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H-F DECA Does It Again

Flossmoor, Ill. March 11, 2010— Homewood-Flossmoor High School DECA students earned the right to call themselves State Champions at the 64th Annual State Career Development Competition of the Illinois Association of DECA on March 4-6 in Decatur, Ill.

48 elite representatives from H-F qualified to participate in the state competition, which is designed to develop future leaders in marketing and management. It hosted over 950 DECA members and chapter advisors who represented 60 different high schools in Illinois.

H-F students enjoyed great success with 12 state champions who qualified for the International Competition. They have earned the right to compete with over 14,000 students from around the world.

The 12 H-F International qualifiers are: the defending International champion DECA Quiz Bowl team of Sam Applebaum, Steve Buchko, Ben Dreyfuss (also placed 1st overall in Virtual Business Challenge, Team 2) and Tim Weber (also placed 1st overall in Virtual Business Challenge Team 1); Jake Karmel and Matt Yonover-1st overall in Virtual Business Challenge on Teams 1 and 2, respectively; P.J. Grund and Dylan Spratt-3rd overall in Buying and Merchandising Management; Matt Christmas-3rd overall in Sports & Entertainment Marketing; and Taylor Redick and Chanel Walker-3rd overall in Sports and Entertainment Marketing Team Decision Making.

40 of H-F's 48 competitors finished in the top 20 in their events, and almost all H-F students achieved competencies in their events. The club as a whole received state recognition, and for the third straight year H-F was one of the few state chapters with over 100 members to demonstrate outstanding participation and contributions to Illinois DECA.

H-F DECA Quiz Bowl Team 2 comprised of Jake Karmel, Eli Lichtenberg, Jordan Pounder, and Keaton Fisher who finished 2nd Overall, Ben Dreyfuss finished 4th overall in Automotive Services, Samantha Gordon and Lauren Rounds finished 5th overall in Sports and Entertainment Marketing Team Decision Making, Erin Barton finished 6th overall in Principles of Business Administration: Hospitality and Tourism, Keaton Fisher finished 8th overall in Retail Merchandising, Allison and Emily Drwiega finished 8th

overall in Hospitality and Tourism Management, Kevin Odenwald and Brian Shockley finished 8th overall in Sports and Entertainment Marketing Team Decision Making , Jake Karmel finished 9th overall in Food Marketing, and Eli Lichtenberg finished 10th overall in Hotel & Lodging Management.

H-F DECA will be heading to Louisville April 23– 28 to again compete for International bragging rights for H-F and for the state of Illinois.

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