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More than 30 Gwinnett students take DECA state honors

More than 30 **Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS)** students are moving on to participate in an international competition this week after recently earning top finishes at the state level event. The 31 high school students were invited to the DECA (Distributive Clubs of America) International Career Development Conference, an event for local school clubs with a focus on business and marketing. This year, the conference takes place April 28 – May 1, 2012, in Salt Lake City.

DECA is an international association of high school and college students studying marketing, management and entrepreneurship in business, finance, hospitality and marketing sales and service. Through DECA, students have the opportunity to participate in leadership development activities and compete in a variety of events.

The following 31 Gwinnett students were invited after placing 1st and 2nd place at the recent state competition.

School	Honoree/Student	Recognition / Event	Placed
Archer High	Sienna Brown	Job Interview	1st
Brookwood High	Jonathon Lister	Principles of Business Management and Administration	1st
Brookwood High	Kelly Behr	Hospitality Services Testing	1st
Grayson High	Trevell Pittman, Kalisha-Lourdy Lazare, and Shabre McCarthy	Public Relations Project	1st
Mill Creek High	Jared Flauta	Finance Testing	1st
Mountain View High	Amber Kimbrew	Business & Merchandising Testing	1st
Norcross High	Manhad Mohamed	Principles of Hospitality & Tourism	1st
North Gwinnett High	Shiv Patel	\$1,000 American Marketing Association Scholarship	1st
North Gwinnett High	Rebecca Powell	\$1,000 Georgia DECA Memorial Scholarship	1st
North Gwinnett High	Rebecca Powell	Professional Selling Event	1st
Parkview High	Ayotunde Bakare, Niki Nourollahi, and Summer Sizemore	Business Services Operations Written Event	1st
Parkview High	Laura Willis	Automotive Services Marketing	1st
Grayson High	Naila Maric, Najra Maric, and Maegan Lawrence	Entrepreneurship Written Event	2nd



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2010 Winner of



Grayson High	Taylor Marshall, and Kevianna McKinney	Creative Marketing Project	2nd
North Gwinnett High	Shiv Patel	\$500 Georgia DECA Memorial Scholarship	2nd
North Gwinnett High	Megan Morrisey	Hospitality Services Testing	2nd
Parkview High	Cassie Daigle, and Jamie Freking	Marketing Communications Team Decision Making	2nd
Parkview High	McCall Mullee	Hotel and Lodging Management Series	2nd
Parkview High	Raeann Kane, Sarah Nay, and Kimberly Pham	International Business Plan	2nd
Peachtree Ridge High	Katelyn Techo	Principles of Hospitality & Tourism	2nd
Peachtree Ridge High	Arista Moultrie, and Alexandria Anderson	Fashion Promotional Plan	2nd
Peachtree Ridge High	Lauren Mulligan, and Madison Murphy	Sports & Entertainment Marketing Team Decision Making	2nd
Mountain View High	(school recognition)	SBE (School Based Enterprise) Bronze Certification	
North Gwinnett High	(school recognition)	SBE (School Based Enterprise) Gold Certification	

Gwinnett County Public Schools has 17 active DECA chapters with over 2,075 students participating.