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CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION Hartford

TO BE PROPOSED: **June 1, 2016**

Whereas, Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) are a co-curricular, integral part of the local, state and national career and technical education programs;

Whereas, The development of individual student leadership skills is the keystone of these organizations; and

Whereas, All CTSO chapters were asked to identify an outstanding service project; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education recognizes the following CTSO Outstanding Service Award Recipients:

- Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), Hamden High School, Hamden
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Masuk High School, Monroe
- Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Fairfield Ludlowe High School, Fairfield
- FFA organization (formerly known as Future Farmers of America), Nathan Hale-Ray High School, East Haddam
- Future Health Professionals (HOSA), Brookfield High School, Brookfield
- SkillsUSA, W. F. Kaynor Technical High School, Waterbury

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Approved by a vote of _____ this first day of June, Two Thousand Sixteen.

Signed: _____
Dianna R. Wentzell, Secretary
State Board of Education

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Dianna R. Wentzell
Commissioner of Education

DATE: June 1, 2016

SUBJECT: Recognition of Career and Technical Student Organizations

Executive Summary

Introduction

Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) are a co-curricular, integral part of the local, state and national career and technical education programs. The development of individual student leadership skills is the keystone of these organizations. In Connecticut, these organizations can be found in the comprehensive high schools and the technical high schools. They are committed to providing students with the best contextual learning experiences through hands-on applications, recognition through competition and awards for achievement, real-world experiences and other individual and team-building activities. CTSOs build bridges between the school, family and community that give students positive, powerful experiences in civic responsibility.

Recommendation and Justification

This year, all CTSO chapters were asked to identify an outstanding service project. The chapters listed below are being honored for their exemplary service efforts. I am pleased to acknowledge the efforts and accomplishments of each of these organizations.

<p>Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) Hamden High School Hamden, CT Bryan Anderson, Chapter Advisor</p>	<p>Hamden High School's DECA selected the National Kidney Foundation as their 2015-16 service project. This chapter donated \$1,800 to the foundation and increased awareness of kidney disease in their town. Students raised money through a variety of fundraisers and community outreach events including: a teacher Jail-N-Bail, a town Fall Festival, a team handball tournament, a DECA student dressed as "Sidney the Kidney" at the National Kidney Foundation booth at the Hartford XL Center, a kidney bean guessing contest, a "Miracle Minute" at Hamden High School Pep Rally, and a scavenger hunt to find kidney-shaped flyers.</p>
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<p>Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Masuk High School Monroe, CT Lynn Costello, Chapter Advisor</p>	<p>Masuk High School's FBLA selected the Monroe Food Pantry as their 2015-16 service project. This chapter organized a community-wide pet supply, pet food and toy drive for the pantry. Through their efforts many of Monroe's residents were able to feed and keep their pets. They not only met their project goals but collected twice the amount of items initially targeted. This experience assisted students in building their leadership and organizational skills. Based on the success of this drive, they plan to repeat this project again next year.</p>
<p>Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Fairfield Ludlowe High School Linda Mushala, Chapter Advisor</p>	<p>Fairfield Ludlowe High School's FCCLA selected the Women's Auxiliary Toy Closet at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital as their 2015-16 service project. The members collected \$800 worth of games, puzzles, crafts, books, and toys to be distributed to all patients receiving emergency care, medical testing and surgery at the hospital. During the spring and summer months, toys and craft supplies run low in the Closet. John Creamer, a member of Fairfield Ludlowe High School FCCLA and previous patient at Yale New Children's Hospital, organized a toy drive to help fill the Closet. Donation boxes were distributed around FLHS and at a local preschool in Fairfield. Toy donations were collected and sorted for a period of six weeks and were delivered to Yale New Haven Hospital in April. These items help bring joy to children during an otherwise scary and often overwhelming experience.</p>
<p>(FFA) formerly known as Future Farmers of America Nathan Hale-Ray High School East Haddam, CT Cheryl Mathewson and Heidi Pease, Chapter Advisors</p>	<p>Nathan Hale-Ray High School's FFA Chapter partnered with State Representative and East Haddam resident, Melissa Ziobron, to raise money to help with the neglected horses' care and veterinary expenses as their 2015-16 service project. In February of this year, the Nathan Hale-Ray FFA Chapter became aware of a tragedy in the neighboring town of East Hampton. Thirty-two horses had been seized from Fairy Tail Equine as part of a cruelty investigation by the Department of Agriculture that eventually led to criminal charges against the owners. Other animals such as dogs, rabbits, and chickens were also taken away. In response to this, the students created a Wall of Paws and accepted donations from the East Haddam community in exchange for a message of hope written on a paper paw. The wall in the Nathan Hale-Ray High School cafeteria proudly displayed all the paws that were collected. Over \$700 was collected and given to the <i>Go Fund Me</i> page that Representative Ziobron had created.</p>

<p>Future Health Professionals (HOSA) Brookfield High School Brookfield, CT Susan Troupe, Chapter Advisor</p>	<p>Brookfield High School's HOSA chapter selected Ann's Place as their 2015-16 service project. The chapter provided outreach by working with Ann's Place, an organization that helps cancer patients and their families with non-medical needs at no cost to the family. To assist in raising funds for Ann's Place, the HOSA students helped staff organize the Festival of Trees at the Matrix in Danbury. Additionally, they decorated and donated a tree to be raffled off to help raise needed funds. Many HOSA members volunteered to help Ann's Place during the weeks leading up to the event, as well as the weekend of the event.</p>
<p>SkillsUSA W. F. Kaynor Technical High School Waterbury, CT Barbara Marroquin, Chapter Advisor</p>	<p>W. F. Kaynor Technical High School SkillsUSA Chapter hosted a Hunger Project in partnership with the Feeding Children Everywhere organization as their 2015-16 service project. They wanted to do something to raise awareness of childhood hunger and to help feed hungry children in the Waterbury area. The chapter officers decided to host a Hunger Project and had to raise \$2,500 to partner with the Feeding Children Everywhere organization. Part of the funds were raised through a Help Dodge Hunger Dodgeball Tournament. The 45 students raised additional funds by packaging over 10,000 lentil stew meals in under one hour. Some of these meals were given to Kaynor's social worker to send home with students in need and the remaining meals were distributed to local food banks in the Waterbury area.</p>

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