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### ASHWAUBENON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS MEDAL AT DECA STATE

**Ashwaubenon, WI – March 14, 2018** – On March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, over 80 schools and more than 1,300 students participated in the DECA State Competition in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Ashwaubenon High School had 8 students compete in the competition, with six of those students receiving medals. In addition, four of the Ashwaubenon participants qualified for the DECA International Competition, which will be held in Atlanta, Georgia.

There are a total of 16 event areas for the students to compete in. Each student takes a business test and does two business role plays with business professionals. Student scores on all three events are added together to determine overall winners in each event category. At the DECA State Competition, students compete with approximately 50 other Wisconsin high school students in a business specific category, with the top seven moving on.

Below are the results for the eight AHS students who participated.

#### Overall DECA State Results:

Matthew Hawkins and Celeste Wiedmann - medaled in one event and took 5<sup>th</sup> in the State  
Catlin Morris and Katherine O'Connell – medaled in one event and took 7<sup>th</sup> in the State  
Julie Clabots and Bailey Conrads – medaled in one event  
Simran Armstrong and Maggie Nipps – competed but were not able to medal

DECA is an association of marketing students and has clubs in many of the area high schools. The clubs are organized into districts. Ashwaubenon is in District 4, which covers the Green Bay area and most of the Fox Valley. There are District, State and International DECA competitions each year, where students must qualify to advance to the next level. Team and individual participants compete in 16 categories and must perform in two role plays and one business test.

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Photo Caption: Pictured from the left to right: Katherine O'Connell, Maggie Nipps, Celeste Weidemann, Matthew Hawkins, Catlin Morris, Simran Armstrong, Julie Clabots, and Bailey Conrads

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