

High school DECA teams place at state competition

Many qualified for international competition in Orlando, FL

BELLEVUE—Earlier this month, 40 DECA students representing each district comprehensive high school, competed with 4,000 other DECA members across the state at the [State Career Development Conference](#) (SCDC) in Bellevue, WA. Of the 40 who attended, 12 qualified to compete in April at the [International Career Development Conference](#) (ICDC) in Orlando, FL.



Cascade High DECA team

CASCADE HIGH SCHOOL

“The students did an amazing job and were the most successful team Cascade has ever had at the state conference with five out of the ten earning a spot on stage and qualifying for international competition,” shared Jodi Jacobs, Cascade High DECA advisor.

“It was a proud moment for me and an exciting moment for the students. Now on to Orlando in April for the International Career Development Conference!”

EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL

“Congratulations to all Everett High DECA students who qualified to compete or attend an Academy at the ICDC in Orlando!” shared Carrie McCormick, Everett High DECA advisor.

In addition, five students have been selected to represent Everett High DECA for *Thrive* and other leadership academies:

- Sierra Carrero—Thrive Academy
- Omar Gorgonio—Thrive Academy
- Oscar Cisneros—Thrive Academy
- Reece Jewett-Slayton—Elevate Academy
- Shelby McCoy—Ignite Academy

“The students selected for the *Thrive Academy* were based on our chapter membership campaign allocations” added McCormick.

“The *Thrive Academy* is one of the largest academies that DECA offers at the annual International Career Development Conference. *Thrive Academy* is a rigorous and engaging academy for gaining self-empowerment and experiencing real world situations in the business field.”

“Their hard work, dedication, and involvement all year has paid off.”



Everett High DECA team

JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL



Jackson High DECA team

Jackson DECA sent 17 students to compete and three qualified for a spot in the international competition in Orlando, FL.

Of the three, Sai Raksha Rayala earned first place and is the state champion in the Financial Consulting category.

Jackson has four students selected to represent Jackson High DECA for Thrive and other leadership

academies:

- Laina Delgado—Thrive Academy
- Grace Vaughn—Thrive Academy
- Ashlyn Pistole—Thrive Academy
- Frida Sanchez—Elevate Academy

“Great job by the whole team and special congratulations to the International qualifiers!” shared Daniel Mills, Jackson High DECA advisor.

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Students competing at the international conference

CASCADE HIGH

- Holli Miller—School-based Enterprise Food Operations, **5th place**
- Mitchell Morris—Enterprise Food Operations, **Gold, 5th place** and Quick Serve Restaurant Management, **6th place**
- Sabrina Reilly—School-based Enterprise Food Operations, **5th place**
- Briana Siaz—School-based Enterprise Retail Operations
- Brandon Valencia—School-based Enterprise Retail Operations

EVERETT HIGH

- Aubrey Davis—Business Growth Plan, **2nd place**
- Alejandrina Olivan— School-based Enterprise Food Operations, **Gold**
- Faviola Paz— School-based Enterprise Food Operations, **Gold**
- Rocky Yonker— School-based Enterprise Food Operations, **Gold**

JACKSON HIGH

- Ellie Friedrichsen—School-based Enterprise Food Operations
- Angelina Kuo—School-based Enterprise Food Operations
- Sai Raksha Rayala—Financial Consulting, **1st place, State Champion**
- Priyanka Rao and DJ Yoon—Team Decision Making, **7th place**
- Priyanka Rao—Buying and Merchandising Operations Research, **4th place**