

<u>Dedicated</u> <u>Entrepreneurs</u> <u>Coming</u> <u>Alive</u>

Reflecting on DECA Victory

The 1999-2000 Distribution Education Clubs of America at Walterboro High brought the school, and themselves a great deal of recognition. The DECA chapter at WHS had excellent leadership in the classroom, behind the counter at the student store, and at the three annual competitions that DECA attended. Every year, DECA attended the South Carolina DECA District District Competition, the South Carolina DECA State Competition, and the DECA Nationals competition that was held in Louisville, Kentucky.

The 1999-2000 DECA officers were: Advisor, Ms. Lisa Faris; President, James Millen; Vice President, Esther Hollington; Treasurer, Shontele McPherson; Reporter, Jessica Moore; Historian, Erica Taylor; and Secretary, Tianna White. Every one of the officers placed in the district competition or in the state competition.

Senior Shontele McPherson's first place finish at state in her division, Technical Business Representation, earned her a spot to compete at the Nationals Competition. Alongside Shontele, President James Millen and Vice President Esther Hollington were selected for their excellence in the fields of academics, performance, and leadership and earned themselves a ride to attend the nationals competition. Esther stated, "I love travelling to the different competitions and conferences."

Victory was something that the DECA chapter at WHS was able to grow accustomed to. Sophomore, Brandy Manigo said "I was proud that I did something that I thought could not be accomplished." The DECA members at WHS definitely had the opportunity become very skilled businessmen and businesswomen.

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