



JOEL NYA SECRETARY

Hello Ohio DECA! I'm super excited for this Team 83's term to start and to meet you all! As your Ohio DECA State Secretary, my goal is to help create an association where every chapter and member feels connected, supported, and empowered to make an impact. I want to use this year to strengthen the relationships between our members, chapters, association, and the communities around us. My focus will center around three areas: **Community Outreach, Partnerships, and Membership Engagement.**

DECA gives students the skills to become leaders, but those skills should extend beyond our chapters and conferences. I want to encourage Ohio DECA members to use their leadership, communication, and business skills to serve the communities around them. Through community service opportunities and our statewide partnership with the Brave Like Me Foundation, I hope to help chapters create meaningful experiences that benefit others while giving members the opportunity to lead with purpose.

Strong partnerships can create opportunities that students cannot always find within their schools. I want to help strengthen Ohio DECA's relationships with businesses, community organizations, and other youth-serving organizations. My goal is to connect our association with professionals and organizations that can provide mentorship, career exposure, service opportunities, and real-world experiences to our membership.

Being a DECA member should mean more than simply being on a roster. I want members to feel that they are part of something larger than their individual chapter. I will work to strengthen the connection between chapters and the association while creating more opportunities for members to interact, collaborate, and learn from one another. Whether that is through chapter-to-chapter connections, statewide initiatives, conferences, or new engagement opportunities, I want Ohio DECA to feel like one connected association.

Throughout this year, I want to:

- Expand community service and outreach opportunities
- Connect students with professionals and real-world experiences
- Listen to student voices and help turn their ideas into action
- Celebrate the chapters and members who make a difference

As State Secretary, I want to be approachable, present, and intentional in everything I do. I want members to know that their ideas matter, their voices are heard, and their experiences in DECA are valued.

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