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Why did you choose to be a member of DECA?

I chose to be a DECA member because my dad advises Century DECA and both of my older siblings were involved. I saw how much fun they had in DECA and I was eager to participate.

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

As a state officer my favorite part has been getting to know the other officers from all around the state.

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

The best part about being a DECA member would be getting to travel! I have been able to travel to Orlando, Nashville, and Anaheim.

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

Yes! Because of DECA I have been able to see and tour places like Target Field in Minneapolis, meet interesting people like the Governor of ND, and I've gained important experiences and knowledge through trainings.

What organizations or athletic activities do you participate in?

I participate in a group called Young Life and I student manage the hockey team at Century.

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

I meet a lot of people and mentors through these activities.

What is your favorite color?

I have two. Dark grey and blue.

What are your plans after graduation?

My plans aren't set in stone for after High School, but I would like to stay close to home and major in business marketing or advertising.

Which DECA chapters are you working with this year?

Minot, Devils Lake, and Mandan

Do you have any pets?

Sadly no.

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

I would increase knowledge about DECA across the state by preparing students to answer the question "What is DECA?"

NAME: Abby Slyter, Vice President

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Why did you choose to be a member of DECA?

I chose to become a DECA member because my mom was previously the advisor at VCSU and I had heard that DECA was a fun organization within the school and I could use my experience from speech.

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

Working with the other officers to build experiences for DECA members across the state.

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

Meeting new people and the fun and learning that conferences bring, as well as getting to compete alongside my best friends.

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

Getting to go to the vault in the basement of the Capitol building and going to Disneyland and Universal Studios in Anaheim, California.

What organizations or athletic activities do you participate in?

Speech, student congress, National Honor Society, and peer facilitating.

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

I've met a huge amount of people because of these activities and built confidence in many different aspects of life. I've learned to be a leader on teams but also to work well with others and to cherish the feeling of watching other members of the team succeed.

What does personal service mean to you?

Providing people with help or services that they may not be able to do themselves; in return, it gives insight and real-life experiences in order to better understand the world around us.

Which DECA chapters are you working with this year?

Bottineau, Watford City, and Oak Grove High School.

Do you have any pets?

Yes - I have two dogs: Maddux, a puggle, and Gunner, a golden retriever. I also have a cat named Peaches.

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

To build the passion in DECA in others that I found for myself through memorable, interactive conferences and to have people feel involved and excited about DECA.

NAME: Aiden Ulmer, Vice President

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Why did you choose to be a member of DECA?

I chose to become a DECA member because I heard it was a fun experience and wanted to try it.

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

The best part about being a state officer is being able to see the DECA vault in the basement of the capitol building.

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

The best part about being a DECA member is getting to learn many useful tips all while attending different conferences.

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

Being able to travel because of DECA.

What organizations or athletic activities do you participate in?

I participate in baseball, drama, and NHS.

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

These activities have made my high school experience better by making school more organized and to be able to retain information better.

What is your favorite color?

My favorite color is gold.

What are your plans after graduation?

My plans are to go to NDSU for architecture.

Which DECA chapters are you working with this year?

I am working with Oakes SRCTC, Grafton, and Red River.

Do you have any pets?

No

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

I would make it so everybody could go to ICDC.

NAME: Adrian Cummings, Vice President

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Why did you choose to be a member of DECA?

I chose to become a DECA member because I wanted to expand my social network as well as go into a career in marketing.

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

Meeting people from all over North Dakota and creating a better connected network.

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

Being able to look back at the hard work I have done while preparing for my competition and earning my way to nationals.

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

Being able to travel Anaheim and watch the Angels play under the lights.

What organizations or athletic activities do you participate in?

Student Council, National Honor Society, Soccer and Musical Theatre.

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

They have helped me grow and tailor in my personal interests including owning my own business; as well as help me prepare for a career in communications.

What is your favorite color?

Like the green crayon green.

What does personal service mean to you?

Giving up your time for the greater good and/or for someone who needs your help more than you need your time.

What are your plans after graduation?

Attend the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis seeking a degree in electrical engineering or marketing/communications. Eventually I would like to own my own business, hopefully in the energy industry.

Which DECA chapters are you working with this year?

Fargo Davies, Sheyenne and Valley City.

Do you have any pets?

Two wonderful dogs Bella and Jax.

NAME: Bailey Skjefte, Vice President

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Why did you choose to be a member of DECA?

I chose to become a DECA member because of influence from a friend who told me it was fun and has helped her grow as a person.

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

I like working with my officers to help our state North Dakota DECA. I love meeting new people and getting to know them.

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

I like the people I meet and the skills I have learned through my years of DECA.

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

Yes! I got to see our state advisor, Mr. Reisenauer's house and explore the DECA vault.

What organizations or athletic activities do you participate in?

Volleyball, basketball, track, Student Council, yearbook, National Honor Society, and concert band.

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

I think these activities have taught me a lot about life skills that I will carry with me into college, such as time management and the value of hard work.

What is your favorite color?

Blue

What does personal service mean to you?

Personal service to me is volunteering your time or efforts in order to help someone else in need.

What are your plans after graduation?

My plans are to attend a university in the Midwest with a science major.

Which DECA chapters are you working with this year?

Central Cass, Wahpeton, and Napoleon.

Do you have any pets?

Yes, one black lab, Duke, two horses, Moon and Rose, and many farm cats.

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

Connect more people through the power DECA and make more DECA events for our state to connect. And bring dogs to more places.

NAME: Charles Graf, Vice President

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Why did you choose to be a member of DECA?

I chose to become a DECA member because my cross country coach was the advisor and he thought I would be successful.

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

I enjoy meeting and working with new people from across North Dakota.

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

I enjoy learning new skills, and enjoying all the opportunities provided to me.

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

I have had the opportunities to plan conferences, travel to great cities, and learn leadership skills.

What organizations or athletic activities do you participate in?

I am a part of Swimming, Cross Country, Track, Student Council, and of course, DECA.

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

They have taught me to work with new people, and allowed me to have fun while learning new things. These will hopefully allow me to get more scholarships and attend better colleges.

What is your favorite color?

Blue Grey.

What does personal service mean to you?

Using my time and effort to help others, or improve someone's situation besides myself.

What are your plans after graduation?

To attend a business related college, and see what my options are after that.

Which DECA chapters are you working with this year?

Fargo North, West Fargo, and Stanley.

Do you have any pets?

I have three cats, Tessa, Cleo, and Missy.

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

I would have membership increase exponentially, so more members could experience the joys of DECA.

NAME: Erik Anderson, Vice President

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Why did you choose to be a member of DECA?

I chose to become a DECA member to prepare myself for the real business world.

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

Being able to see the DECA vault in the basement of the Capitol building and leading members all over the state.

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

Attending Conferences and networking, expanding my horizons.

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

Tour Arrowhead Stadium, explore Nashville, walk next to KD and Draymond Green at a colts game, make it on stage in Anaheim.

What organizations or athletic activities do you participate in?

Football, Track & Field, FBLA, DLP, FCA.

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

They open doors for colleges and scholarships opportunities, allowed me to experience business related careers.

What is your favorite color?

Navy Blue

What are your plans after graduation?

Attend college and major in business.

Which DECA chapters are you working with this year?

Bismarck Century, Grand Forks Central, Fargo South

Do you have any pets?

Yes, Max.

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

Increase number of members to travel to Central Region Leadership Conference and the International Career and Development Conference.