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CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION Hartford

TO BE PROPOSED: **June 3, 2015**

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 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), Manchester High School, Manchester
- Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Region 15, Pomperaug High School, Southbury
- FFA, formerly known as Future Farmers of America, Region 14, Nonnewaug High School, Woodbury
- Future Health Professionals (HOSA), East Haven High School, East Haven
- Technology Student Association (TSA), Killingly High School, Dayville
- SkillsUSA, H.C. Wilcox Technical High School, Meriden

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Approved by a vote of _____ this third day of June, Two Thousand Fifteen.

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

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Hartford**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Dianna R. Wentzell
Commissioner of Education

DATE: June 3, 2015

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>The Hamden High School DECA Chapter partnered with the Boys and Girls Club of New Haven to strengthen the Club's ability to keep children engaged. The DECA members raised funds and worked to convert a storage garage at the Club into a new art studio for the children to use. Not only was the project a tremendous success and a major accomplishment for the students, but DECA was able to increase awareness of the amazing programs available at the Club. The Hamden High School DECA members worked together, donating 193 collective man hours, to build this new art studio. They also raised approximately \$8,470, enabling them to donate building materials, construction labor and art supplies to equip the studio with enough art supplies to last for many years.</p>
<p>Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Manchester High School Manchester, CT</p>	<p>The Manchester High School's FBLA community service chapter project was to aid struggling middle school students in developing essential test-taking skills to help them increase their Smarter Balanced Assessment scores. The tutoring</p>

Michelle Cote, Chapter Advisor	program helped with test scores and exposed students to “Study Island,” a computer program that gave them extra assistance with classwork or homework in a creative and innovative way. Manchester High School’s FBLA chapter also benefited from this experience, as middle school students became more aware of the FBLA and the opportunities the organization presents. The chapter plans to continue this program next year.
Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Region 15, Pomperaug High School Southbury, CT Belle Garafola, Chapter Advisor	Members of the Pomperaug High School Chapter determined there was a need for a crossing sign in their school parking lot. Students could not cross the parking lot since cars would not stop at the crosswalk. They met with the vice principal to discuss this situation and were given permission to put up a crossing sign. The members designed the sign and raised enough money to buy two signs, one for each side of the crosswalk, by baking and selling cupcakes. By using their problem-solving skills, they made their school community a better and safer place.
(FFA) formerly known as Future Farmers of America Region 14, Nonnewaug High School Woodbury, CT Sarah LaRose, Chapter Advisor	<p>Over the past five years, the Woodbury FFA Chapter has partnered with the Bethlehem and Oxford Granges to plant potatoes and other vegetables in the FFA “Food for All School Garden” and donate the resulting produce to the Woodbury Food Bank. From July 2012 to November 2014, Woodbury FFA members have donated over 3,600 pounds of food to the Woodbury Food Bank, with more on the way. Students plant, maintain and harvest a 45’ x 200’ garden from which a majority of this produce is derived. Additionally, produce from the school’s hydroponic greenhouse, including lettuce and tomatoes, has been donated as well. This donation has helped to provide members of the Woodbury community with badly needed fresh produce. A variety of FFA students volunteer in the school garden each summer, and this past summer alone, nearly 1,000 hours of volunteer hours were put into the garden.</p> <p>This spring, in addition to the garden and greenhouse donations, Woodbury FFA members also planned a park clean up in Woodbury for Earth Day. Members cleaned up parts of the park and planted blue and gold pansies in the planters. Also, one of the FFA Committees helped to clean up pastures at the Humane Organization Representing Suffering Equines (H.O.R.S.E.) of Connecticut, a non-profit horse rescue, as part of their spring clean up after the heavy snow this winter and planned a rabies clinic for the community to take part in at the school.</p>
Future Health Professionals (HOSA) East Haven High School East Haven, CT Nancy Tipping, Chapter Advisor	HOSA members developed projects that focused on initiatives of the U.S. Surgeon General and local health departments this year. Students planned and ran three blood drives; developed a nutrition and food allergy presentation using resources provided by the health department and presented it to a pre-school, a

	youth program at the YMCA and kindergarten classes; staffed flu clinics run by the health department; assisted in a five-town mass vaccination drill; and developed a mental health and school violence awareness campaign and fundraiser to benefit people in the Newtown and Jonathan Law tragedies.
Technology Student Association (TSA) Killingly High School, Dayville, CT Jim Huston, Chapter Advisor	The Killingly TSA Chapter built reproduction tavern tables, yarn counters, a rocking horse, a potter's wheel, a shoemaker's bench and clamps, children's toys and a wheelbarrow for the Sturbridge Village, using only tools available in the 1800's.
SkillsUSA H.C. Wilcox Technical High School Meriden, CT Michele Leahy and Virginia Cann Chapter Advisors	The H.C. Wilcox Technical High School Chapter received word in August 2014 that the Class of 2013 Valedictorian, Stefan Ankle, was stricken with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Stefan was an active member of SkillsUSA. He and his family were financially strapped with mounting medical bills and both of his parents faced losing their employment, as a result of around-the-clock care that he needed. The members made the decision to try and help the family by hosting an all-night bowling lock-in. The news was being spread by member, and Radio 104 personality, David Fisch. David received word of what was going on and invited Stefan to come to the studio station to do a live radio spot in December 2014. The lock-in was held in January 2015 and the chapter raised \$1,111 for Stefan's family. Unfortunately, Stefan lost his battle with cancer on March 1, 2015. The members felt it was vitally important to celebrate Stefan's memory. On March 16, they hosted a candle light vigil at the school that was attended by Stefan's family, David Fisch and over 200 friends and classmates.

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