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### **H-F's DECA Members are Top Finishers at International Competition**

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**Flossmoor, IL, May 7, 2010** – H-F DECA members recently traveled to Louisville, Kentucky for the International DECA Competition that took place April 23– 28. The H-F DECA chapter was represented by 12 members. After placing 1<sup>st</sup> at the State competition, the defending champion quiz bowl team comprised of Sam Applebaum, Steven Buchko, Ben Dreyfuss, and Tim Weber finished in the Top 20 out of 55 teams from across the globe. Also competing were Taylor Redick and Chanel Walker who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state and were Top Twenty Finalists (of 250 competitors) in Sports and Entertainment Marketing Team Decision Making.

Seniors Austin Cooke and Jake Karmel and Junior Matt Yonover established themselves as two of the best 16 teams out of over 540 that competed nationwide in the H&R Block Dollars and Sense Challenge at the International Competition. The students were challenged to use Virtual Business software revolving around personal finance. The software involved the management of a virtual person's jobs, living arrangements and amenities, sleeping, eating, social functions, transportation and much more. They were given 15 minutes to earn as much money as they could with any potential mistake being the difference between winning and losing. The H-F DECA teams finished 6th and 10th respectively, losing to the eventual 1st and 2nd place finishers in the Semi-Final round.

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