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## **18 Darien High School Students Place High in Statewide DECA Business Club Competition**

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On Monday, 18 Darien students who belong to the high school's DECA business club, placed in the top six for their events in a statewide DECA competition.

The DECA Club at Darien High School is in their fourth year as a club with 115 student members. The organization prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the world.

At the Connecticut State Competition on Monday, 67 DHS students competed among over 1,000 others from around the state.

These are the 18 who finished among the top 6 in their events:

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- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - **Nadia Czebiniak** - Food Marketing Series
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - **Paul Hager** - Restaurant and Food Service Management Series
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - **Erik Ryan** - Quick Serve Restaurant Management Series
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - **Casey Martin** - Business Finance Series
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - **Brendan Berrigan** - Accounting Applications Series
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - **Griffin Samroengraja** - Personal Financial Literacy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - **Owen Stevens** - Hospitality and Tourism Professional Selling
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - **Rory Washecka** - Principles of Finance
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - **Mila Escajadillo** - Business Services Marketing Series
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team - **Ria Dhull & Nina Rodriguez** - Financial Series Team Decision Making
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place - **Connor Darby** – Business Services Marketing
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place Team - **Ben Bidell & AJ Scolaro** - Marketing Management Team Decision Management
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – **Spencer Hillman** – Marketing Communication Series
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place - **Corrine Bevill & Lauren Larizza** - Travel and Tourism Team Decision Making
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place – **Sean Huffert** – Principles of Finance

"I am very proud of my DHS DECA Club Members," said Claudia Gray, business teacher and DECA Club Advisor. "Students have worked very hard to prepare for the business competition and we look forward to competing alongside the other 14,000 high school students at the International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, California next month."