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### **Ashwaubenon High School Qualifies Five Students For International DECA Competition**

**Ashwaubenon, WI – March 18, 2010** – Ashwaubenon High School sent seven students to compete at the DECA State Competition on March 10th and 11th in Lake Geneva. All seven students were finalists, finishing in the top ten percent of their category, with five of them advancing to the International Competition in Louisville, Kentucky in late April.

The State Competition includes more than 1,700 students competing in sixteen event categories. The top seven finishers qualify for the International Competition. Ashwaubenon's Buying and Merchandising team of Hannah Wikum and Kelsey Jones earned two medals, second place overall and are advancing to the International Competition. The team of Austin Kassner and Andrew Clark earned two medals, placed fifth overall and will be advancing to Internationals in the Sports and Entertainment category. Nikhitha Murali, competing in the Business Services category, earned one medal, sixth place overall and will also advance to Internationals. Rounding out the seven state competitors were Philip Nelson and Brian Lauscher who were finalist in Financial Services category.

DECA is an association of marketing students whose annual competitions include written exams and role-plays judged by business professionals. Ashwaubenon competes in Wisconsin's District 4 against other high school teams from the Green Bay the Fox Valley area.

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*[Picture of Ashwaubenon DECA State competitors (ASD-HS-DECA-State.jpg) from left to right. Back row - Austin Kassner, Andrew Clark, Brian Lauscher; Middle row - Nikhitha Murali; Front row - Hannah Wikum, Philip Nelson, Kelsey Jones]*

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