



DECA, an organization of marketing students, includes a wide array of community activities with emphasis on helping those in need. The major activities include the distribution of over 150 complete baskets during two holiday seasons, holiday parties for homeless children and children with cancer, a Thanksgiving Day Dinner for the homeless, a fund raising "Lock-in" for the MDA, a Walkathon for American Cancer Society, collection and distribution of over \$2,500 worth of new toys for homeless and needy children and monthly birthday parties at a local nursing home. In the completion of these activities, the DECA students work with various organizations including the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the American Cancer Society, the Interfaith Council, the Scotch Plains and Plainfield Welfare Departments, the Black United Fund, Saint Bartholomew's Church, the Fanwood Presbyterian Church and Ashbrook Nursing Home. Other major community activities that DECA students sponsor includes the planning of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Memorial Day Parade and the Fanwood Carnival.



DECA's efforts can be seen around the school in various ways. Their operation of the school store, the activities sign out front, and the digital message board in the cafeteria are examples of DECA's contribution to better SPFHS.

DECA organizes its annual Recognition Banquet which is attended by over 500 guests. The event is an evening full of class and is considered to be our community's Social Event of The Year.

The students also participate in regional, state, and national competitions based on classroom instruction in marketing areas. DECA students travel throughout the nation to represent their school and state.

In their 25th year of service to the community, the DECA students continued their rich tradition of community service.

