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#### **Fifty-three Homewood-Flossmoor students qualify for state DECA competition**

Feb. 14, 2011 (Flossmoor, Ill.) — More than 90 students from Homewood-Flossmoor High School participated in the South Region DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) sectional competition, which took place in January at Moraine Valley Community College. The students pitted their knowledge and skills in Business, Marketing and Economics against students from 12 other South Suburban schools.

Top finishers & state qualifiers in individual events were:

- *Accounting Applications*: Hayley Hruska – 2<sup>nd</sup>; Nancy Tran – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- *Apparel & Accessories*: Brooke Bobbitt – 1<sup>st</sup>; Destiny Williams – 3<sup>rd</sup>;
- *Automotive Services*: Jeremy Arkin – 1<sup>st</sup>; Ben Dreyfuss – 2<sup>nd</sup>; Krista Glass – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- *Food Marketing*: Steve Buchko – 1<sup>st</sup>; Danielle Markus – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- *Hotel & Lodging*: Eli Lichtenberg – 1<sup>st</sup>; Kevin Noe – 2<sup>nd</sup>; Erin Barton – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- *Marketing Management*: Matt Yonover – 1<sup>st</sup>; Hope Hruska – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- *Principles of Business Administration*: Nick Brandt – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- *Principles of Hospitality*: Phillip Moore – 1<sup>st</sup>; Kadie O'Malley – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- *Principles of Marketing*: Matt Teykl – 1<sup>st</sup>
- *Quick Serve Restaurant*: Pete Weber – 1<sup>st</sup>
- *Restaurant & Food Service*: Franne Aboushousha – 1<sup>st</sup>; Sara Lichtenberg – 2<sup>nd</sup>; Anna Ciambrone – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- *Retail Merchandising*: Dana Yanow – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Top finishers & state qualifiers in team events were:

- *Business Law & Ethics*: Josh Barrett & Justin Johnson – 1<sup>st</sup>; Paige Hampton & Donna Skiba – 2<sup>nd</sup>; Will Gallagher & Troy Bergeron – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- *Buying & Merchandising*: David Stern & Jordan Pounder – 1<sup>st</sup>; Luke Lawler & Ryan Walker – 2<sup>nd</sup>; Gregory Kuznieski & Christian Tello-Aguirre – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- *Financial Services*: Eboni Williams & Irene Zhang – 1<sup>st</sup>
- *Hospitality Services*: Jordan Giffney & Lucy Pavisich – 1<sup>st</sup>; Connor Jennings & Joe Marshall – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- *Sports & Entertainment*: Matthew Christmas & Eli Sciford – 1<sup>st</sup>; Keaton Fisher & Vince Stanfa – 2<sup>nd</sup>; John Joffe & Tommy Dobrez – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- *Travel & Tourism*: Morgan Lundblad & Nikki Herkert – 1<sup>st</sup>; Emily Drwiega & Olivia Lubeck – 2<sup>nd</sup>; Greg Knox & Jordan Saulsberry – 3<sup>rd</sup>

“These elite representatives from Homewood-Flossmoor qualified to participate at the state competition, which is designed to help develop future leaders for business, marketing and management,” said Mike Patterson, H-F teacher and DECA chapter advisor. The state competition will be held in Decatur, March 3-5, and will host more than 900 DECA members and Chapter Advisors, representing 60 different high schools throughout the state.

Homewood-Flossmoor High School is a three-time National Blue Ribbon award-winning school, located at 999 Kedzie Avenue in Flossmoor, Ill.

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*Homewood-Flossmoor High School is a comprehensive community high school located in the South Suburbs of Chicago. The district serves the villages of Homewood and Flossmoor, and portions of Chicago Heights, Glenwood, Hazel Crest and Olympia Fields. A tradition of excellence is the cornerstone of H-F – the result of commitment on the part of district residents to the idea of a community high school with high standards for students and staff, and a solid goal of excellence in education.*

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