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### **Buchholz DECA students win state awards, qualify for international competition**

Buchholz High School students from the Academy of Entrepreneurship recently competed at the Florida DECA Career Development Conference with impressive results. Altogether 41 of the 111 students won recognition and are eligible to compete at the International DECA conference in April. At the State conference, approximately 3,000 students from across Florida gathered in Orlando to compete in fifty different events during the four-day conference, with 30 to 50 students competing in each event.

The Buchholz DECA chapter received the Gold Chapter Award, which is recognition based on the planning and completion of activities around Outreach, Networking and Engagement. Buchholz DECA also earned the highest “Thrive” Level for the DECA Membership and Chapter Campaigns. Buchholz also boasts two Gold Level School Based Enterprises (SBEs): one for its retail store ‘Spirit Spot’ and the other for its Food ‘Café.’ Two teams will compete at the DECA International Career Development Conference against Gold Level SBEs from around the world.

DECA is an international student organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. Buchholz DECA chapter advisors are Wendy Rosché and Terry Hoffer.

Competitive event winners were:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Community Giving Project	Anna Tomlinson and Tommy Sheridan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Sales Project	Katie Lathem, Karis Harper, Oliver Dowling
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – Principles of Entrepreneurship	Milena Masters
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – Entrepreneurship Team Decision Making	McKenna Hantak and Noah Perez
4 <sup>th</sup> Place – Financial Literacy Project	Emma Dorosheff, Ansley Sherrard, Mara Tilley
6 <sup>th</sup> Place – Financial Literacy Project	Raelyn Henson, Isabela Caicedo, Paloma Dudas
6 <sup>th</sup> Place – Business Law & Ethics Team	Bryce Gillingham and Jayda Cooper
6 <sup>th</sup> Place – Human Resources Management	Halle Spiwak
7 <sup>th</sup> Place – Principles of Finance	Jenna Narveson
7 <sup>th</sup> Place – Business Growth Plan	Quinlan Richmond

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7<sup>th</sup> Place – Sales Project  
7<sup>th</sup> Place – Marketing Management Team  
8<sup>th</sup> Place – Principles of Hospitality  
8<sup>th</sup> Place – Career Development Project  
8<sup>th</sup> Place – Business Solutions Project  
8<sup>th</sup> Place – Buying and Merchandising Operations  
Qualified – Entrepreneurship Series  
Qualified – Entrepreneurship Team Decision Making  
Qualified – Automotive Services Marketing  
Gold SBE- Retail  
Gold SBE- Food

Jaite Howell, Finn Mangan, Julia Wicke  
Michaela George and Lily Vaillancourt  
Sailor Thomas  
Gracie Werner, Ellis Warm, Audrey Lee  
Thalia Brandes, Lillian Ho, Jullian Madambra  
Alexander Harris and Paul Mishoe  
Rebekah Brown  
Hana McGlynn and Marley Selph  
Hunter Hazen  
Anabel Soto and Gabe Myers  
Xavier Tatten and Zakiyah Williams



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