

South Dakota 2024 Fall Leadership Experience Monday, November 4, 2024

Introduction to DECA & Competitions

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

The conference kicks-off with an introduction to DECA by the State Officer team. This session highlights the benefits of joining DECA, an overview of its competitive events, and networking opportunities. Ideal for new members seeking insight into DECA's structure and goals.

DECA Competitive Testing

8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Participants will learn how to take a DECA test followed by taking a former competition test. Afterward, students will move on to workshops for skill-building and strategy refinement.

The Art of Pin Trading – A DECA Tradition

9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Discover the tradition of state pin trading at national conferences in DECA! This fun and interactive workshop introduces you to the exciting world of pin trading, where students from across the country exchange custom-designed pins representing their states. Learn how it fosters networking and the best strategies to trade and collect the most unique pins.

First Workshop Series

10:20 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

The first round of workshops focuses on key leadership skills, business strategies, and building a competitive edge. Participants will choose from various sessions aimed at improving communication, planning, and professional growth.

Second Workshop Series

11:05 p.m. – 11:45 p.m.

Building on the first series, the second round of workshops offers deeper dives into leadership, with hands-on activities for practicing team building, negotiation, and decision-making. This series also introduces chapter campaign strategies.

Connect and Collaborate - A.K.A. Lunch

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Turn your lunch break into a powerful networking opportunity! As you enjoy your meal, engage with fellow DECA members from different schools, exchange ideas, and discuss your DECA experiences. This informal setting is perfect for making new friends, building professional relationships, and learning from each other's perspectives. Use this time to ask about others' chapter strategies, upcoming competitions, or career goals,

Third Workshop Series

12:30 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.

This series focuses on preparing participants for real-world business scenarios, with workshops covering topics like networking, branding, and career-building. This is the perfect opportunity to polish presentation skills.

Puzzle Connection Challenge**1:15 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.**

This workshop encourages teamwork, quick thinking, and strategic networking, as you navigate the room and collaborate with others to complete the puzzles. Can you and your group solve the puzzle in time and outpace the competition?

Fourth Workshop Series**1:45 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.**

The day covered strategies for excelling in leadership roles, managing teams, and mastering competitive events, all while showcasing the professionalism required at the national level. Finally, learn how to leverage your personal strengths, collaborate with others, and build confidence as you prepare for the ultimate challenge—national competition.

Awards & Recognition**2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

The Fall Leadership Experience concludes by recognizing outstanding performances in workshops and activities. Awards will be presented to the top three participants in each grade level for the Competitive Testing. There will also be prizes for the "Best Dressed" attendees.