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CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION Hartford

TO BE PROPOSED: **June 14, 2017**

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), Naugatuck High School, Naugatuck;
- 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), E.O. Smith High School, Storrs;
- Future Health Professionals (HOSA), East Haven High School, East Haven;
- SkillsUSA, W. F. Kaynor Technical High School, Waterbury;

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Approved by a vote of _____ this fourteenth day of June, Two Thousand Seventeen.

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 14, 2017

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 Connecticut Technical High School System. These organizations are committed to providing students contextualized learning 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 powerful, positive 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) Naugatuck High School Naugatuck, CT Tim Rielly, Chapter Advisor</p>	<p>Naugatuck High School's DECA chapter chose to raise awareness of cancer as their 2016-17 community service project. A young girl from Naugatuck, who after facing cancer and winning, designed a backpack (Kylie's Backpack) that allowed a young patient to receive cancer fighting medication from the backpack. This backpack has a stuffed animal design and assists children with taking their cancer medications. Chapter members led numerous fundraising events aimed at supplying Kylie's new company with start-up funding for the building of a prototype backpack.</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 chapter selected the Make-A-Wish Connecticut as their 2016-17 service project. This chapter organized a <i>Miracle Minute</i> in which chapter members collected as many donations as possible within 60 seconds, during three lunch waves per day. They also brought awareness of Make-A-Wish Connecticut to the community by notifying parents, teachers, students, and community through email, Instagram, and Twitter. This experience assisted students in building their leadership and organizational skills. The <i>Miracle Minute</i> raised awareness of Make-A-Wish Connecticut so that students and the community will continue to donate to assist in granting children their wishes.</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 <i>Rise Against Hunger</i> as their 2016-17 service project. The members held bake sales and placed donation jars in local stores to raise money to feed the hungry in the surrounding area. Students baked all items for the bake sale and raised funds that surpassed their expectations as a local church donated matching funds. All proceeds were donated to the Bridgeport Rescue Mission.</p>
<p>FFA (formerly known as Future Farmers of America) E. O. Smith High School Storrs, CT James Pomeroy, Betsy Terrell, Andrew Zadora, Cynthia Chotkowski and Matt Agnello, Chapter Advisors</p>	<p>Storrs Regional FFA Chapter at E.O. Smith High School decided to partner with GROW Windham, "Windham's Community Food Collaborative," as their 2016-17 community service project. GROW Windham and students developed a Plant-A-Row program that provided plants to local gardeners pledging to grow produce to donate to the Covenant Soup Kitchen. Last year over 500 pounds of vegetables were donated to the local food pantries through the Plant-A-Row program. The students are hoping that this year the number of pounds of food will surpass last year's. Through this activity, chapter members learned leadership skills.</p>
<p>Future Health Professionals (HOSA) East Haven High School East Haven, CT Nancy Tipping, Chapter Advisor</p>	<p>East Haven High School's HOSA chapter chose to educate their classmates about opioid addiction, teen suicide and youth mental health issues as their 2016-17 service project. The members planned and executed a HOSA Week of Mental Health Awareness including: posting banners and posters throughout the school, creating bulletin board displays, sharing informational messages through daily morning announcements, giving lollipops with messages to students, visiting an 8th grade health class, and setting-up a cafeteria table with educational material from the Connecticut Department of Children and Families. In addition, each student completed a personal</p>

	<p>assignment to educate small groups of students about mental health issues which in turn increased the number of informed students.</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 wanted to raise awareness about homelessness in Waterbury so they partnered with Acts 4 organization. The students assisted Acts 4 by managing a clothing store and serving as “personal shoppers” for their clients. Other duties included doing laundry, sanitizing the shower between uses, and serving donated food. In addition, the carpentry students became involved in repairing donated furniture for the Acts 4 organization. Through these efforts the members learned leadership skills as well as raised community awareness about homelessness.</p>

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