



March 10, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a representative of Global Connections High School (GCHS) DECA<sup>1</sup>, part of the largest high school marketing organization internationally. Every year DECA hosts a series of competitions and leadership conferences, ending with the annual International Career Development Conference (ICDC). Only the top 2% of DECA students advance to ICDC to compete for the title of best in their category. Our chapter is proud to send our most outstanding students each year to experience this life-changing event.

***Would you be willing to support our students by making a product, service, or gift certificate donation to be used as an auction item?*** We need your help.

OUR NEED: **Donations from Our Community Business Leaders**

FUNDRAISER: **Dinner and Silent Auction**

WHEN: **April 8, 2009**

WHERE: **Tyee Campus, SeaTac, WA**

**All donations are tax deductible (Tax ID Number 91-6001631)**

Although a fairly new school, GCHS already has a reputation for bearing great leaders. Visit this website for more details: <http://www.hsd401.org/ourdistrict/news/globalconnexdecaspring08.htm>. As I look at my peers, I see our next generation, willing to learn and make a difference - but I also see poverty. More than 60% of Global Connections' student body is enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program. It's difficult to participate in an International Competition when our parents have to choose between paying for an educational experience and next month's bills.

We need your aid, as business leaders in our community, to help our students chase their dream to compete among the best. ***"It Takes A Village."*** Enclosed is an Auction Donation Form; please attach any items or certificates that you are willing to donate. We can pick up donated items from you, or you may deliver items to GCHS, or you can mail them to the address on the bottom of the donation form.

To show our gratitude, Global Connections DECA will advertise your business in several ways. We will proudly display your signage at our auction, in our auction program, and on our DECA Chapter's ICDC T-shirts. If you have questions, please contact my advisor, Alana Vinther at 206-433-2128 or [vintheam@hsd401.org](mailto:vintheam@hsd401.org). We thank you, in advance, for believing in us.

Sincerely,

DECA Representative – Global Connections Chapter

Enclosure: Auction Donation Form

<sup>1</sup> DECA is an association of marketing students. In DECA, students are given the chance to explore the business/marketing field through conferences, retreats, job shadows, workshops, competitions, and many other exciting activities. DECA Competition is probably the best way for students to show off their talent, and get a foot in the door of the business and marketing world.