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Why did you choose to be a member of DECA?

I chose to become a DECA member mainly from my three older sisters' fun and inspiring experiences and from my interest in the marketing class at my school. I started out not knowing anything about DECA at the beginning of my sophomore year and since then I've learned so much and have enjoyed every second of it.

What do you like best about being a state officer for North Dakota DECA?

My favorite thing about being a state officer ND DECA is having the opportunity to connect and work more personally with chapters around the state to help improve local DECA and state wide DECA experiences.

What do you like best about being a member of DECA?

The best thing about being a part of DECA is that as a member you are a part of 220,000 students around the world who share the same interests as you. I enjoy being able to compete and connect with these members and create lifelong bonds along with gaining important skills.

Have you had any unique opportunities because of your DECA experience?

A unique opportunity I've had so far is traveling to and competing in Nashville. While there I served on the National Officer Nominating Committee and enjoyed meeting with all candidates and going through the voting process.

What organizations or athletic activities do you participate in? I am in Swimming, National Honor Society, Environmental club, Spanish club, Key club, FBLA, FCA, and of course DECA!

How have these activities enhanced your high school experience or your college plans?

Yes, they have opened my eyes to many different fields. Swimming has made me consider furthering my career in college as well as a possible field in business.

What is your favorite color? Blue!

What does personal service mean to you?

Being personable and there for members. Having a strong connection is important to keep healthy personal service networking around the state.

What are your plans after graduation? I plan on attending a 4-year university

Which DECA chapters are you working with this year? This year I am working with Fargo Davies, Grafton, and Central Cass.

Do you have any pets? I am getting a puppy in August!

If you had the power to make anything happen this year, what would it be?

I would make sure that all the goals are met around the state



ASHLEY BRANDREIT, VICE PRESIDENT SENIOR @ SOUTHEAST REGION CTC, OAKES

Why did you choose to be a member of DECA? I chose to become a member of DECA because my sister encouraged me in 5th grade to join as soon as I could when I entered 9th grade. She was a member and spoke highly of it to me. I have loved every minute of my marketing classes that I have taken the past four years.

What do you like best about being a state officer for North Dakota DECA? What I like best about being a state officer is that I can work more one on one with chapters who are seeking guidance. This officer team is strong and I love working with six other unique individuals who love DECA just as much as I do.

What do you like best about being a member of DECA? The thing I like best about being a member of DECA is learning more about business and entrepreneurship. It's also rewarding as an older member of my chapter to see the underclassmen experience DECA conferences for the first time and blossom through the opportunities they're faced with and through the friendships they create.

Have you had any unique opportunities because of your DECA experience? Through my DECA experiences I've been able to go on ski trips, Minnesota Twins games, and Fargo force hockey games with my fellow chapter officers, as well as visiting Orlando, FL and Nashville, TN for international conferences.

What organizations or athletic activities do you participate in? I am involved in dance class, drama, band, choir, volleyball stats, boys' basketball stats, student council, National Honor Society, DECA, yearbook editor, and North Dakota Leadership Seminar.

How have these activities enhanced your high school experience or your college plans? DECA activities and my entrepreneurship class have made me better understand what it's actually like to own your own business, and that has pushed me to want to own my own optometry practice when I finish my schooling.

What is your favorite color? My favorite color is navy blue.

What does personal service mean to you? Personal service means that you seek out opportunities where you can help others and not expect to get anything in return from them. You are doing things for them from the bottom of your heart to watch someone else achieve from the efforts you put forth.

What are your plans after graduation? My plans after graduation include attending a four-year university for a major in biology and a minor in chemistry.

Which DECA chapters are you working with this year? I am working with the Grand Forks Central, Jamestown-JVCTC, and Wahpeton chapters this year.

Do you have any pets? I have never owned a pet!

If you had the power to make anything happen this year, what would it be? If I had the power to make anything happen this year, it would be to connect every chapter together and have easily accessible networks set up between chapters on opposite sides of the state. Communication is essential.

When you were little and someone asked you "what do you want to be when you grow up," what did you tell them? When I was little and someone asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up, I told them that I wanted to be an astronaut. I was obsessed with the planets and wanted to be an astronaut up until the 7th grade.



FRANCINE DONG, VICE PRESIDENT SENIOR @ GRAND FORKS CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Why did you choose to be a member of DECA?

Generating new ideas and implementing them has always been something that came naturally to me and I found that DECA was the best way to utilize those skills.

What do you like best about being a state officer for North Dakota DECA?

I have the ability to put my skills to use and effect change in an organization I love.

What do you like best about being a member of DECA?

The connections that members build with others at conferences truly make a lasting impression on the individuals. I know I will cherish my DECA memories for life.

Have you had any unique opportunities because of your DECA experience?

Meeting and having lunch with the Lieutenant Governor of North Dakota Drew Wrigley was an opportunity that I greatly appreciate and enjoyed.

What organizations or athletic activities do you participate in?

NHS, NTHS, Math Club, DECA, FBLA, Student Council, Student Congress, Debate, Speech, Orchestra, Symphony, Piano, Figure Skating.

How have these activities enhanced your high school experience or your college plans?

DECA has influenced me to major in business.

What is your favorite color?

Purple; the color of royalty

What does personal service mean to you?

Giving my time to helping others meet their needs.

What are your plans after graduation?

I plan to attend a four year university on the East Coast.

Which DECA chapters are you working with this year?

West Fargo, Valley City, and Mandan

Do you have any pets?

I have one cat named Tommy

If you had the power to make anything happen this year, what would it be?

To spark passion in North Dakota for DECA through video content.

When you were little and someone asked you “what do you want to be when you grow up,” what did you tell them?

My first dream job was to be an explosives tester. I just wanted to see things blow up.

What is your DECA competitive experience?

I have competed at the state and national levels and placed in the top 30% for three years at the international level in my competitive event.



ANJALI KUMAR, VICE PRESIDENT SENIOR @ BOTTINEAU HIGH SCHOOL

Why did you choose to be a member of DECA? During my freshmen year, I ended up taking a marketing class to fill my schedule. In that marketing class, I found a passion for marketing and all the different factors involved in it. My teacher, Mr. Simpson, then showed our class what DECA was all about and encouraged me to be in it. His push is what really caused me to join.

What do you like best about being a state officer for North Dakota DECA? The best thing about being a state officer is the connections you make. Not only have I been able to connect with DECA members but also members and officers of other CTSO's which is amazing.

What do you like best about being a member of DECA? The best thing about being a DECA member is all the opportunities the organization gives its members. Being a member of DECA has allowed me to travel, meet unique people and develop skills to be a well-rounded person.

Have you had any unique opportunities because of your DECA experience? One very unique opportunity I have had because of DECA is helping other members develop leadership skills.

What organizations or athletic activities do you participate in? I am a part of DECA (duh), FFA, National Honor Society, Math Club, Science Club, Annual Staff, Student Council, Football Stats, and FBLA.

How have these activities enhanced your high school experience or your college plans? They have helped me to grow as a person and help to narrow down what I want to do later in life.

What is your favorite color? Jewel tone blue

What does personal service mean to you? Personal service means taking time out of your day to help and do whatever you can to better your community around you.

What are your plans after graduation? I plan to attend University of Texas to major in Aeronautical Engineering and minor in Business.

Which DECA chapters are you working with this year? Minot, Fargo South, and Devils Lake LACTC

Do you have any pets? One dog, her name is Ace.

If you had the power to make anything happen this year, what would it be? If I could make anything happen this year, it would be for every DECA member to qualify for nationals, because competing at ICDC is truly one of a kind.

When you were little and someone asked you "what do you want to be when you grow up," what did you tell them? I would tell them that I wanted to be one of the people who would ride around in the nice cars with the top down because they looked like they were having fun.

Have you competed at the state or national level? I have competed at the state and national levels since my freshmen year.



ANDREW SCHAAN, VICE PRESIDENT JUNIOR @ NORTH VALLEY CTC, GRAFTON

Why did you choose to be a member of DECA? I wanted to bring my skills and ideas into a new setting. I'm used to competing on a court and on a field but I wanted to see how I would do in marketing and business. I thought it would help me become a well-rounded person.

What do you like best about being a state officer for North Dakota DECA? I enjoy spending time with the officer team which I consider some of my best friends. I enjoy bringing my new ideas and my experience as a leader to help the rest of the team strive to become great leaders and role models.

What do you like best about being a member of DECA? I like meeting new people and networking. I also like spreading ideas and competing in role plays.

Have you had any unique opportunities because of your DECA experience? I have had the unique experience to go to Nashville and I loved it.

What organizations or athletic activities do you participate in? Basketball baseball and football, I golf occasionally but I'm not very good at it lol I am in FBLA as well as musical. And I am a professional angler. Maybe not a professional, but I like fishing.

How have these activities enhanced your high school experience or your college plans? These have made me into a much better leader and businessman. I know now that there is more to life and more to high school than sports.

What is your favorite color? Blue

What does personal service mean to you? It means that I should put 110% into everything I do for this organization.

What are your plans after graduation? Pursue my degree in diesel technology and be a diesel technician for a construction company

Which DECA chapters are you working with this year? Fargo North, Napoleon and MRCTC.

Do you have any pets? 3 cats

If you had the power to make anything happen this year, what would it be? I would gain more members for DECA and try and get more towns and schools to start a DECA chapter.

When you were little and someone asked you "what do you want to be when you grow up," what did you tell them? I told them that I wanted to be a professional basketball player.

Little something about myself:

Andrew plays 3 sports and is involved in the musical and FBLA as well. Andrew likes to stay busy. In the summer if Andrew isn't at work he is out on the Red River fishing.



DALE SPILMAN, VICE PRESIDENT SENIOR @ MANDAN HIGH SCHOOL

Why did you choose to be a member of DECA? I have always enjoyed interacting with people through sports and extracurricular activities. My older brother and sister were both North Dakota DECA members and they always spoke wonders of DECA and the fun friends they acquired. I joined DECA and never looked back.

What do you like best about being a state officer for North Dakota DECA? I have become really close with 6 of the greatest people in the state. My officer team is wonderful and I enjoy every moment with them.

What do you like best about being a member of DECA? I love being able to connect and network with students who have the same passions as me.

Have you had any unique opportunities because of your DECA experience? I have had the privilege to attend three national conferences in Atlanta, Georgia, Orlando, Florida and Nashville, Tennessee. I was also be a national Voting Delegate in Nashville.

What organizations or athletic activities do you participate in? DECA, FBLA, Student Council, national honor society, science club, science fair, robotics, Latin club, Green Team, football, wrestling and track.

How have these activities enhanced your high school experience or your college plans? Yes I have networked with people from across the nation and I plan to minor in business.

What is your favorite color? Yellow

What does personal service mean to you? Personal service means I serve my state by setting the highest example for others to follow.

What are your plans after graduation? I plan to attend a 4 year university with a major in either civil or mechanical engineering, and a minor in business.

Which DECA chapters are you working with this year? Century, Oakes and Stanley.

Do you have any pets? None

If you had the power to make anything happen this year, what would it be? Share my passion for DECA with the world with the hopes that DECA grows.

When you were little and someone asked you “what do you want to be when you grow up,” what did you tell them? I always wanted to be a farmer.

Write a short something about yourself: Dale Spilman is a 4th year DECA member at Mandan High School. He has been to 3 national competitions and is very involved with his school and community.