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MAHS DECA Members Qualify for Nationals



MAHS students Marco Bartoletta (seated), Mike Dalena, Christian Hakim, Andrew Brown, Jackie Jones (left), Austin King, Jason Clary, Kevin Barthelemy, Brian Flannery, Will Aldridge, Beth Hytla and Janet Broniecki won numerous trophies and medals at the recent state DECA conference in Hershey. Not pictured are Mike Kelley, Chris Barrett and Joe Geronimo.

Four Moon Area High School students are headed to the International DECA Conference in Anaheim, Calif., in April after finishing in the top three in their respective competition categories at the state DECA competition in Hershey on Feb. 18 to 20.

Austin King won a first-place trophy in Materials Handling/Logistics in addition to three medals for his test and role-play; Jason Clary and Marco Bartoletta won a second-place trophy in Travel & Tourism and Chris Barrett won a third-place trophy in Food Marketing after securing a medal for his role-play achievements.

Each category pitted approximately 40 DECA district conference winners from across the state against one another.

Winning students returned high marks on a 100-point written exam and then performed well during a face-to-face case problem competition with a judge, who was knowledgeable in the specific topic.

A total of 11 additional Moon Area students also finished with high marks in the competition. The following students won finalist trophies - Jackie Jones and Janet Broniecki - Business Law; Bethy Hylta – Accounting; Christian Hakim – Business Services Management and Will Aldridge – Public Speaking.

Students who received a medal included Jones and Broniecki – Business Law; Hylta - Accounting; Brian Flannery – Automotive Services and Joe Geronimo – Restaurant Food Service Management.

Additionally, Kevin Barthelemy, Andrew Brown, Michael Dalena and Michael Kelley won the second-place trophy in Quiz Bowl.