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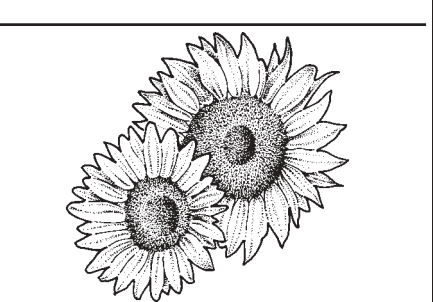



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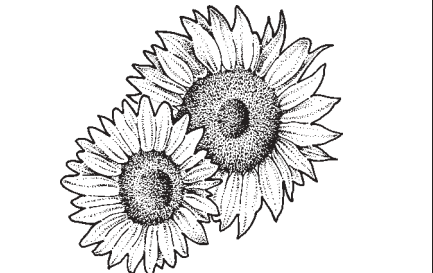
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*Congratulations, DECA,  
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DECA members going to the national career conference include (from left) Mallory Younger, Emily Burkett, Charles Lammers, Ana McClung, Erinn Abernathy, Jessica Lu and Lauren Abernathy. Not pictured are Kelsi Ihrig and Andrew Philbrick.  
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## Nine to compete in California

Nine Goodland High School students have earned a trip to sunny California by out-maneuvering marketing students from schools across Kansas at the state DECA career conference.

The Goodland club is sending the nine to the National DECA Career Development Conference April 26-May 1 in Anaheim, Calif.

The students brought home three first-place awards from the state conference Saturday-Tuesday, March 5-8, in Overland Park.

They had two second-place finishes, a third and a fourth in overall competition at the event.

"It was probably the best performance we've ever had," said DECA sponsor Richard Schwasinger. "All the kids tried really hard."

Ana McClung, Erinn Abernathy and Emily Burkett took first place for their "learn and earn" project and qualified for nationals. Goodland High School DECA I and DECA II each earned H.D. Shotwell Chapter Service awards, first place but not national qualifiers.

Second-place finishes that also qualify for the national event were a public relations project by Mallory Younger, Charles Lammers and Kelsi Ihrig and an entrepreneurship promotions project by Jessica Lu, Lauren Abernathy and Andrew Philbrick.

McClung's fourth-place finish in food

marketing-management also qualified for the national competition, since the top three in the category declined to compete.

Students can only compete at nationals in one event, so those students dropped that event to compete in another. McClung declined to compete in the event so she could be with her team in the learn-and-earn project.

Goodland has sent a team to nationals 27 out of the 28 years the school has had a DECA club, Schwasinger said. The club has finished as high as third at nationals.

In several events this year, he said, members and teams missed qualifying for nationals by one point. This is especially good, he said, since they are competing mostly against bigger schools.

The other schools were Class 5A and 6A schools, he said; Goodland may be the only 4A school in the state with DECA, and there were no 3A or 2A schools in the competition.

The club drove to Nashville for the meeting last year, Schwasinger said, but will fly to California. The students will fly from Denver to Ontario, Calif., Schwasinger said, about 40 miles from Anaheim.

It's more of an international competition, he said, with students from all 50 states and from Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Germany, South Korea and Canada.

Those from the overall competition at state who did not qualify for nationals in-

clude a civic consciousness project by Ashley Wing, Jenna McGinley and Kelsey Leiker, which finished third.

McGinley finished fifth in retail merchandising-management, and Lammers finished fifth in vehicle and petroleum marketing. Burkett was sixth in food marketing-management, and Wing was seventh in retail merchandising-associate.

Jedediah Snethen was eighth in technical sales event, and Lu was eighth in full service restaurant.

In individual event competition, McClung was third in food marketing-role play no. 2, Shannon Bryce was third in quick serve restaurant management comprehensive exam and Lammers was third in vehicles and petroleum marketing comprehensive exam.

Lu was fourth in full service restaurant-management role play no. 1, and McGinley was fifth in retail merchandising comprehensive exam.

McClung was sixth in food marketing-role play no. 1, and Lammers was sixth in vehicles and petroleum marketing-role play no. 2.

Wing was eighth in retail merchandising-role play no. 1, and Burkett was 10th in food marketing comprehensive exam.

Erinn Abernathy was 10th in apparel and accessories-role play no. 1, and Michael Bryce was 10th in retail merchandising comprehensive exam.



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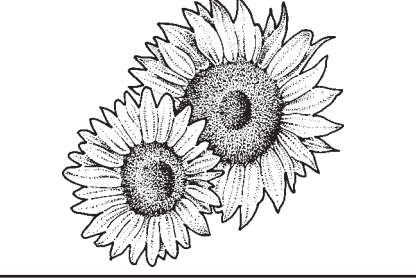
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