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Indiana students Earn Recognition at International DECA Conference

210,000 students compete for international awards and scholarships as emerging leaders
 and entrepreneurs

Orlando, FL – Indiana DECA members earned the organization’s highest honors at DECA’s 69th annual International Career Development Conference in Orlando, FL, April 25-28, 2015.

Students receiving recognition at the international level were:

Name of Student	Chapter / Advisor	Event	Place
Maria Awad Sydney Clark Madison Feigh	Carmel HS, Chard Reid, Laura Cardamon	Community Service Project	FIRST
Lasserina Dowell Hannah Linville	Brownsburg HS, Steve Bennett	Community Service Project	SECOND
Gracen Jarrett	Washington HS, Bill Turner	Entrepreneurship Participating-Independent	SECOND
Bryce Cirbo Zach Williams	Avon HS, Troy Drosche Ralph Hartnagle	Stock Market Game	SECOND
Ben Martin Stephen Mattson Puneeth Meruva	Homestead HS, Brian McNeal	Entrepreneurship Written	SECOND
Tyler Burdon Joy Huang Cameron Martin	Carmel HS, Chard Reid, Laura Cardamon	Sports and Entertainment Promotion Plan	SECOND
Zack Grove Mark Matsuki Sam Johnson	Carmel HS, Chard Reid Laura Cardamon	Learn and Earn Project	SECOND
Abigail Dolbeer	Westfield HS, Michelle Goudy Becky Sondgeroth	Apparel and Accessories Marketing Series	THIRD
Aneesh Luthra Samantha Blankenship Nicholas Spencer	Carmel HS, Chard Reid Laura Cardamon	Hospitality and Tourism Operations Research Event	THIRD
Noah Smith	Westfield HS, Michelle Goudy Becky Sondgeroth	Business Services Marketing Series	FOURTH

Lily Klootwyk Samantha McKenzie Olivia Robertson	Carmel HS, Chard Reid Laura Cardamon	Entrepreneurship Innovation Plan	FOURTH
Harrison Wesner	Homestead HS, Brian McNeal	Financial Consulting Event	FIFTH
Mairi Macdonald	Carmel HS, Chard Reid Laura Cardamon	Restaurant & Food Service Management Series	SIXTH
Spandan Garg	Carmel HS, Chard Reid Laura Cardamon	Business Finance Series	EIGHTH
Akshar Patel Mohamed Zia	Carmel HS, Chard Reid Laura Cardamon	International Business Plan	EIGHTH
Zack Chambers	Westfield HS, Michelle Goudy Becky Sondgeroth	Human Resources Management Series	NINTH
Anna Whitney	Munster HS Debbie Straka	Principles of Business Management and Administration	NINTH

During the school year, approximately 120,000 of DECA's 210,000 student members take part in the organization's [competitive events program](#), allowing them to compete for local and regional titles. The competitions are designed to simulate real-life business scenarios and test students' academic understanding and skills development. The top state and provincial 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 nearly 12,000 students vied for international honors. Over \$500,000 in scholarships and awards were presented to students and teachers for their achievements.

This year's #DECAICDC featured a record-breaking 18,000 members and advisors in attendance, DECA's largest conference to date. In addition to career-based competition, DECA members engaged in leadership academies and networking opportunities with over 60 internationally recognized businesses.

ABOUT DECA:

DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. DECA enhances the preparation for college and careers by providing co-curricular programs that integrate into classroom instruction, apply learning, connect to business and promote competition. For more information about DECA, please visit [our website](#) and to see the conversation from this year's conference follow #DECAICDC on [Twitter](#).

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