

Plainview-Old Bethpage DECA members earn recognition at DECA's International Career Development Conference

Two Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School DECA members earned the organization's highest honors at DECA's annual International Career Development Conference. Emily Sorgie and Tyler Sperry were recognized as event finalists in the Community Giving event, earning top 15 honors. The 44 POBJFKHS students who qualified to attend the competition in Anaheim, CA competed against approximately 200 teams in their respective events.

During the school year, approximately 100,000 of DECA's 225,000 high school student members take part in the organization's competitive events program, allowing them to compete for local, regional and association titles. The competitions are designed to simulate real-life business scenarios and test students' academic understanding and skills development. The top association winners put their talents to the test during the program's final round of competition in Orlando. The DECA International Career Development Conference was the pinnacle of competition where over 23,000 students vied for international honors. More than \$200,000 in scholarships and awards were presented to students and teachers for their achievements.

"ICDC specifically and DECA in general introduced me to a whole new opportunity in regard to challenges and competition," Emily Sorgie said. "It really has prepared me to step into the real world of business. I loved every minute!"

Added Tyler Sperry, "I am so grateful for everything that I've learned from DECA and the ICDC experience. I've gained skills that have helped me beyond the classroom that I will continue to use throughout my life."

Plainview-Old Bethpage DECA is one of the largest and highest achieving chapters in New York State. Each year, the chapter offers numerous initiatives to allow students to explore different facets of business, leadership, and their future. The District congratulates Emily and Tyler, all qualifying students and DECA adviser Ms. Lindsay DeLucca on their outstanding achievements.



Emily Sorgie and Tyler Sperry received Event Finalist Recognition for their "Our House" campaign.



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