

DECA EMERGING LEADER SERIES

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DECA's Emerging Leader Series is designed to empower DECA members to provide effective leadership through goal setting, consensus building and project implementation.

Aligned with 21st Century Skills in the areas of critical thinking and problem solving, communication and collaboration, and creativity and innovation. DECA's Emerging Leader Series prepares members to be effective leaders in college and careers. All of these academies are available during the DECA International Career Development Conference. Elevate and Empower are also available at the DECA Emerging Leader Summit.

 <p>IGNITE</p>	 <p>ELEVATE</p>	 <p>EMPOWER</p>	 <p>ASPIRE</p>	 <p>THRIVE</p>
<p>ULTIMATE MEMBER</p> <p>Ignite your spark for DECA! As an emerging leader, you have great potential to take advantage of all that DECA offers. Now's your time to gain an edge as you learn how you can take your personal DECA experience to the next level and ignite your passion for DECA.</p> 	<p>ULTIMATE CHAPTER LEADER</p> <p>Elevate your leadership in DECA by becoming the ultimate DECA chapter leader! Discover your personal leadership style and how you can use that to take your chapter to the next level. Now's your time to elevate your DECA status from member to chapter leader.</p> 	<p>ULTIMATE ASSOCIATION OFFICER</p> <p>As a DECA association officer, one of your main responsibilities is to empower the members you serve. Learn how to effectively perform your role as an association leader, design an effective strategic plan and employ empowering communications strategies and methods.</p> 	<p>ULTIMATE GRADUATE</p> <p>As you soon graduate, the sky is the limit for your aspirations. Do you know what to expect in college or how to be successful in your career? Learn how to leverage your DECA experience to your advantage in college, interviews and internships. Aspire to get on the fast track to college and career success.</p>	<p>ULTIMATE CHAPTER</p> <p>Now it's time to thrive with other high performing chapters and continue to develop your toolbox of collaboration, communications, critical thinking and creativity skills.</p>

DECA's Emerging Leader Series at ICDC is the primary conference activity for those members registered for an academy. Registration for the Emerging Leader Series is through the Chartered Association Advisor. DECA members registered for a competitive event or School-based Enterprise may not participate in DECA's Emerging Leader Series. The one exception is Empower, which is limited to chartered association officers, who may also participate in DECA's Competitive Events Program.

