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GCPS students take top spots at state DECA conference

More than two dozen **Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS)** middle and high school students earned a first or second place finish at the **DECA State Career Development Conference** last month. The 25 students have qualified and will represent GCPS at the International Career Development Conference in April, held in Atlanta.

DECA is an international association of high school and college students that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. Through DECA, Gwinnett County Public Schools' students have the opportunity to participate in leadership development activities and compete in a variety of events on an international level. The winning students are:

School	Name	Place	Recognition/Event Name
North Gwinnett MS	Trinity Elaine Eloise DiBartolo	2 nd	Emerging Leader Academy
Brookwood HS	Gloria Adeola Priscilla Lin Susan McKibben Deborah Olorunisola	2 nd 1 st 1 st 2 nd	Entrepreneurship Team Decision Making Financial Services Team Decision Making Financial Services Team Decision Making Entrepreneurship Team Decision Making
Lanier HS	Britley Jones	2 nd	Business Services Role Play
Meadowcreek HS	Toni Walker	1 st	Apparel and Accessories Marketing
Mill Creek HS	Gabriella Delliponti Owen Pendley Samantha Rahinsk Matthew Streeter Danielle Williams	1 st 1 st 2 nd 2 nd 1 st	State Lapel Pin Design State Lapel Pin Design Quick Serve Restaurant Management Accounting Applications State Lapel Pin Design
Mountain View HS	Amaya Acklin Alexis Clark Alexis Clark Lauryn Jackson	1 st 1 st 2 nd 1 st	Entrepreneurship - Start Up Business Plan Entrepreneurship - Start Up Business Plan Entrepreneurship - Individual Series Entrepreneurship - Start Up Business Plan
North Gwinnett HS	Matthew Gilbert Kenneth Huffman Jordan Johnson	1 st 1 st 1 st	Buying & Merchandising Operations Research Buying & Merchandising Operations Research Business Growth Plan
Parkview HS	Frederick Julian Ashby Matthew Castrillon Olivia Draper Angela Lee Mackenzie Perez Mary Wang Cindy Zhou	2 nd 2 nd 1 st 2 nd 1 st 2 nd 2 nd	Sports & Entertainment Marketing Individual Role Play Sports & Entertainment Marketing Team Decision Making Finance Operations Research Sports & Entertainment Marketing Team Decision Making Finance Operations Research Business Services Operations Research Business Services Operations Research

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