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Happy November Maryland DECA Advisors!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I'd like to wish you all a prosperous holiday season that is quickly approaching as we close out 2018. Understandable, 2019 is right around the corner and for many chapters, January is filled with many DECA events. Please use this email as a quick update on all things Maryland DECA.

Power Trip

DECA, Inc.'s conference is this weekend and we are ecstatic to say that 60+ members from our delegation will be in attendance. In addition, a few of our directors will on-site and would like to extend an invite to swing by the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront if you want to enjoy some face-to-face time. We are here for you.

Maryland DECA Committees

At the last board meeting, the voting members approved a motion to establish four (4) standing committees that have been tasked to tackle specific goals for the 2018-2019 year. The following serves as a formal list with the respective Chair of each:

- Conferences Committee – Diana Hegmann
- Corporate Partnerships – Frederick Jenkins
- Chapter Advocacy & Expansion – Demitra Marafatsos
- Alumni Relations – Keisha Maddox/David Molot

Regional Conferences

The Conferences Committee is finalizing the details revolved around regional conferences. Without a State Advisor, we are still moving forward with the following three (3) regional conferences:

- Region I – Winston Churchill High School
- Region II – Glen Burnie High School
- Region IV – Pikesville High School

We understand that some regions are NOT hosting official conferences, however, the board has discussed offering an official packet of materials to chapters interested in hosting their own competition at their respective schools. If you are interested in taking advantage of this offering, please email info@marylanddeca.org and we can provide those materials once published.

SCDC 2019

The main event of our year is also fast approaching set for the end of February at the Baltimore Marriott Camden Yards, the same venue as last year. We have enough space for 600+ attendees to learn, compete, network, and develop as leaders. Also, a block of hotel rooms has been acquired for a set amount to ensure there will be no need for an overflow hotel. GREAT news.

Once the Conference Committee finishes their plans for Regionals, you all will be receiving registration packet information. I believe last year, information was sent in December and we are keeping with that same time frame.

ICDC 2019 – Orlando, FL

Not much to share here other than that the board has secured 120+ flights and ground transportation accommodations that will ease the logistics of air travel and transport to-and-from the hotel/airport. We are proud to be utilizing the vendor Vista Travel and will be providing more information in 2019.

Men's Warehouse

I want to give a shoutout to Beth Colon, Advisor from Severna Park for reaching out to the board to help put her in contact with a Men's Warehouse representative to visit her chapter as a guest speaker. As a National Advisory Board partner, Men's Warehouse is a well-known brand that works closely with DECA. We encourage each of you to contact us with any needs you may have that will assist in your chapter throughout the year.

MarylandDECA.org Website Redesign

Many of you might have noticed that the website hasn't been updated in quite some time. That is because we are currently in design phase of the website "facelift." Our goal is that through this effort we will be able to provide a resource to advisors, members, and partners of all things Maryland DECA. Furthermore, this will cut down on the long emails when we can post all our updates via website. EXCITING!!!

Colleges & Universities Exhibits

Part of the planning for SCDC includes having exhibitors attend from colleges and universities from around the area. We have a couple of representatives that have secured exhibits but if you are in direct contact with any representatives and their presence at SCDC would benefit the greater organization, please send an email to leo@marylanddeca.org so we can secure them for our February conference.

Advisors, we are here for you. Growing pains have been experienced and we're 100% on top of everything. Let's stay in constant communication and we will see you all at a superb SCDC in February 2019.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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