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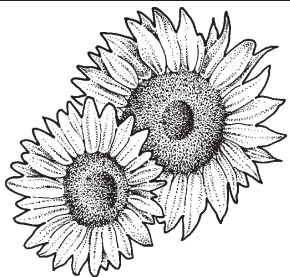
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## DECA members, employers honored



Robert Borneman (left) and Jonathan McClung received Allen E. Beneda Memorial Scholarship awards from Vera Beneda at DECA's annual Employer/Employee Banquet. Usually one student is chosen for the \$100 scholarship, but there was a tie this year, so both students got scholarships. Borneman and McClung also tied for student of the year and received \$100 scholarships from DECA.

Photo by Richard Schwasinger/Goodland High School

## Conference, banquet highlights of year

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Three Goodland High members competed at the International DECA Career Development Conference in Atlanta, then the Goodland clubs recapped their year and gave out awards at the annual Employer/Employee Banquet.

At the conference, senior Jonathan McClung competed in the Quick Serve Restaurant Marketing series competition, which included two problem-solving role plays and a 100-question exam. He didn't place in the top two positions in his section, said club advisor Richard Schwasinger, and did not move on to the final competition.

Junior T.J. Freeman, state DECA western region vice president, competed in the Leadership Education and Development Series and was named an honor graduate.

To be an honor graduate, Schwasinger said, he had to meet all the qualifications and pass a leadership test.

Senior Robert Borneman attended the Senior Management Institute competition and was an honor graduate.

Freeman and Borneman were at the top of their groups, Schwasinger said; there are about five from each state in the event, and the top 10 percent are honor graduates, so about 25 out of 250 get the honor. All went through training to be certified in leadership, he said, and then the top 10 percent received honors.

During the conference, all three Goodland members attended marketing and entrepreneurship seminars. Schwasinger helped with the Public Relations written event competition and received a "Recognition of Service" certificate.

First- and second-place state winning DECA members from across the United States, Guam, Puerto Rico, Canada, Germany, South Korea and the Virgin Islands competed in series competitions, written events, team events, DECA Quiz Bowl and many leadership development competitions.

At the banquet, the Senior DECA II Chapter thanked everyone who helped the members build their futures by encouraging their projects during the school year.

The senior members introduced themselves, their employers, parents and special guests and then the underclassmen did the same.

After the meal, they listed their school activities: school bulletin boards, DECA socials, school announcements and Goodland High campus clean-up and their conferences: Kansas DECA Fall Leadership Development Conference (Rock Springs Ranch), Kansas State DECA Career Development Conference (Overland Park) and International DECA Career Development Conference.

Their community projects were Iowa Township Cemetery Mowing Project, Community Speeches — Goodland City Commissioners, Entrepreneurship Promotion Project, Learn and Earn Project, Public Relations Project, Community Service Project, Goodland DECA Employer-Employee Banquet and participating in the Relay for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

Fund raisers included pop machine operations, candy machine operations, basketball concessions, Top Side Tip-off basketball concessions, Homecoming chili feed, wrestling concessions and volleyball concessions.

DECA II President Thomas Terry received the presidential plaque, and Matthew Espinoza was recognized as salesperson of the year.

Distinguished Service awards went to Thomas G. Terry, state sponsor, and Sandra Terry and Tammy Freeman, state judges.

Allen E. Beneda Memorial Scholarship, which is usually a \$100 award to one student, ended up a tie, so Vera Beneda awarded two \$100 scholarships, to Robert Borneman and Jonathan McClung.

DECA also gives a \$100 scholarship each year, Schwasinger said, and it ended up a tie as well, so two \$100 scholarships

went to two students of the year, Borneman and McClung.

Mike Brannick, owner of Taco John's, was recognized as Employer of the Year.

DECA I president is T.J. Freeman, DECA vice president is McClung, secretary/treasurer is Adrienne West, parliamentarian/social director is Michelle Smith, STUCO II representative is Thomas Terry and STUCO I representative Jacob Terry.

Presentations were done for state officers: McClung as the 2007-08 state DECA western region vice president and Freeman for 2007-08 state DECA secretary/reporter and 2008-09 state DECA western region vice president.

Fourth-year letter earners were Lauren Abernathy, Jonathan McClung and Adrienne West. Thomas Terry and T.J. Freeman earned letters for the third year, and Borneman for the second year. First-year letter earners were Espinoza, Dylan Hageman, Mindi Keith, Kaitlyn Lammers, Jennifer Pennington, Michelle Smith, Jacob Terry and Tamara West.

DECA members thanked KLOE/KKCI/KWGB Radio, Eagle Communications and The Goodland Star-News for media coverage.

They recognized state sponsors Vera Beneda, Thomas G. Terry and Pam West and state judges Tammy Freeman, Gary McClung, Laura McClung and Sandra Terry.

Members presented certificates to their employers: Lauren Abernathy and T.J. Freeman to KLOE/KKCI/KWGB radio station, Shawnie Butts to America's Best Value Inn, Natasha Cecil to Goodland Regional Medical Center, Jennifer Cole to Holiday Inn Express, Brittney Ford to Wheat Ridge Acres Retirement Community, Dylan Hageman, Dustin Pennington and Thomas Terry to McDonald's, Mindi Keith to Orscheln's Farm and Home, Holly Kibel to Wal-Mart Supercenter, Jonathan McClung and Jordan Roane to Taco John's, Felicia McGrath to Subway, Alison Milke to Howard Johnson Hotel and A.J. Stephens to Farris Manufacturing.

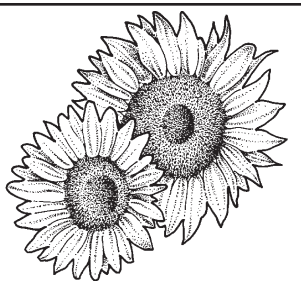
Recognition was given to Marketing Education Advisory Committee members Gina Abernathy, Robert Borneman, Mike Brannick, Tammy Freeman, Sonja Hildebrand and Gary McClung.



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