

## January competition held at M'boro's Embassy Suites

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Motivation—for Riverdale High School DECA students, motivation is one of the many words used to describe a peer's attitude when it comes to competing in DECA's District Competition. But, honestly, what is a DECA competition?

Marketing teacher Joy Rich said, "The main purpose of a DECA competition is to show students [how to handle situations] in the real world including interviews. Basically, an adolescent takes all the skills they have acquired through marketing and in turn applies them to the situation they're given during a role play." For those unaware, a role play refers to the changing of one's behavior to assume a role, either unconsciously to fill a social role, or consciously to act out an adopted role.

Out of the entire student body, 82 lucky students have managed to earn the chance to compete in the competition on January 30 at Embassy Suites. McKenna Hale said, "Since this is my first year participating, I'm looking forward to seeing what's in store during the competition. Although I'm slightly nervous, I feel my teachers have prepared me enough to accomplish what needs to be done."

In order to formulate enough money for districts, DECA competitors are selling homecoming short sleeve (\$7) and long sleeve shirts (\$10).

Competitors: Faith Luangrath, Tad Onwu, Joy Frierson, Sophie Callis, Justin Luther, Hannah Lindsey, Zak Haines, Rick Jones, Courtney Duffner, Kodie Kehrer, Alexis Tindall, Michael Whitsey, Shamesha Talley, Brandon Wolgast, Collinthis House, Gavin Cain, Anthony Vongsamphanh, Erica Edwards, Bernice Laquart, Jackson Jones, Jadae Verge, Marissa Gaston, Taylor Dohoda, Cameron Nave, Dray Curtis, Will Brooks, Shanna Mitchell, Kaitlin Maxwell, Alydria Carroll, Terryn Nunez, Kayla Parker, Kavin Johnson, McKenna Hale, Lizzie Hutchings, Mitchell Maxwell Savannah Mathis, Brian Sissom, Cecilia Onate, Partheney Chamarath, Tim Pickett, Hayley Dawson, Kaylan Orphanos, Abby Shaw, Josh Robinson, Haley Austin, Jasmine McClough, Justine Cantrell, Allie Crabtree, Anthony Pierce, Jenna Osborne, Scott Joiner, Rebekah Reed, Jessica Patel, Henre Roshell, Brooke Leathers, Sarah Pinkson Markel Payne, Chelsea Patterson, Chelsea Woodard, Matthew Bidwell, Nicole Porter, Nick Barnes, Nathan Mitchell, Thomas Beal, Braeden Shelton, Kianna Grimes, Rakerria Mines, Brandon Harvey Kariana Patel, Morgan Stansell, Rachel Jones, Sarah Kellem, Christian Pena, Leigh Ann Lamb, Maddie Miler, Michael Curtis, Tanner Mayhall, Trevor Wiemann, Paul Montgomery, Katie Blasingim, and JD Leverette