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DECA Club winners moving to international level

Mattituck Jr./Sr. High School, in the Mattituck-Cutchogue School District, is pleased to announce that members of the high school's DECA Club, led by adviser Mrs. LuAnne Nappe, have successfully competed and won awards at the state level making them eligible to compete on the international level. This is the first time, in the club's 19-year history, that members have qualified to compete on the international level.

Historically, this popular club has competed in the regional DECA competition on Long Island with successful contestants moving onto the state competition in Rochester, New York. This year, however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the regional competition was held virtually with students taking exams in various marketing and business categories. Sixteen students were successful at the regional level and qualified to move onto the state competition. Fourteen students chose to participate in the state level competition.

Congratulations to the following state winners: Ainsley Brewer – two medals for Test and Top 10 Overall Finalist in Hotel and Lodging Management; Jude Couch – two medals for Role Play and Top 10 Overall Finalist and a fourth place trophy in Principles of Business Management and Administration; Rileigh Frend – one medal for Role Plan and one medal in Sports & Entertainment Marketing; Katie Hamilton – three medals for Test, Role Play 2 and Overall Finalist and a fourth place trophy in Restaurant and Food Service Management; Connor Liddell – one medal for Overall Finalist in Business Law & Ethics Team Decision Making; Jeremy Stanzione – one medal for Overall Finalist in Business Law & Ethics Team Decision Making; Jada Marine – two medals for Role Play 1 and Role Play 2 in Restaurant and Food Service Management; Jenna Sledjeski – four medals for Test, Role Play 1, Role Play 2 and Over Finalist and a fifth place trophy in Marketing Communications Series.

Trophy winners are moving on to the International Career Development Conference, where they will compete against more than 18,000 DECA contestants from around the world.

In addition, four DECA members were inducted into the DECA Honor Society. Congratulations to seniors Ainsley Brewer, Katie Hamilton, Jada Marine, and Emma Reidy. Photo caption: From left, seniors Katie Hamilton and Ainsley Brewer, DECA adviser Mrs. LuAnne Nappe, and seniors Jada Marine and Emma Reidy.

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