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King Philip Students Earn Recognition at International DECA Conference

21,000 students compete for international awards and scholarships as emerging leaders and entrepreneurs.

By Vice President of Marketing Emma Daly

Wrentham, MA- King Philip DECA chapter members earned the organization’s highest honor at DECA’s annual international Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Orlando, Florida from April 27-May 2, 2019.

**Students receiving recognition at the international level were:**

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During the school year approximately 121,000 of DECA’s 226,000 student members take part in the organization’s competitive events program, allowing them to compete for local and regional titles. The competitions are designed to stimulate real-life business scenarios and test students’ academic understanding and skills development. The top state and provincial winners put their talents to the test during the program’s final round of competition in Orlando. The DECA ICSC was the pinnacle of competition where nearly 21,000 students vied for international honors. Over $500,000 in scholarships and

*From left to right back row: Hannah Mahoney, Emily Melanson, Kyle Hurley, Ramez Saad, Zach Ball and Kat Caravaggio*

*From left to right front row: Ryan Hastings, Tony Bozza, Dylan Powers, Dan Sammarco and Ryan Wood*
awards were presented to students and teachers for their achievements. Our program at King Philip is under the direction of Mr. James Dow.

Their years DECA ICDC featured a record breaking 22,100 members and advisors in attendance, DECA’s largest conference to date. In addition to career-based competition, DECA members engaged in leadership academics and networking opportunities with over 60 internationally recognized businesses.

2019 International Champions: Tonty Bozza, Dylan Powers, Dan Sammarco and Ryan Wood

About DECA:

DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. DECA enhances the preparation for college and careers by providing co-curricular programs that integrate into the classroom instruction, apply learning, connect to business and promote competition. For more information about DECA, please visit our school’s website and to see the conversation from this year’s conference follow #DECAICDC on Twitter.
The King Philip DECA chapter is proud to announce that for the eighth straight year, our chapter has returned from DECA’s International Career Development Conference as International Champions. Six out of our teams (most in MA) were announced as International Finalists, five of those teams (most in MA) achieved top 10 status, and two of these teams earned “DECA Glass” by finishing first place internationally. KP DECA qualified more teams to attend this conference and placed more teams in the final round of competition than any other school in MASS-DECA for the second straight year. In addition, out of the five glass trophies earned by Massachusetts, two of those belong to KP DECA. Our entire chapter is proud of our delegation’s confidence, preparation, and work ethic of all of our teams. Our organization is excited and optimistic about our future and anticipated continued success at all levels of DECA competition. Attached are a few pictures!

The following teams that make the International stage is listed below--
Ryan Hastings (Give Kids the World), Top 16
Kat Caravaggio, (Caravaggio), Top 10
Emily Melanson and Hannah Mahoney, (Stuffed with Love), Top 10
Kyle Hurley, Zach Ball, Ramez Saad, (Mainframe), Top 10
Tony Bozza and Dylan Powers (Top Soccer), 1st Place GLASS
Dan Sammarco and Ryan Wood, (Woo Sox), 1st place GLASS

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