

Tolland High School Weekly Bulletin

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THS DECA ACHIEVES SUCCESS AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL IN ATLANTA, GA

During the 2017-18 school year, approximately 120,000 of DECA's 225,000 student members take part in the organization's competitive events program, allowing them to compete for international awards and scholarships as emerging leaders and entrepreneurs. The competitions are designed to simulate business case scenarios and test students' academic understanding and skills development. After rigorous state and regional competitions, the top qualifying students put their talents to the test during the program's final round of competition in Atlanta, GA. The DECA International Career Development Conference (ICDC) was the pinnacle of competition where over 19,000 students vied for international honors. In addition nearly \$500,000 in scholarships and awards were presented to students and teachers for their achievements.

The following Tolland High School DECA members earned the organizations highest honors at DECA's 72nd annual International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, GA this past April 21-24, 2018:

<u>Name of Student</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place/Honor</u>
Matt Coleman (sophomore)	Restaurant and Food Service Management Series	Certificate of Excellence*
Bryan Kelly (sophomore)	Principles of Marketing	Certificate of Excellence*
Sarah Lateer (senior)	Hotel and Lodging Management Series	Certificate of Excellence*
Jessica Collins (sophomore) and Anchi Li (senior)	Travel and Tourism Team Decision Making Event	Certificate of Excellence*
Sheraz Din and Noah Johnson (seniors)	Financial Services Team Decision Making Event	Certificate of Achievement
Sierra DeCarli (senior)	Leadership Conference attendee	
Allyse Ernst (junior)	Leadership Conference attendee	
Jayden Regisford (junior)	Leadership Conference attendee	

*A **Certificate of Excellence** is awarded to those students who, at the international level, have a combined score of 70 or better on their comprehensive exam and presentation in their competitive category.

STOCK MARKET GAME

Students in Mrs. Bridge's, Mr. Cayward's, and Ms. Marshall's business classes recently competed in the SIFMA Foundation's Connecticut Stock Market Game. Once again, Tolland High School's performance in the high school division was outstanding. This year's winners is Tolland senior Holly McGrath, pictured to the right. Holly plans on attending Coastal Carolina in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. She has been admitted into their Honors Program and will major in intelligence and national security. At THS, Holly is the secretary of the Mark Twain Chapter of the National Honor Society.



The SIFMA Foundation is an independent 501(c)3 educational organization dedicated to fostering knowledge of the financial markets. The Stock Market Game (SMG) program is a project-based learning activity that meets Common Core State Standards and provides real world opportunities to practice 21st century skills in critical thinking, collaboration, and communication. Students are challenged to develop a successful investment portfolio by investing a virtual \$100,000. In terms of collaboration, students work in teams of two to five to investigate and gather news and data on potential investments. As an integral part of the SMG experience, students utilize a broad range of informational texts and evaluate current events. Students work together to create and manage a virtual investment portfolio by buying and selling real world stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. Each team is responsible for researching and evaluating potential investments. They analyze and manage the risks associated with economic and political events and learn about the capital markets. Team members must also effectively come together on cooperative decisions on whether to buy, sell, or hold the stocks, funds, and bonds in the portfolio they have created. Through this real-world experience in personal financial literacy, students have an opportunity to explore the fundamentals of personal finance and investing, while practicing content and skills in math, English Language Arts, economics, social studies, and other subjects. Working together to build and manage an investment portfolio in a real-world, dynamic marketplace, students analyze and make decisions, explore the consequences of their choices, and seek new ways to strategize for success. Great job Holly!

SPORT BIZ MADNESS

Kacie Shea, a Tolland High School senior and Sports Marketing Seminar student finished as a runner up in Sports Career Consulting's second annual "Sports Biz Madness" High school Case Study tournament. Kacie competed against over 90 student contestants nationwide. Students were charged with submitting written responses with solutions and suggestions for sports companies that had various marketing issues. A panel of judges who evaluated the responses determined the winners of each round. From those, they picked eight responses to compete in the "Elite 8". It was then narrowed down to the "Final Four", and championship round where Kacie finished as the contest's runner-up. Kacie, who is also a standout softball player at THS plans on attending St. Leo University in Florida next year. She is interested in possibly pursuing a career in Sports and Entertainment Marketing. Congratulations Kacie!



THS STUDENT RESTAURANT - SPRING 2018

There are still seats available for our Culinary II student's restaurant this Spring. Lunch begins at 10:30 a.m. and costs \$7 per person. If you are interesting in making a reservation, please email Sandy Cimino at scimino@tolland.k12.ct.us. Upcoming menus are as follows:

May 10th

Focaccia Bread

Quinoa and Pomegranate Salad

Mediterranean Baked Sweet Potatoes w/ Bean Salad

Chocolate Chip Cookie Ice Cream Sandwiches

May 17th

Cheese Topped Garlic Bread
Oven Fresh Seasoned Potato Wedges
Chicken Pot Pie
Apple Crisp with Vanilla Ice Cream

May 24th

Focaccia Bread
Caprese Salad with Balsamic Glaze
Three Cheese Chicken Pasta Bake
Greek Yogurt & Cranberry Orange Pound Cake

June 1st

Focaccia Bread
Adobo Salad
Garlic Lemon Green Beans
Caribbean Chicken over Basmati Rice
Peach Cobbler w/ Vanilla Ice Cream

June 8th

Focaccia Bread
Caesar Salad
Beef Enchiladas
Mexican Rice & Beans
Mascarpone Cheese and Berries Parfait



TOPS Soccer

Fall 2018 Recreation Program

We are recruiting a volunteer coach to work with our TOPS Soccer Division soccer players. TOPS Soccer is the name given to the youth soccer division within our recreation program for players with physical and mental disabilities.

The Tolland Soccer Club is celebrating its 21st consecutive season of TOPS soccer for children ages 4-19 years old. We are seeking an assistant coach to join our program. Over the last few years, we have had over 50 buddies and approximately 50 players participate in TOPS. The players come from Tolland and surrounding communities. Coaching is a great opportunity to help out your community and support kids that want to play soccer in a fun and non-competitive environment.

Soccer coaching experience is not required; just a big heart, and strong desire to help children achieve their dreams. We would be honored to have you join us as a coach this fall.

Please contact Jeff Gallagher at 860-375-8676 or jgallagher@ucctolland.org or Lisa Bowden at 860-729-8466 for more information.

TOPS takes place on either Tuesdays or Wednesday evenings from 5:45-7:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:45-10:00 a.m. The season lasts from September to the first weekend of November.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 7 - May 18 - AP Testing

May 7 - Parent Advisory Council - 6:00 p.m. - Main Office Conference Room

May 8 - NHS Induction - 7:00 p.m. - Auditorium

May 11 - Early Release - Teacher In-Service

May 18 - Prom

BOOSTER CLUB

The next meeting of the year will be held on Monday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the THS main office conference room. Please join us and learn more about the exciting events planned for the year. If you have any questions, ideas, or comments, please contact Co-Presidents Diane Clokey at dbclokey@gmail.com or Jenn Dineen at ineccidineen@yahoo.com