



Why attend DECA Ontario's Leadership Academy at Provincials?

Frankly, waiting until you get to university to gain leadership training and experience is too late. You will be disadvantaged! Now is the time to hone your inter-personal and networking savvy to improve your verbal and presentation skills and to become a more assertive, well-rounded student!

Leadership Development Academy

This is a conference or meeting of high-level leaders, usually called to shape a programme of action.

The all-new DECA Ontario Leadership Academy at Provincials is no different. We are bringing together DECA's best leaders at the chapter levels to create programmes of work. Imagine learning, sharing and preparing with DECA's best. Think of what it would be like to learn directly from the people who have been to the top. That's what the LDA Academy is all about — the best showing the best how to get even better!

The Leadership Development Academy is open to members who are NOT participating in the competitive events programme and is recommended for students in grades 9-11. Every student who attends this stimulating, interactive academy (LDA) will leave with not only the knowledge of leadership and chapter management skills, but with a new spirit and outlook for involvement in the DECA chapter, a spirit that will spill over to life outside of DECA and to any chosen career path as well. Participants will complete the LDA experience at a special graduation ceremony.

The Leadership Development Academy (LDA) engages your members with DECA in all of the vital levels:

- Learning life-long leadership skills
- Catching the enthusiasm of this dynamic organization
- Meeting like-minded students and making positive memories

High on the list of skills the institute develops are teamwork skills, group dynamics, decision making and conflict resolution. We emphasize the essential plans, goals, action items and skills needed for each team to achieve success within their own Chapter. The academy will motivate your key members and teach them how to be a force in developing your DECA chapter.

INVALUABLE SKILLS OBTAINED

- Get a first look at the exciting new programmes and innovations DECA has in store for 2016-2017 and discover the goals set by your DECA International Officer Team.
- Collaborate and share strategies for building membership, engaging business partners and advocating for DECA.
- Polish your leadership skills, showcase your talent and receive performance feedback.
- Develop important skills such as workshop facilitation and project planning.
- Create or focus your annual business plan for your chapter.
- Learn how to engage your members in DECA's awesome programmes that net recognition for your chapter and your school board.
- Perfect place for DECA's officers to gather to develop high performance leadership, knowledge and connections to lead DECA!

