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## 32 Arlington DECA students qualify for state competition

ARLINGTON- Thirty-two Arlington High School (AHS) DECA students qualified to move on to the state DECA competition after competing on Jan. 12 at the Area 1 DECA Competition at Monroe High School. Sixty-two percent of all AHS DECA students who competed will move on to state. Forty-two medals were received at the Area Competition, the most awards the program has ever received at the area competition.

"Arlington DECA has had one of its best years ever," said AHS DECA advisor, Tyler Payne. "We had 10 first-place test takers and 32 students who qualified to go on to the state competition. This is the highest number of students that AHS DECA has ever had who qualified to move on to the state competition."

The students spent several months preparing for the area competition by taking numerous practice tests, studying practice role plays, and working on prepared presentation events. They also participated in a mock competition where they set up tables with "judges," practiced their competition role plays, and presented their prepared events.

The state competition takes place Feb. 28-March 2 in Bellevue.

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