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Harker DECA Celebrates the Year at 2017 End of the Year Banquet

San Jose, California – On May 25th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the Harker DECA Officer Team hosted a number of students and parents gathered for Harker DECA's end of the year Banquet. This annual event commemorated the achievements of all the members of the chapter and included a special presentation. Many students were also given awards recognizing their individual accomplishments.

“This year's DECA Banquet had a great turnout and was a great opportunity to wrap up the year with students, parents, and even alumni,” said Ashna Chandra (11), Harker DECA Co-Chief Executive Officer. “I enjoyed talking to parents and students about the successes of this past year, as well as the exciting future of our chapter.”

As the evening began, attendees were given the chance to eat light snacks as well as meet new people in the Nichols Atrium. This was also a chance for parents and students to get to know the 2017-2018 DECA Officer Team as well as Chapter Advisor Juston Glass, and they got to ask any questions they had. Displayed on tables were trophies and plaques from chapter campaigns, and various informational sheets and magazines were placed for students and parents to look at.

People in attendance then started to make their way into the Nichols Auditorium, where former Harker DECA Co-Chief Executive Officers, Alexis Gauba (12) and Riya Chandra (12), welcomed everyone and began the ceremony. They mentioned the overall results of this year from all three competitive conferences, and everyone had the opportunity to view the end of the year video honoring all the memories and funny moments that were made.

“The end of the year video is a great way for attendees to recollect all the memories they made during the school year,” said Vignesh Panchanatham (11), Harker DECA Vice President of Operations. “It generally is something all members of the chapter look forward to as the year comes to a close.”

Then, Gauba, Chandra, and Mr. Glass started handing out awards to a few chapter members. Not only did members receive awards, but select parents and chaperones that went above and beyond to assist students also were recognized.

Awards went to the following students:
Freshman of the Year – Jeffrey Liu (9)
Sophomore of the Year – Riya Gupta (10)
Junior of the Year – Neelesh Ramachandran (11)
Senior of the Year – Haley Tran (12)
Most Valuable Mentor – Adyant Kanakamedala (11)



Community-Oriented – Adhya Hoskote (9)
Academically Prepared – Alyssa Huang (9)
Experienced Leader – Nishka Ayyar (10)
Professionally Responsible – Nikhil Sharma (9)
Most DECAcated – Arnav Joshi (9)
Most Valuable Diamond – Evan Cheng (9)
Parent of the Year – Ms. Shagorika Dixit
Chaperone of the Year – Ms. Notts

“The moment of going on stage and receiving my certificate encouraged me to continue being myself,” Adhya Hoskote (9), award recipient of Community Oriented. “It helped me be closer to the community, and I felt my presence was being known as a member of the Harker DECA chapter.”

Next, the 2017-2018 Harker DECA Officer Team was introduced by the Co-CEO’s. Each one was announced to come up on stage. Juston Glass, Harker DECA Advisor, also gave out traditional pins to the Vice Presidents, appointing their leadership as a part of the team.

At the end, Mr. Glass concluded the formal presentation. Afterwards, everyone gathered in the Nichols Atrium once again for socializing and enjoying additional refreshments. Parents also took this time to sign up for parent judging at future conferences in the next year.

All in all, the annual Harker DECA end of the year Banquet marks the end of the DECA 2016-2017 school year, as it is the last event that takes place. Harker DECA is extremely thankful for all the support they have received, and they cannot wait for future years of achievements and accomplishments.

About The Harker School DECA

Harker DECA is an International Competitive Business Organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in four fields of business: marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. Our DECA chapter integrates classroom instruction, applies learning, connects to business, and promotes competition in order to prepare the next generation to be academically prepared, community oriented, professionally responsible, and experienced leaders.

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