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Student leaders prepare strategic plans for next school year, and give back to the community

MADISON—Students from around the state will be at Edgewood College in Madison, June 15-18, for CTSO State Officer Training, an event organized by the initiative known as All CTSO, which is a partnership of Wisconsin career and technical student organizations (CTSOs).

CTSO State Officer Training brings together state-level officers from three of the six student organizations to develop a strategic plan for the year and engage in service activities.

“This training will provide students with the opportunity to develop leadership skills, civic literacy, and the ability to collaborate with peers—including peers from other organizations,” said State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster. “These are 21st century skills, abilities that business leaders have told us are fundamental to students’ future success in the workplace.”

An outside team, Focus Training of Milwaukee, will lead the participating officers in working together to create the plan of action for their CTSO for the 2008-09 school year. The students will also develop as a collaborative team during an outdoor adventure/challenge course. In addition, this group will give back to the community by helping the Henry Vilas Zoo prepare for “Feast of the Beasts,” a summer festival which raises money for habitat enrichment at the Madison zoo.

The three participating CTSOs are DECA, an association of marketing students; FBLA, an association of business students; and FCCLA, an association of family and consumer students.

CTSOs are the co-curricular student organizations that enhance career and technical instruction offered in more than 300 Wisconsin high schools. These groups help students develop civic, technical,

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and social skills, and a wholesome attitude about living and working. Wisconsin started the All CTSO initiative over 15 years ago with this joint state officer training, and became the first state in the nation to employ this model of collaboration between the different groups. The idea has since been emulated by other states.

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ATTACHMENT: Following is a list of students scheduled to attend CTSO State Officer Training, organized by place of residence.

NOTE: This news release is available electronically at http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/2008_96.pdf.

2008 CTSO State Officer Training

Students are listed by place of residence

Brookfield

Amber Zhou
Region VI Vice President, FBLA

Clear Lake

Hannah Ness
Secretary/Treasurer, FCCLA

Colfax

Amanda Schroeder
Public Relations Chairperson,
FCCLA

Fountain City

Samantha Murphy
State Vice President, FBLA

Gilman

Ken Feldkamp
State Treasurer, FBLA

Gilmanton

Larissa Speerstra
State Secretary, FBLA

Grafton

Becca King
Vice President for Business
Partnerships, DECA

Hartford

Brad Lentz
Vice President for Civic
Consciousness, DECA

Kenosha

Anthony Pappenfus
State Reporter, FBLA

La Crosse

Courtney Sutherland
Region IV Vice President, FBLA

Lake Geneva

Cat Quinn
Vice President for WDECA
Communications, DECA

Loyal

Bailey Reed
Region II Vice President, FBLA

Madison

Payton Larson
Vice President for DECA
Connections, DECA

Menasha

Emily Klipp
President, DECA

Menomonie

Erin Lehman
Occupational Representative,
FCCLA

Milton

Kaitlyn Teal
Region V Vice President, FBLA

New Glarus

Laura Paulson
Vice President, FCCLA

Oconto Falls

Cassandra Kussow
Region III Vice President, FBLA

Oregon

Lauren Strand
STAR Events Coordinator,
FCCLA

Portage

Michelle Friedel
State President, FBLA

Prairie Farm

Luke Klefstad
President, FCCLA

Superior

Breanna Minor
Region I Vice President, FBLA

Wausau

James McMahon
Vice President for Chapter
Development, DECA

Westby

Caitlin Malin
Comprehensive FCCLA
Representative, FCCLA

Wisconsin Rapids

Katharine Molinarolo
State Parliamentarian, FBLA