



LIMITLESS FAMILY



OPPORTUNITIES



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Benefits For All

Music, Coffee, Charity; all key aspects of Perry DECA's benefit concert to support Homeward Bound (see the article on page three for more



information on this amazing charity)! In just one night, Perry DECA provided a fun, all-in-one night, while locals (and even some travelers) came out to

support Homeward Bound, this year's Perry DECA Charity! The highlighted local performers were Perry Jazz Band, Lois Zozobrado, Jacob Morris, and Brandon Gummow. Raffles, refreshers, and music kept everyone entertained; prizes throughout the night ranged from date night packages to spa day packages each prize included an impressive ratio of items! Throughout the entirety of the event, Perry DECA did an immaculate job at incorporating the meaning of family, networking and support, while entertaining others. Some would even call it a 'Limitless' amount of fun (check out future Puma Prowler issues for updates on this year's DECA theme, 'Limitless')!



Student Interviews



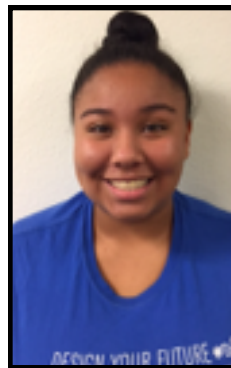
Solace Zobel - Freshman

“I joined DECA because it was a good way to get out of my shell and interact with people better... It’s a good way to learn about things for your future and it has helped me achieve that goal of getting out of my comfort zone”.



Haley Kohl - Sophomore

“I initially started (DECA) because I want to go into sales and business and help me get out of my shell... I’ve grown much bigger since last year and even though it is still hard for me to talk to big groups, I see a new perspective on my future”.



Neveah Saenz - Junior

“I didn’t know what DECA was at first but I’ve learned to make new friends. A lot of people who took it in the past told me to take it... I love DECA! I love being able to say I’m a part of something”.



Victoria Cannizzaro - Senior

“I thought that DECA was a cool way to get connected with other people, learn about business, and prepare myself into something I want to go into for college... I still think DECA is a good way to get involved with the school and especially for my Senior year I want to do more. I’m really glad that I’m involved in DECA this year”.

DECA



Picture: IRUN 4 GOOD



Picture: All DECA Meeting with Homeward

Bound



Picture: Mr. Lange’s Marketing 1 class



Picture: Kiwanis Day At The Fair

Lots of opportunity

Inclined to get jobs

Making friendships

Increasing knowledge

Taking it to the next level

Links & networks

Endless bonds

Social

Striving atmosphere

Homeward Bound

Perry DECA has chosen to support a local nonprofit organization, Homeward Bound, as the primary charity for this school year! The charity provides relief to those who are homeless and impoverished. Homeward Bound provides housing, case managers, support services, and emergency pantries to help enable the homeless to get back up on their feet.

All these components help the Homeward Bound population immensely, and Homeward Bound has accrued countless success stories from past members; Ondrea is one example of a success, and her story is as follows: “for years, the single mother of three made her own way — working a good job, going to church, and trying her best to make a good life for her kids. Everything was perfect. Until one day when it all came crashing down. ‘I lost my job, we got evicted from our place, and we didn’t have anywhere to go.’ But it wasn’t until she ran into a friend at church that she heard about a place called Homeward Bound”. Ondrea was in a tough place in her life and could not afford daily necessities due to the loss of her job; all the while, the horrific event was sprawling into reality until she discovered Homeward Bound; hope was finally on its way.

Another example of a success story, Homeward Bound presents is James’s story, “I’m a single parent, and I was with someone but unfortunately we broke up. I wound up couch surfing, from this couch to that couch...I got up and said ‘There’s got to be a better way.’ That’s when I applied to Homeward Bound... With Homeward Bound’s help, I don’t see why I couldn’t gain full-time employment and be totally sufficient within the next year”. Many others like Ondrea and James have succeeded in building back a stable life because of Homeward Bound. The non-profit organization is always willing to seek volunteers and donations on their website, homewardboundaz.org.

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Disguised Opportunity



The following is an interview with Maggie Bauman, Perry DECA President for the 2017-2018 school year.

Q: Why did you to apply for an officer position?

A: Ironically, I initially was not planning on applying for officer. I had worked closely with last year's officers on various projects throughout the year, and they really exposed me to the realities of being an officer. At ICDC, I really had a great connection with these lovely people and through this experience, I got a first-hand look at the nitty-and-gritty of serving, which helped me to realize that I wanted to make a greater impact on this year's chapter.

Q: Did the outcome of being elected President intimidate you at first?

A: Truthfully, I was a bit shocked at first, when Mr. Lange announced that I was going to be President. I honestly froze and time stood still (yes, I am aware that this sounds cliché, but it was such an amazing surprise that I am not sure I even want to know what my face looked like in the moment)! It took me a few events over summer with the officer team to realize the magnitude that my action had on the officer team, the DECA chapter, and Perry in general. That being said, this has been one of the greatest opportunities of my life and I would not change it for anything!

Q: How hard has it been to prove yourself to others who have been in DECA for longer?

A: There has been plenty of backlash regarding my term as President. I was elected as President after only one year of participating in DECA. However, this has given me a unique perspective that will benefit the chapter overall. I have worked very closely with past officers and am constantly expanding my networking circle to include as many people as possible! For everyone out there who is new to something, just know that if you put the time, effort, and heart into what you love, you will go far!

