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Durango High School DECA Students win Advanced Proficiency Award at Western Slope Competition

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For Immediate Release:

Durango, CO December 12, 2014: Durango High School DECA won the Advanced Proficiency Award at the Western Slope Colorado DECA Districts event held at the Hotel Colorado December 8, 2014. The award was determined by averaging all role play and examination scores from all participants, and DHS DECA scored the highest among competing schools. Additionally, five of the 14 DHS DECA students attending won their respective events and earned the right to advance to DECA's State Leadership Conference to be held at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs February 21-24, 2015.

The District champions include:

Joaquin Valdez and Charles McClung	Business Law and Ethics Team Event
Jenna Engelken	Business Finance
Paxton Scott	Principles of Marketing
Violet Witchel	Principles of Finance

DECA assessed students with a 100 question exam in their content area and two role play scenarios before judges from the Glenwood Springs business community.

More than 180 western Colorado high school students participated at the DECA Western Slope District Conference in 22 events. DECA, an organization for emerging leaders in marketing, management, finance, fashion, hospitality and entrepreneurship, has more than 8000 members statewide and approximately 200,000 members in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Germany.

Community business members, parents and students wanting to become involved should contact advisor Dave Dillman at 970-259-1630 Ext 2247 or via email at ddillman@durango.k12.co.us. More information on DHS DECA can be found at www.durangohsmarketing.weebly.com.

Caption: Durango High School DECA Western Slope District Champions celebrate with their plaques at the Hotel Colorado December 8, 2014. From left to right: Charles McClung, Joaquin Valdez, Paxton Scott, Violet Witchel, Jenna Engelken.



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