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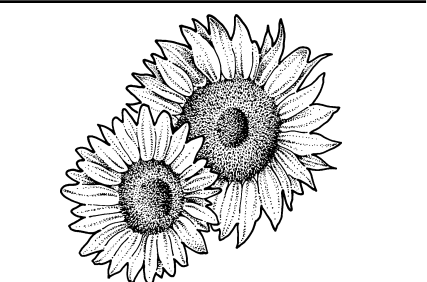
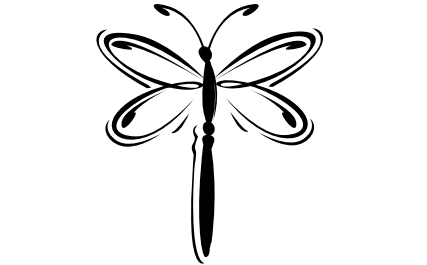
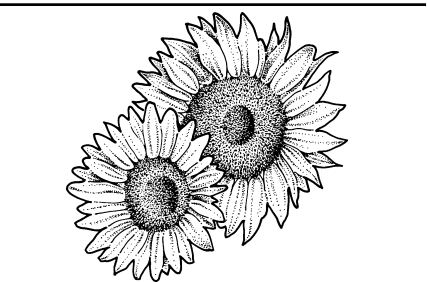
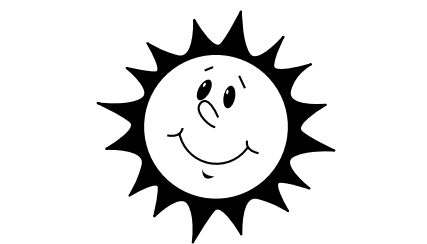
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DECA Club sponsor Richard Schwasinger (top left) presented awards to Jessica Lu, Lauren Abernathy and Jonathan McClung. Lu, Abernathy, McClung and Andrew Philbrick went to the International DECA Career Development Conference in Dallas. Jedediah Snethen (bottom left) won the Student of the Year Award and the Allen E. Beneda Memorial Award and Scholarship. Jo Ann Wahrman (bottom middle) received the Outstanding Service Award. Vera Beneda (bottom right) presented the Allen E. Beneda Award and Scholarship and served as a club sponsor when the students went to conferences.  
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Jedediah Snethen



Jo Ann Wahrman



Vera Beneda

## Club encourages career choices; students learn useful job skills

By Pat Schiefen

*The Goodland Star-News*

The Goodland High School marketing education club, DECA, had its end-of-the-year banquet honoring employer and employees Tuesday, May 16, at the Elks' Lodge. No one went hungry, as the students provided pot luck.

The club encourages students to get a job and find out if they really want to go into that field, said Schwasinger.

Jedediah Snethen, son of Mary Ann and Harold Snethen, won the Student of the Year award, presidential plaque and Allen E. Beneda Memorial Award and Scholarship. Vera Beneda, Allen's mother, gave the award. She was also a sponsor for the state conference, helping keep track of the students.

Cody Engel, son of Charles and Susan Engel, was named Salesperson of the Year. Sponsor Richard Schwasinger said this was Cody's second year for raising the most money for the club.

Jo Ann Wahrman, high school librarian, and Cathy Eddleman received the group's outstanding service award. Wahrman has helped the club as its media specialist, school improvement co-director, computer repair technician, state project consultant and chili feed co-director, said Schwasinger. Eddleman has served as a judge and sponsor at the state DECA Career Development Conference.

Brittney Espinoza gave the Employer of the Year award to her mother, Toni Espinoza, for KC's Video.

Local judges for the state competition were Gary McClung, Tammy Freeman and Joseph Stramek.

Schwasinger said four students, Jessica

Lu, Lauren Abernathy, Andrew Philbrick and Jonathan McClung, went to the 60th International DECA Career Development Conference in Dallas.

A second-place finish by Lu, Abernathy and Philbrick for their entrepreneurship promotion project at the state meeting qualified them to compete at the international conference.

They competed against first- and second-place finishers from all 50 states, Guam, Puerto Rico, Canada, the Virgin Islands, Germany and South Korea, with 14,000 total DECA members attending the conference. Goodland was the smallest school to compete, said Schwasinger.

Lu, Abernathy and Philbrick finished in the top 21 in their group in the international conference with their entrepreneurship promotion project. The 180 competitors were placed in seven categories, and the Goodland trio placed third in their group. A second-place finish would have gotten them into the finals. They received a competency award for having met all the requirements of the project. Very few get that award, Schwasinger said.

Lu and McClung graduated from the LEADS Leaderships Academy. McClung served on the Kansas DECA four-member voting team for the election of national officers.

Lu, daughter of Andy and Anna Lu, was elected as Kansas western region vice president. McClung, son of Gary and Laura McClung, was elected as the state reporter.

The club made money from pop and candy machines at the high school, a Homecoming chili feed and running concessions at basketball, wrestling and volleyball events and the Topside Tipoff basketball

tournament.

Students graduating from the marketing education program were Espinoza, Daniel Finnell, Samantha Lamb, Bryant Nemechek, Abby Martin, Jodi Roane, Miranda Smith, Snethen, Brandon Tatman, Jason Troyer, Julian Walls and Justin Holloway.

The officers were DECA II president Snethen, DECA I president Lu, vice president and Student Council I representative McClung, secretary/treasurer Douglas Eddleman, parliamentarian/social director Abernathy, student council II representative Finnell and historian/reporter Jillian Parker.

Snethen was a letter winner for this fourth year and Engel for his third. Second-year letters went to Abernathy, Michael Bryce, Eddleman, Finnell, Lu, McClung, Philbrick, Tiffany Schlink and Adrienne West. First-year letters went to Espinoza, T.J. Freeman, Holloway, Thomas Terry and Walls.

Other DECA members include Cassie Cooper, Mindi Keith, Brittaney Medrano, Arely Rascon, Renea Reasoner and Joshua Webster. Cooper participated in the state conference.

News media receiving certificates for support were *The Goodland Star-News*, KLOE/KKCI/KWGB radio and Eagle Cable.

Employers receiving certificates were the Good Samaritan Center, Nemechek Farms, KC's Video, Gambinos, Goodland Churches Thrift Store, Frontier Equity Exchange, Wheatridge Acres, Farris Manufacturing and McDonald's.

  
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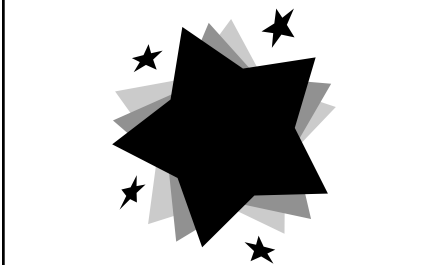
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