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## **Students Recognized for Outstanding Performances**

**WATERFORD, Mich.** – Thirteen students from the Waterford Kettering High School drama club, Troupe 2244, participated in the 2019 Michigan Thespian Festival in Detroit, MI, on December 13 and 14. Students competed in individual and group performances, including monologues, solo, duet, and group musical theatre, duet acting, and stage management. Students were judged by a panel consisting of college professors and industry professionals that critique and create theatre for a living. The following students were recognized for Excellent and Superior performances: Abbey Ledford, Bella Alex, Ben Hogan, Carter Krumins, Diana Sanchez, Ever Liedel, Gabe Creech, Holden Svacha, Jerry Sanchez, Kaitlyn Krompatc, Sarahfay Hendin, and Skylar Zaranek.

In addition to these awards, the Michigan Educational Theatre Association holds the largest Performing Arts Scholarship Competition in the world at the Michigan festival. A total of \$686,000 in scholarship monies were offered to five of our Waterford Kettering students from eight different colleges and universities.

For more information, please contact Waterford Kettering's Drama Club Director, Jason Pratt, at (248) 674 - 4134 or at [prattj01@wsdmi.org](mailto:prattj01@wsdmi.org).

**WATERFORD, Mich.** – Friday, December 13, Waterford Kettering's DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) students took home 10 medallions at the District 6 conference. DECA is intended for entrepreneurs seeking a career in marketing, finance, hospitality, or management. Our students competed against 900 other participants in an attempt to receive an invitation to the State Career Development Conference in March. Students were evaluated through interviews and responses in role-play scenarios. Aryn Hillman, Ashton Reynolds, Emily Hile, and Molly Thompson all qualified for the State Conference, which could lead to a spot at the International Conference in Nashville this April. Categories of competition include but are not limited to; food marketing, hotel and lodging, human resources management, principles of hospitality, and restaurant management.

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