or on Instagram at @deca_aiden. Through effective communication, we can build a more connected Ohio DECA.



STATE OFFICER SPOTLIGHT:



Aiden Johnson
Team 83 President
Butler Tech Edgewood

WELCOME NEW CHAPTERS!!

Ottawa Hills High
Newark City Schools
Fairfield High
Fairfield Local Schools

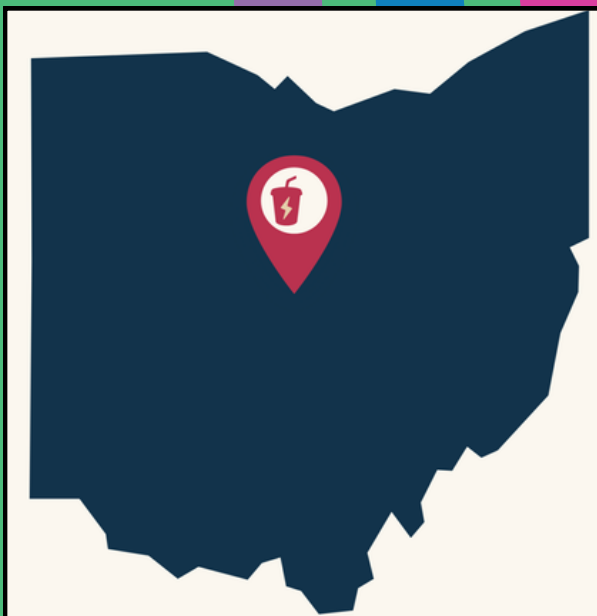
LARGEST MEMBERSHIPS

- 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***



Ohio DECA has partnered with RallyOrder, a DECA, Inc. Premier Partner, to provide enhanced opportunities for your chapter's School Based Enterprise. Schools interested in participating should connect with Alex Hamill, alex.hamill@rallyorder.com, in getting their hardware/software platforms set-up for your chapter!

Chapters will also have increased engagement and classroom integration through RallyOrder!



MESSAGE FROM THE STATE ADVISOR:

Hello Ohio DECA Members and Advisors!

I hope the school year is off to a great start as we move into September! There are plenty of upcoming Ohio DECA events and activities that your chapter can participate in, including the **DECA Days at Cedar Point, the Columbus Blue Jackets and the Cleveland Cavaliers!** In addition, the DECA Stock Market Game just started for those interested in participating, and the 1st Round of the Virtual Business Challenge is coming up on October. In addition, registration for DECA's Ultimate Power Trip is approaching fast; make sure your chapter registers by **October 15th**.

There will also be several opportunities coming up this Fall that Team 83 is excited to offer our members, including virtual Competition and Leadership calls; we highly encourage your chapter members to participate. **More details on those opportunities to follow.** Finally, if your Advisor is interested in scheduling a chapter visit with me or our Team 83 State Officers, please reach out!

Drew Goldfinger

