



DECA



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We are the champions! DECA brought home three state qualifiers from the local District Seven Competition. Students that competed were **Andrew Mason, 12**, **Matt Kartel, 12**, and **Justin Smith, 12**.

If you were considering being in the marketing field as an adult, junior marketing and senior marketing was a must! Being a marketing student, one was able to be part of a national organization called DECA.

DECA's creed was to educate students and lead them to success.

"I didn't know what I wanted to do with my life before I took marketing, but now I know I definitely want to work in the marketing field," said **Erin McMullen, 11**.

As a DECA member, one would participate in competitions with other local schools by taking a test and performing a role play. Unlike tests at school, these tests were on the profession of your choice, to prepare you for the future.

"DECA is a cool thing to be a part of, you get to meet kids from different schools and learn about your career goals," said **Kristin Vice, 11**.

Another perk of DECA was the ability to receive scholarships for various amounts of money. It all depended on the students' involvement in the program. Some colleges, such as Shanandough College, located in West Virginia, offered up to \$10,000 in prize money.

Marketing and DECA are definitely worthwhile, and will come back to help you in the future.



"How did we do?" **Cassy Booker, 12**, and **Arturo Alderete, 12**, viewed their scores to see how well they competed. Regardless of their score, the two felt the competitions were worth it and will hopefully prepare them for the future.

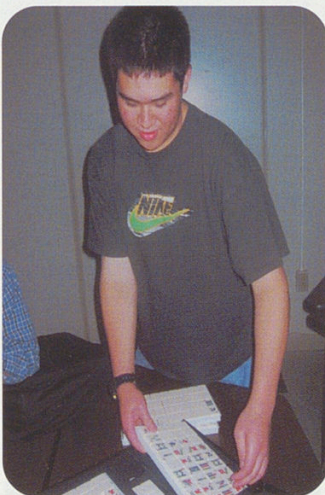
Fifth place, they're still in the race! **Jenny Barwick, 12**, and **Stephanie Bucklin, 12**, received their trophy for placing in the Accessories and Apparel contest.



Asian Cultural Club



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Majoring anyone? **JP Graulty, 11**, begins the game with other Asian Cultural Club members. During meetings the club discussed current events going on in Asia but also played games, ate food, and wore clothes that dealt with Asian heritage.

Asian Culture Club was created four years ago to provide kids with a background of Asian heritage. Some joined the club just to simply learn more about other cultures.

"I joined just to learn more about people different than myself. Also a lot of my friends happen to be Asian!" said **Max Frecka, 10**.

Mr. Samuel Gibbs, adviser, stressed the fact that you do not need to be Asian to be in the club.

"Just be respectful of others' backgrounds and be able to have fun," said **Gibbs**.

Meetings took place every other Wednesday and an occasionally on Fridays. Most meetings discussed events happening around the world and compared these issues to what happened at school.

Although the club was created to teach others about Asian heritage, most of the time members play different games or ate food of Asian Culture. One week they even watched the top hit *Napoleon Dynamite*.

"Each week, we have a game of the week relating to the Asian background. We feel if we do things that have to do with the culture, we feel more united," said **Kevin Lin, 9**.



Max Frecka, 10, feels it was important to emphasize that Asian Club is for everyone, not just Asians. He joined the club to meet new people. He was glad he was a part of such a welcoming group.



Let the good times roll! **Anochie Hung, 11**, and **Chris Yen, 10** played trivial pursuit. By participating in fun activities together members of Asian Culture Club created a strong bond.

