



Colton Daft
President
Senior at Marion County Technical Center

Hello West Virginia DECA!! I'm Colton Daft, your 2018-2019 WV DECA President!!

Some of you may know me from last year, but here's a "little" about myself: I am currently a senior at North Marion High School and the Marion County Technical Center. I come from a small town in the northern part of the state called Farmington. I absolutely love DECA and have been a member since my freshman year, with this being my second term as a state officer! I also love acting and am an actor in Thespian Troupe 4145 at North Marion High School. I am also active in Young Life, National Honor Society, Husky Helpers, and Teen Court!

In my opinion, nothing beats traveling and seeing the world. Family and friends are some of the most important things to me, and if you can't find me in my blazer or on the stage you will likely find me surrounded by friends. I work at a little Italian restaurant in Fairmont called Colasessano's, I love flavored hot chocolate, I am an extreme movie buff, I love to read, Netflix is probably one of my favorite things, and so much more!

This year some of my main focuses will be membership and relationship. As the year kicks into gear, you'll understand that a lot more! I feel this is the year of West Virginia DECA, and we aren't going to let anything stand in our way!

I am so excited for this upcoming year with you and am more than honored to have the chance to serve as your president this year, and to serve alongside such a truly amazing officer team!

The real question is are you Ready For It? Because the year is going to be amazing!



Alden Smith
Director of Simulated Workplace & Competitive Events
Junior at Bridgeport High School

Hello everyone! My name is Alden Smith, and I am your 2018-2019 Director of Simulated Workplace and Competitive Events.

I am a junior at Bridgeport High School, where I am active and hold leadership positions in many groups and clubs, including Key Club, Spanish Club, Tri-M Music Honors Society, Life League, the BHS Orchestra, and, of course, DECA. This is my third year in DECA, and I can't wait to see where it takes me! In addition to DECA, I am a 2018 HOBY alumni.

In my spare time (I don't have much) I love to read, ride horses, hike, swim, listen to music, travel, and spend time with my friends and family.

I am honored to have been elected as a Chartered Association Officer for the upcoming year, and I am so excited to see where this year takes us all! I can't wait to make new friends and work together to make this year amazing, so tell me, are you all #ReadyForIt?



Colton Jones
Director of Leadership
Senior at Hurricane High School

Hello, I am Colton Jones, a senior at Hurricane High School. This will be my fourth year in DECA. I am a three-time ICDC competitor.

Additionally, I play for the Hurricane High boys soccer team. I also am a member of the National Honor Society and am a Link Crew leader. I plan to major in business in college.

I know I'm ready for this year, and I hope you are too!



Makayla Dixon
Director of Marketing
Senior at Marion County Technical
Center

Hi, my name is Makayla Dixon. I am a senior at North Marion High School and the Marion County Technical Center. I have been involved in DECA for the past two years, one when I was the vice president.

Also, I am involved in Health, Science and Technology Academy (HSTA), Younglife, RAZE, iBELIEVE, National Honor Society, and the National Society of High School Scholars. All these clubs and extracurricular activities have helped me become the leader I am today.

Apart from school, I love going kayaking with my friends and hanging out with my family. Also, I enjoy spending time with my dog Marley. I work as a hostess at Texas Roadhouse. I have a huge passion for helping others.

This year I am hoping to be someone you can count on with any questions or concerns. I am excited to be able to lead WV DECA in the 2018- 2019 year with my fellow state officers.



Alik Assi
Director of Hospitality
Senior at Hurricane High School

Hi, my name is Alik Assi. I am 17 years old and attend Hurricane High School. This is my fourth year in DECA. I have attended Thrive once and competed in ICDC twice.

Also, I am on the varsity soccer team and swim team. I am President of Mu Alpha Theta, senior class secretary, and a member of National Honor Society, Chem Club, Environmental Club, FSEA, Key Club, Rocket Club, and Link Crew.

I have three sisters, a dog, and three cats. In my free time I like to watch Netflix, play PlayStation, and hang out with friends. I plan to major in science and minor in business.

I am excited for this DECA year and hope you guys are #ReadyForIt.

