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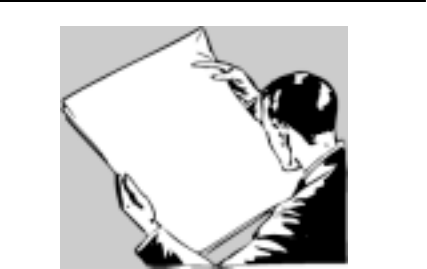
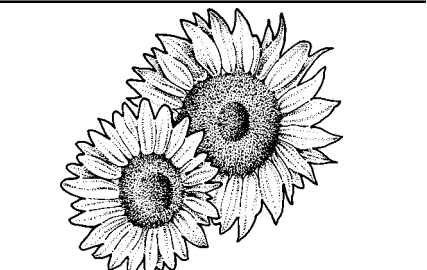
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## Congratulations, Goodland DECA!

### Two seniors finish third in competition

By Sharon Corcoran  
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A pair of Goodland High School seniors finished third at the DECA international competition April 25-30 in Orlando, Fla.; another senior competed; and a junior attended the conference as a leadership trainee.

Tiffany Schwasinger and Bryce Chatfield finished in third place in the Free Enterprise Project. They did a project presentation to corporate executives in the first stage of competition.

During the first stage, the 200 qualifying projects from all 50 states in the United States, Guam, Puerto Rico, Canada, The Virgin Islands, Mexico, Germany and South Korea were divided into eight categories. Schwasinger and Chatfield placed first in their category, gaining them recognition as a top 17 finalist.

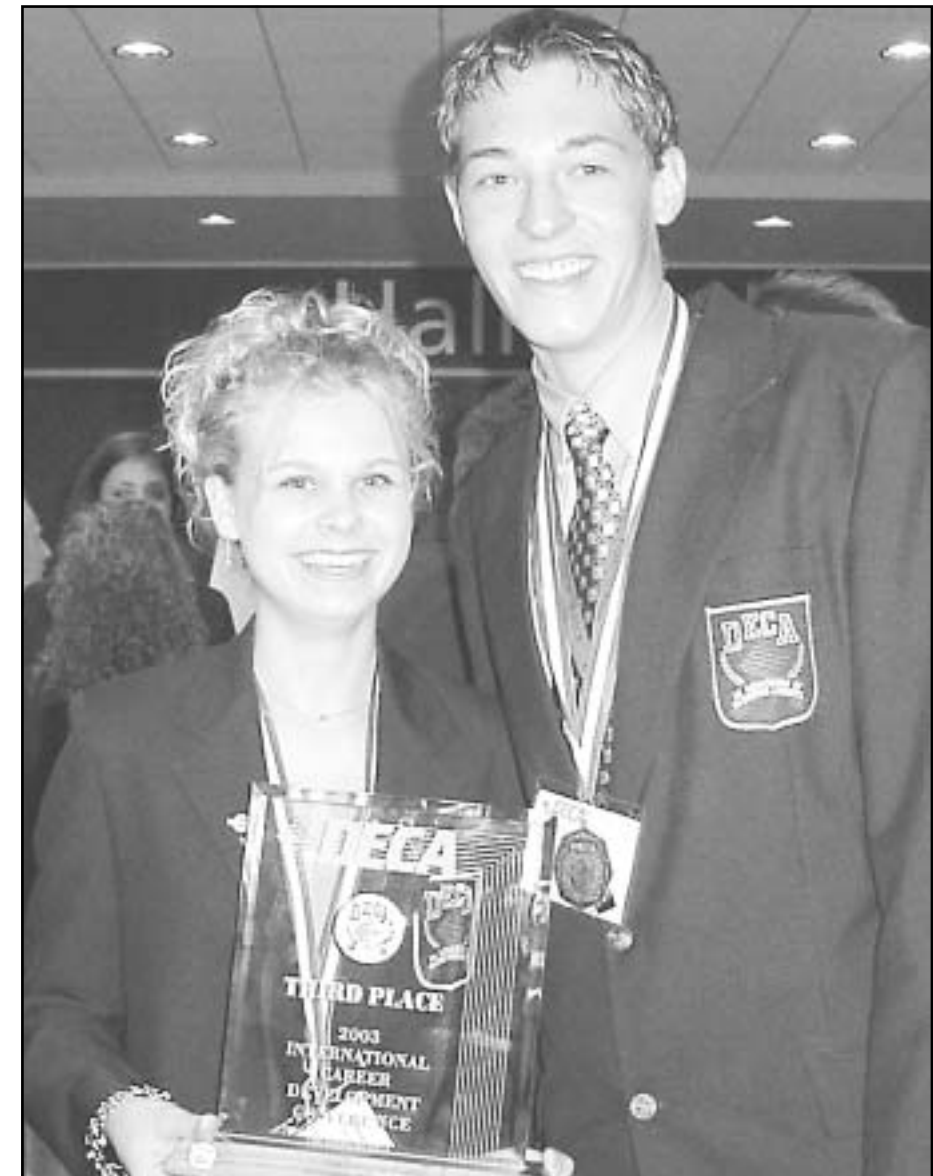
During the second phase, their 30-page written report was evaluated. The students then competed in another project presentation to a new set of corporate executives.

Their written score and presentation score were averaged, resulting in their third place overall finish. Schwasinger and Chatfield received competency certificates along with their medals and a trophy.

Senior Randi Gray competed in the retail merchandising series. Despite her efforts, she failed to make the finals.

Gray's competition started with a 100-question exam over retail merchandising. She then participated in two role-play case study situations.

The first stage of Gray's competition consisted of 300 international qualifying projects from all 50 states in the United States, Guam, Puerto Rico, Canada, The Virgin Islands, Mexico, Germany and South Korea. The 300 qualifiers were di-



Tiffany Schwasinger and Bryce Chatfield (above) won a trophy for third place at the DECA National Conference. Richard Schwasinger, DECA sponsor; Tiffany Schwasinger and Timothy Brydich, winners of the Allen Beneda scholarship; and Vera Beneda (below) held the plaque listing past award winners at the DECA Employer-Employee Banquet.

vided into 10 categories. The top two in each category were sent on to finals.

Nicole Titus, a junior, qualified to attend the conference as a leadership trainee. She attended and graduated from the state officer leadership training seminar.

The Goodland High School DECA Chapters also received top national recog-

ognition for member participation in community activities, membership increases and participation in DECA Week activities. Schwasinger represented the Goodland chapters on the international stage.

There were 12,000 DECA members attending the conference and 6,000 competing.

## DECA Chapter II recognizes many

The Senior DECA II Chapter presented awards at the Annual Employer-Employee Banquet and Awards Session Tuesday, May 6.

The DECA II members are Vicki Becvar, Timothy Brydich, Bryce Chatfield, Ethan Claassen, Jessica Colby, Angela Dikeman, Randi Jo Gray, Jennifer Huddy, Chad Kallsen, Emily Langness, Brandon Linden, Jon Renteria, Tiffany Schwasinger, Destiny Wing, Drew Wurtz and Amber Young.

The chapter recognized several members, DECA I members who attended the state conference, sponsors, judges, the media who provided coverage and businesses who employed students in the marketing program.

Schwasinger and Brydich, co-presidents of the chapter, received the presidential plaque for their leadership abilities and were students of the year. They also each received a \$100 scholarship from the Allan E. Beneda Memorial Award and Scholarship in memory of a man who had been active in DECA in high school and went on to gain a marketing education in college.

Charles Lammers, a DECA I member, received the salesperson of the year award for raising the most money for the club at fund raisers.

Wanda Schritter received the outstanding service award as a professional who helped the organization to achieve success at the state and national levels.

The Goodland Wal-Mart Supercenter

received the employer of the year award.

Butterfly Aviation Cafe, Crazy R's Bar & Grill, KGCR Radio Station, KLOE/KKCI/KWGB Radio Station, Knott Just Books, Louie's Inc., Nelson Harvesting Inc., Wal-Mart Supercenter, Wendy's Restaurant and Wheat Ridge Acres were recognized for employing marketing students.

KLOE/KKCI/KWGB Radio Station, The Goodland Star-News and Eagle Cable Television Station received media certificates.

Schritter, Diane Schwasinger and Vera Beneda were recognized as state sponsors, and Tammy Freeman and Marcia Harkins were recognized as state judges.

Jennifer Enfield, Charles Lammers, Kristen Lammers, Kelsey Leiker, Ana McClung, Jenna McGinley, Jedediah Snethen, Deanna Thompson, Nicole Titus and Ashley Wing are the DECA I members who attended state conference. The conference results were published in the Friday, March 14, issue of The Goodland Star-News.

Other DECA officers are: DECA I president, Wing; vice president, Gray; secretary, Huddy; treasurer, Titus; parliamentarian/social director, McClung; DECA Hut manager, Enfield; DECA II STUCO representative, Schwasinger; and DECA I STUCO representative, McGinley.



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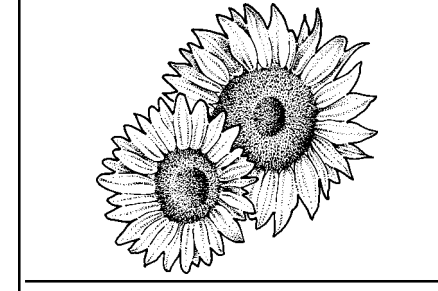
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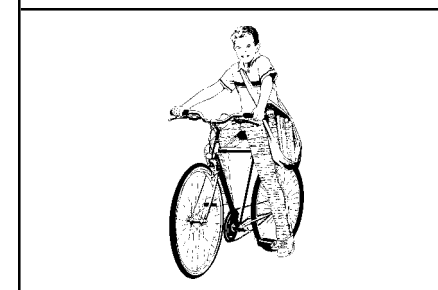


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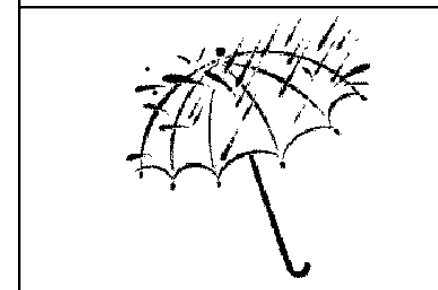
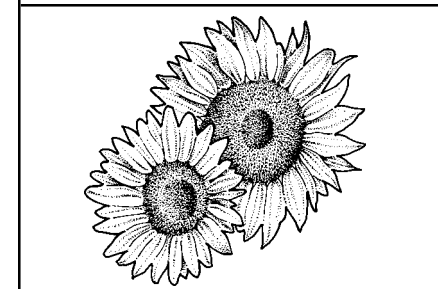
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