# 2024 STATE OFFICER CANDIDATES

#### Anne Youkhanna

Chapter: Sunrise Mountain

I fell in love with DECA as soon as I joined in the beginning of my Sophomore due to the overwhelming sense of community, dedication and opportunities that DECA has to offer. My goals as a state officer would be to allow everyone to take full advantage of DECA's wonderful opportunities and create more opportunities for more community involvement.



## Aris Rajwani

Chapter: Pinnacle

Over my 2 year DECA journey, I have grown in confidence and have made lifelong memories and friendships. My goals for this year are to give members more opportunities to grow in their desired field. DECA has taught me about the fundamentals needed to be successful in the future. It's time to use these skills and experiences for the betterment of ourselves and the entirety of Arizona DECA.

## **Ava Wright**

Chapter: Mountain View - Mesa

From the start I was completely drawn to DECA. I knew I was interested in marketing but DECA really broadened my horizons and opened my eyes to all of the possibilities I could reach. I decided to dive into it and the knowledge and experience I gained is irreplaceable. My goals are to do the same for all DECA members and help them truly see their potential and reach all their goals.



#### **Corinne Jacobsen**

Chapter: Casa Grande

The last three years in DECA have been an incredible experience and I can't wait to keep going! I love competing and meeting new people, and I can't wait to see everyone at SCDC! I am excited to introduce my ideas to increase member participation and interest in DECA!

## **Emir Kurspahic**

Chapter: Barry Goldwater

Over the past three years, DECA has played a huge role in helping shape my own personal and professional development skills. As a State Officer, I want to pay it forward by continuing to BUILD an environment where all DECA members have similar opportunities for growth and skill development. I plan to create fundraisers specifically targeted for chapters that are facing financial disparities. As well, I hope to continue to BUILD the inclusivity within Arizona DECA. I want to ensure that every Arizona DECA chapter has the resources to participate fully in the experiences that DECA offers.



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#### **Emma York**

Chapter: Sunrise Mountain

I fell in love with DECA because of the people, to me DECA represents family, diversity and passion. I bring to the table boundless energy, exuberant kindness, and enthusiasm. I think that what sets me apart is my "realness" and different perspective. I want to be a DECA State officer so that I can learn and grow as an individual, encourage students around Arizona to embrace the opportunity, and continue and grow the tradition of embracing and celebrating the diversity

in our organization.



## Lizbeth Reyes Dominguez

Chapter: Payson

! I am currently the event coordinator for my chapter and have been in DECA for 2 years. If elected my goal is to create more unity and collaboration amongst chapters by fostering partnerships in chapter of different sizes. I can't wait to meet you all at SCDC and show you that Liz means hiz!

## Loren Arcel Villaruel

Chapter: Maricopa

I aim to expand members' horizons through collaborative leadership and by Striving for Optimized Achievement and Resources. I am committed to developing additional projects that guarantee chapters to have access to valuable workshops, information, and resources to better empower members in attaining competitive advantage. Together, let us experience the difference and reach new heights of DECA! Get ready for takeoff as we start SOARIN' WITH LOREN!



#### **Maximus Flores**

Chapter: Barry Goldwater

I'm a current junior at Barry Goldwater
High School and the Vice President of
my DECA Chapter. My campaign
follows the motto MOLD YOUR
FUTURE, through Merit, Opportunity,
Limitlessness, and Determination. I
believe that together YOU AND I can do
our part in molding the future of
Arizona DECA for the better

#### **Nathan Narrik**

Chapter: Deer Valley

DECA has enabled me to go on a journey of self-discovery, shaping me into a leader. As chapter president, I've witnessed its transformative power firsthand. Now, I see a boundless potential within our community, waiting to be unleashed. Together, let's find our ROUTE towards growth and impact. Let's Navigate with Nathan hand in hand!



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#### **Patrick Lester**

Chapter: Deer Valley

After joining DECA I immediately fell in love with it, doing everything I could in DECA. Now I'm ready to represent DECA on a statewide level. I'd like to employ a voice for every chapter, big or small. I will be someone chosen by the people, for the people. I will listen to your concerns and implement solutions to any issues you may encounter. I hope to be able to represent you and everyone else in Arizona DECA.



#### Sanaya Gupta

Chapter: Hamilton

am passionate about helping people realize they can do anything they put their minds to. I love working in team settings and hearing others' ideas. By being part of DECA, my leadership skills have grown significantly, and I have made amazing friendships. My biggest aim is to increase communication between DECA chapters so we can all learn and grow together. I also want to implement a program that allows younger students (middle and elementary schoolers) to learn the principles of DECA.

## Sophia Buhrman

Chapter: Arizona College Prep

Currently I serve as a chapter office, VP of marketing as well as on the AZ DECA Council of Marketing. My campaign focuses on advocating for students needs and implementing your ideas. With this, I hope to increase engagement in online events and awards recognition. I strive to lead with passion, and serve with purpose.



## Sritej Bommaraju

Chapter: Basha

. I have always been in love with the world of business, and DECA has only sparked that interest more. Ever since I have joined DECA, I have gained so many skills needed for the world of business, and my main goal for next year is to help other members gain the same skills. I am very excited to see all of you at SCDC. Remember: Spark your Success With Sritej!

Voting Delegate - Candidate Speeches - Friday 3/1 @ 8 AM

Candidate Booths - Friday 3/1 @ 10 AM-12 PM & 1 - 3 PM

ONLINE VOTING (VOTING DELEGATES ONLY) FRIDAY 3/1

FROM 3 PM - 6 PM

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL CANDIDATES!**