

# WHAT TO EXPECT AT A TEXAS DECA STATE CAREER DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Join 5,000+ high school students, advisors, professionals and alumni from all across Texas.

## DAY 1: ARRIVAL

**CONFERENCE MATERIALS:** When you arrive, your advisor will check in and receive all of the conference materials for your chapter. Some things that you will receive include your name badge and lanyard, chapter achievement ribbons, a conference program, and sponsor materials.

**CONFERENCE EXHIBITS:** At these exhibits, you can meet and learn about many colleges and DECA corporate partners and grab some free swag items while you're at it! They are open to all members and free for you to explore. Exhibits will also be open for you to explore on day 2 if you don't get to them all!

**OPENING SESSION:** Members from all across Texas will gather to kick off the conference. The state officers will go over what you can expect from the conference and we will recognize chapters and members on their accomplishments for the year!

## DAY 2: COMPETITION

**COMPETITION:** This is the moment you have been preparing for all year: competition time! Take a deep breath and go earn that Texas DECA Glass and your chance to compete at ICDC!

**STATE OFFICER CANDIDATE MEET AND GREET:** Take some time to meet with the individuals who are running to lead Texas DECA for the upcoming year. All members are welcome to attend to learn about the candidates goals if elected as a state officer.

**BUSINESS MEETING + ELECTION SESSION:** Voting delegates will attend the Business Meeting + Election Session to hear a each state officer candidate give a speech and then cast their ballot for the next years' state officer team.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** The evening entertainment varies from year to year. In the past we have done a casino night, had live music, and had a comedian join us. Regardless of the activity, the Friday evening entertainment is a great way for you to unwind from a great day of competition, spend time with your friends and chapter, and even network with some members from other chapters!

## DAY 3: AWARDS

**GRAND AWARDS SESSION:** This is the final event of State CDC and the event everyone is anxiously awaiting! All of the hard work members put into competition will be recognized at the awards ceremony. In addition to finding out who will earn Texas DECA glass and be advancing to ICDC, you will find out who has been elected to serve on the next State Officer team!

