



# EO DECA News

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DECA is an international organization focused on promoting business, leadership, marketing, and management skills. E. O. Smith has its own branch of DECA. To learn more about the whole organization, please visit <http://deca.org>.

### DECA Events:

Freshman Orientation: 8/24  
Information Table

DECA Day: Video and 9/17  
speeches in business  
classes

Book Fair 9/17-  
9/21

DECA Week 10/14-  
10/21

Leadership Confer- 11/16-  
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DECA Videos Current

DECA Showcase, Coming  
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## DECA Induction Ceremony a Success

E. O. Smith DECA kicked off its 2007-2008 year on September 20th, the night of the induction ceremony. Attendance surpassed all expectations, to the point that several extra seats needed to be brought in to accommodate the large crowd. The night began with a short introduction by faculty advisor Ms. Sue Biren, followed by officer introductions.

President Stephen Pelletier then detailed our plans for this year's DECA members. He also announced some exciting new DECA features, including a brand new website, designed by ???.

After President Pelletier finished his stirring address, the DECA community enjoyed a special treat.

Farida Mama, an first place winner in international DECA competition and former E.O. DECA President, gave a guest speech. She discussed the DECA organization and how it helped her prepare to be a business major at the University of Connecticut.



Farida Mama, DECA royalty, spoke at the DECA Induction Ceremony.

The evening concluded with a description of the upcoming DECA trip to Boston, followed by refreshments. Base on the success of the induction, this looks to be a great year!

## DECA Week

DECA Week, the annual time to celebrate DECA throughout the nation, took place from October 15 to October 19 at E. O. Smith. DECA Week included a poster contest, complete with a \$25 iTunes gift card prize, informational sessions during school lunches, a DECA colors day, a professional dress day, and the always popular DECA party. There was a television commercial as well as announcements and flyers promoting DECA Week. DECA also had a 'Serve Day', where DECA members formed a Relay for Life team. Despite having only 10 members, the DECA team surpassed its fundraising goal of \$1,500 by nearly 30%! Special thanks to President Pelletier for personally baking two delicious DECA cakes.

### 2007-2008 DECA Officers:

- President: Stephen Pelletier
- Vice President: Kyle Haythorn
- Treasurer: Mo Ammar
- Secretary: Liz Phillips
- Historians: Annabelle Atkin, Julianne Cornell, Ashley Porter
- Reporter: Alex Milvae
- Assistant Reporter: Nick Carbone
- Assistant Secretary: Mariam Mian

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eosmithdeca.org

## Boston Trip the First of Exciting Adventures for EOS DECA

Between November 16 and November 18, many DECA members and a few chaperones will travel to Boston for the North Atlantic Region Leadership Development Conference. Students were given the opportunity to choose between the specialized Government, Leadership, or Sports and Entertainment tracks, all of which provide unique opportunities for students to learn from experts in those fields. All of the students will have the opportunity to see KG, Ray Allan, and Paul Pierce take it to the Miami Heat (*below right*).

Later in the year, DECA members will be able to compete in regional DECA competitions. The very best participants will be selected to travel to Atlanta for the international DECA competition. Last year, five students represented E. O. Smith in Florida. Hopefully there will be similar success this year.



Good work, little Timmy. Keep checking the EOS DECA website, eosmithdeca.org, and one day you too can be a leader!

Do you want to join DECA? Contact Ms. Biren in Room 132 or any of the DECA officers, or e-mail DECA at eosdeca@yahoo.com.

New members are always welcome.



Here are some dedicated DECA members who wore professional dress during DECA week.



Don't worry, Shaq, this will only hurt for a moment.



The Red Sox won the 2007 World Series thanks to teamwork, chemistry, amazing talent, and a payroll of \$143 million. DECA could use some of these traits.

### In the Next DECA Newsletter:

- Does DECA make you more attractive?
- Is there a rare disease that only DECA membership can cure?
- “Where did the money go?” A shocking exposé on the lack of DECA funds.
- The secrets that enable DECA members to do anything they want.
- DECA Members’ Poll Results: How would you rate DECA?
  - A) Amazing
  - B) Great
  - C) It puts sliced bread to shame.

**Plus:**

Exclusive pictures of DECA President Stephen Pelletier as you’ve never seen him before.