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With its connection to National Curriculum Standards, DECA’s Competitive Events Program is designed to be integrated into classroom instruction to help members apply learning and connect to business. As teaching tools, DECA’s role-plays and case studies provide relevant, meaningful problems for students to solve, provide a standards-based evaluation, increase rigor of the instruction, result in evidence of student learning and expose students to DECA – all as part of classroom instruction.

STEP 1: FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH EVENT GUIDELINES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS.
Use the DECA Guide to familiarize yourself with event guidelines that explain how each competitive event will operate – time limits, exam specifications, interactions with a judge, etc.

Role-plays and case studies are developed using performance indicators – key concepts from national curriculum standards that students should learn during the school year. DECA uses five lists of performance indicators which are organized by career cluster – business administration core, business management and administration, finance, hospitality and tourism, and marketing, as well as personal financial literacy.

Each performance indicator list is arranged by instructional areas to assist advisors with planning units of instruction. Advisors teaching accounting courses, for example, can use the Finance Career Cluster performance indicator list to plan their curriculum while advisors teaching marketing courses can use the Marketing Career Cluster performance indicator list.

STEP 2: UNDERSTAND HOW ROLE-PLAYS AND CASE STUDIES ARE DESIGNED.
The career cluster and primary instructional area for role-plays and case studies are identified at the top of the first page of the event.

Role-plays used for DECA's Principles of Business Administration Events measure four performance indicators from the business administration core.

Case studies used for DECA's Team Decision Making Events measure seven performance indicators. Usually, at least four of the seven performance indicators have been selected from the case study’s instructional area. Therefore, if the event situation is asking the participant to develop a promotion plan, most of the performance indicators will be from the promotion instructional area.

Role-plays used for DECA's Individual Series Events measure five performance indicators. Usually, at least three of the five performance indicators have been selected from the event situation’s instructional area. The career pathway is also identified on the role-play, which may include performance indicators from that specific pathway as well.

Role-plays used for DECA's Personal Financial Literacy event measure three performance indicators from the National Standards in K-12 Personal Finance Education, created and maintained by the Jump$tart Coalition® for Personal Financial Literacy.

STEP 3: START ORGANIZING SAMPLE EVENTS.
Each year, DECA posts sample role-plays and case studies on deca.org. Shop DECA also sells previously used events each year. Gather these samples and begin to categorize them by instructional area.

STEP 4: USE SAMPLE EVENTS AS A CLASSROOM ACTIVITY.
As you teach different instructional areas during the year, use corresponding role-plays and case studies as learning tools. While the traditional competitive event setting requires interaction with judges, many advisors have used role-plays and case studies as:
• warm-up activities at the beginning of classes.
• writing exercises that require students to write their ideas for solving the problem presented in the role-play or case study.
• public speaking exercises that require students to deliver an oral report or recorded video that presents their ideas for solving the problem presented in the role-play or case study.
• assessment tools in lieu of a multiple-choice quiz/test.

Since the evaluation form for each role-play and case study assesses the performance indicators, you are assessing students’ performance according to national curriculum standards which are industry validated and aligned to career clusters.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
Event guidelines, performance indicator lists, sample events and sample exam questions are available at www.deca.org/competitiveevents. Sample role-play presentations can be viewed at www.deca.org. Advisors may wish to show the videos and ask students to evaluate the presentations using the evaluation forms. Shop DECA sells many items to assist advisors with integrating DECA into curriculum at shopdeca.org.
BUSINESS LAW AND ETHICS
TEAM DECISION MAKING EVENT

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● Explain the types of economic systems.
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● Explain the principles of supply and demand.
● Explain the nature of business ethics.
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CASE STUDY SITUATION

You are to assume the roles of marketplace director and senior vice president for ETOWN, a company that manages ETOWN.COM, an online auction website. The CEO of the company (judge) has asked you to analyze cyberscalping claims and determine how the company should handle the accusations and requests for information.

ETOWN.COM is a popular online shopping website that provides customers the option to both buy and sell goods on its site. Users of the website must register with an email address, phone number and physical address in order to buy or sell merchandise. Users must electronically agree to the terms of services for ETOWN prior to using the website. ETOWN promises confidentiality, keeping all user information private.

To sell an item on ETOWN, the seller posts item information along with a photograph. Typically, an item is listed for three to five days on the online marketplace. The seller must identify shipping charges, but allows interested buyers to bid on the purchase price. If the item is popular, the bids increase, raising the price. This process allows the seller to receive the maximum price buyers are willing to pay for the item. ETOWN receives a percentage of all purchase prices.

The company has been successful since its launch in 1995 and has had few very issues with buyers and sellers up until recently. New computer programs have been developed that are being used to make mass online purchases. A tech-savvy person with access to the sophisticated program is able to purchase large quantities of the same item online, completely selling out popular items. For example, a new gaming system was introduced this past spring. The gaming system sold out in minutes, most being sold to people using the program. In turn, those items were then being listed on ETOWN with extremely high bids. An $80.00 gaming system was sold for $13,000 on ETOWN. This process is called cyberscalping.

Cyberscalping is most rampant during the holiday season. Parents are looking to purchase popular toys and stores sell out quickly. A popular dollhouse that retails for $299.00 has winning ETOWN bids of $1,700. A toddler toy that retails for $49.99 has winning ETOWN bids of over $250.00. All due to cyberscalpers quickly purchasing all retail inventory.

In 2016, Congress passed the Better Online Ticket Sales Act which prohibits cyberscalping, but the legislation only applies to ticket sales, not toys or other products. The legislation was passed to save consumers money and frustration.

With information about cyberscalping and inflated prices of items on ETOWN surfacing, many frustrated parents and lawmakers are speaking out. People are upset that families are being taken advantage of during the holiday season and cannot afford to purchase toys that are reasonably priced in stores, due to cyberscalping.

Lawmakers have now started lashing out at ETOWN. Company privacy policies keep all user information confidential, unless criminal activity is suspected. Since there is no current legislation that applies to cyberscalping toys or products, ETOWN will not release user information to consumer watchdog groups. Lawmakers feel ETOWN is acting unethically. Since ETOWN has
access to user information, they could stop cyberscalper sellers from using ETOWN to sell the scalped merchandise. Lawmakers feel ETOWN is also at fault since the company earns a percentage of the purchase price.

Executives at ETOWN are unsure how to proceed. No laws are being broken. If ETOWN users are willing to place high bids on popular items and pay increased prices that is up to the buyer. Nobody is forcing buyers to pay exorbitant prices.

The CEO of ETOWN (judge) has asked your team to analyze the situation and decide how to proceed. The CEO (judge) wants a full analysis of the following in your presentation:

- The economic system
- Supply and demand
- ETOWN’s confidentiality agreements
- Business risks associated with acting or not acting to stop cyberscalping
- Final recommendation and best method for communicating ETOWN’s decision

You will present your analysis and recommendation to the CEO (judge) in a meeting to take place in the CEO’s (judge’s) office. The CEO (judge) will begin the meeting by greeting you and asking to hear your ideas. After you have presented your analysis and recommendation and have answered the CEO’s (judge’s) questions, the CEO (judge) will conclude the meeting by thanking you for your work.
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The marketplace director and senior vice president (participant team) will present an analysis and recommendation to you in a meeting to take place in your office. You will begin the meeting by greeting the marketplace director and senior vice president (participant team) and asking to hear about their analysis.

After the marketplace director and senior vice president (participant team) have presented the analysis and recommendation you are to ask the following questions of each participant team:

1. Do you think it is important that we address cyberscalping on our website or in an email to our users?

2. If the laws change and cyberscalping products becomes illegal, how can we tell the difference between supply and demand and cyberscalping?

Once the marketplace director and senior vice president (participant team) have answered your questions, you will conclude the meeting by thanking them for their work. You are not to make any comments after the event is over except to thank the participants.
JUDGING THE PRESENTATION

Team members, assuming the role of a management team for the business represented, will analyze a case situation related to the chosen occupational area. The team will make decisions regarding the situation, and then make an oral presentation to the judge. The role of the judge is that of an executive for the business.

Participants will be evaluated according to the Evaluation Form.

Please place the name and identification number label on the Scantron sheet (unless it has already been done for you).

Participants will have a 30-minute preparation period and may make notes to use during the role-play.

During the first 10 minutes of the presentation (after introductions), the team will present their analysis, their decisions and the rationale behind the decisions. Allow the teams to complete this portion without interruption, unless you are asked to respond.

During the next 5 minutes, you may ask questions of the team to determine their understanding of the situation presented. Each member of each team should respond to at least one question. To ensure fairness, you must ask each team the same questions. After asking the standard questions, you may ask other questions for clarification specific to the current team.

After the questioning period, please thank the team and state that they will be notified of your decision soon. Then complete the Evaluation Form, making sure to record a score for all categories. The maximum score for the evaluation is 100 points. The presentation will be weighted at twice (2 times) the value of the exam scores.

A maximum score of “Exceeds Expectations” in any category means that, in your opinion, the information is presented effectively and creatively; nothing more could be expected of an employee.

A “Meets Expectations” rating means that the information is present well. Though there may be a few minor problems or omissions, they are not significant. Creativity, however, is not shown to any great degree. A combined total score of 70 or better on the written and presentation sections will earn the participant team DECA’s Certificate of Excellence at the international conference.

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We hope you are impressed by the quality of the work of these potential managers. If you have any suggestions for improving the event, please mention them to your series director.

*We thank you for your help.*
BUSINESS LAW AND ETHICS TEAM DECISION MAKING, 2018

JUDGE'S EVALUATION FORM

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Economics

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PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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CASE STUDY SITUATION

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CELEBRATION RESORTS offer all-inclusive holidays at each of their locations. While some of the activities and services vary by location, each resort provides all-inclusive food, beverages and activities for its guests. Most resorts are located on coastlines with private access to beaches, multiple swimming pools, restaurants, lounges, fitness centers, spas and children’s centers.

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PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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- Describe marketing functions and related activities.
- Demonstrate connections between company actions and results.
- Explain factors that influence customer/client/business buying behavior.
- Explain the nature of effective communications.
- Comply with the spirit and intent of laws and regulations.
- Identify company’s brand promise.
CASE STUDY SITUATION

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CREEK FARM has been producing cookies and crackers for over 50 years. The crackers are sold in 13.7 ounce boxes, holding a large quantity of crackers. The cookies are sold in sealable plastic 12 ounce packages, holding approximately two dozen cookies. The products have been profitable for CREEK FARM, marketed as a pantry staple for every household.

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With its connection to National Curriculum Standards, DECA’s Competitive Events Program is designed to be integrated into classroom instruction to help members apply learning and connect to business. As teaching tools, DECA’s role-plays and case studies provide relevant, meaningful problems for students to solve, provide a standards-based evaluation, increase rigor of the instruction, result in evidence of student learning and expose students to DECA – all as part of classroom instruction.

STEP 1: FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH EVENT GUIDELINES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS.

Use the DECA Guide to familiarize yourself with event guidelines that explain how each competitive event will operate – time limits, exam specifications, interactions with a judge, etc.

Role-plays and case studies are developed using performance indicators – key concepts from national curriculum standards that students should learn during the school year. DECA uses five lists of performance indicators which are organized by career cluster – business administration core, business management and administration, finance, hospitality and tourism, and marketing, as well as personal financial literacy.

Each performance indicator list is arranged by instructional areas to assist advisors with planning units of instruction. Advisors teaching accounting courses, for example, can use the Finance Career Cluster performance indicator list to plan their curriculum while advisors teaching marketing courses can use the Marketing Career Cluster performance indicator list.

STEP 2: UNDERSTAND HOW ROLE-PLAYS AND CASE STUDIES ARE DESIGNED.

The career cluster and primary instructional area for role-plays and case studies are identified at the top of the first page of the event.

Role-plays used for DECA’s Principles of Business Administration Events measure four performance indicators from the business administration core.

Case studies used for DECA’s Team Decision Making Events measure seven performance indicators. Usually, at least four of the seven performance indicators have been selected from the case study’s instructional area. Therefore, if the event situation is asking the participant to develop a promotion plan, most of the performance indicators will be from the promotion instructional area.

Role-plays used for DECA’s Individual Series Events measure five performance indicators. Usually, at least three of the five performance indicators have been selected from the event situation’s instructional area. The career pathway is also identified on the role-play, which may include performance indicators from that specific pathway as well.

Role-plays used for DECA’s Personal Financial Literacy event measure three performance indicators from the National Standards in K-12 Personal Finance Education, created and maintained by the Jump$tart Coalition® for Personal Financial Literacy.

STEP 3: START ORGANIZING SAMPLE EVENTS.

Each year, DECA posts sample role-plays and case studies on deca.org. Shop DECA also sells previously used events each year. Gather these samples and begin to categorize them by instructional area.

STEP 4: USE SAMPLE EVENTS AS A CLASSROOM ACTIVITY.

As you teach different instructional areas during the year, use corresponding role-plays and case studies as learning tools. While the traditional competitive event setting requires interaction with judges, many advisors have used role-plays and case studies as:

• warm-up activities at the beginning of classes.
• writing exercises that require students to write their ideas for solving the problem presented in the role-play or case study.
• public speaking exercises that require students to deliver an oral report or recorded video that presents their ideas for solving the problem presented in the role-play or case study.
• assessment tools in lieu of a multiple-choice quiz/test.

Since the evaluation form for each role-play and case study assesses the performance indicators, you are assessing students’ performance according to national curriculum standards which are industry validated and aligned to career clusters.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Event guidelines, performance indicator lists, sample events and sample exam questions are available at www.deca.org/competitiveevents. Sample role-play presentations can be viewed at www.deca.org. Advisors may wish to show the videos and ask students to evaluate the presentations using the evaluation forms. Shop DECA sells many items to assist advisors with integrating DECA into curriculum at shopdeca.org.
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• Explain the concept of marketing strategies.
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CASE STUDY SITUATION

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1. Do you think your campaign will suffer any backlash from men that like their facial hair?

2. Do you think advertising coupons for the new Post-Beard Razor would increase interest in the product? If so, what medium should they be advertised through and why?

3. Do you think a campaign aimed at women that are tired of men’s beards would be effective? Why or why not?
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BUYING AND MERCHANDISING
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PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

• Explain how organizations adapt to today’s markets.
• Determine factors affecting business risk.
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CASE STUDY SITUATION

You are to assume the roles of director of merchandising and director of brand management for CROMWELL, a high-end department store with 200 physical store locations. The senior vice president (judge) has asked your team to decide if adding seasonal merchandise in order to increase sales would help or harm the company’s image.

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- Assortment of sizes of Halloween costumes (Children only? Adults and children?)
- Types of Halloween merchandise to be sold (Only costumes? Decorations?)
- Placement in the store of Halloween merchandise
- Possible effects on the CROMWELL brand image
- Possible effects on profit
- Description of competition

You will present your ideas to the senior vice president (judge) in a meeting to take place in the senior vice president’s (judge’s) office. The senior vice president (judge) will begin the meeting by greeting you and asking to hear your ideas. After you have presented your ideas and have answered the senior vice president’s (judge’s) questions, the senior vice president (judge) will conclude the meeting by thanking you for your work.
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ENTREPRENEURSHIP SERIES

CASE STUDIES USED IN DECA’S TEAM DECISION MAKING EVENTS
INCLUDES:

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SAMPLE CASE STUDY 2: ECONOMICS

SAMPLE CASE STUDY 3: CHANNEL MANAGEMENT
INTEGRATE DECA’S ROLE-PLAYS AND CASE STUDIES INTO YOUR CLASSROOM

With its connection to National Curriculum Standards, DECA’s Competitive Events Program is designed to be integrated into classroom instruction to help members apply learning and connect to business. As teaching tools, DECA’s role-plays and case studies provide relevant, meaningful problems for students to solve, provide a standards-based evaluation, increase rigor of the instruction, result in evidence of student learning and expose students to DECA – all as part of classroom instruction.

STEP 1: FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH EVENT GUIDELINES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS.

Use the DECA Guide to familiarize yourself with event guidelines that explain how each competitive event will operate – time limits, exam specifications, interactions with a judge, etc.

Role-plays and case studies are developed using performance indicators – key concepts from national curriculum standards that students should learn during the school year. DECA uses five lists of performance indicators which are organized by career cluster – business administration core, business management and administration, finance, hospitality and tourism, and marketing, as well as personal financial literacy.

Each performance indicator list is arranged by instructional areas to assist advisors with planning units of instruction. Advisors teaching accounting courses, for example, can use the Finance Career Cluster performance indicator list to plan their curriculum while advisors teaching marketing courses can use the Marketing Career Cluster performance indicator list.

STEP 2: UNDERSTAND HOW ROLE-PLAYS AND CASE STUDIES ARE DESIGNED.

The career cluster and primary instructional area for role-plays and case studies are identified at the top of the first page of the event.

Role-plays used for DECA’s Principles of Business Administration Events measure four performance indicators from the business administration core.

Case studies used for DECA’s Team Decision Making Events measure seven performance indicators. Usually, at least four of the seven performance indicators have been selected from the case study’s instructional area. Therefore, if the event situation is asking the participant to develop a promotion plan, most of the performance indicators will be from the promotion instructional area.

Role-plays used for DECA’s Individual Series Events measure five performance indicators. Usually, at least three of the five performance indicators have been selected from the event situation’s instructional area. The career pathway is also identified on the role-play, which may include performance indicators from that specific pathway as well.

Role-plays used for DECA’s Personal Financial Literacy event measure three performance indicators from the National Standards in K-12 Personal Finance Education, created and maintained by the Jump$tart Coalition® for Personal Financial Literacy.

STEP 3: START ORGANIZING SAMPLE EVENTS.

Each year, DECA posts sample role-plays and case studies on deca.org. Shop DECA also sells previously used events each year. Gather these samples and begin to categorize them by instructional area.

STEP 4: USE SAMPLE EVENTS AS A CLASSROOM ACTIVITY.

As you teach different instructional areas during the year, use corresponding role-plays and case studies as learning tools. While the traditional competitive event setting requires interaction with judges, many advisors have used role-plays and case studies as:

- warm-up activities at the beginning of classes.
- writing exercises that require students to write their ideas for solving the problem presented in the role-play or case study.
- public speaking exercises that require students to deliver an oral report or recorded video that presents their ideas for solving the problem presented in the role-play or case study.
- assessment tools in lieu of a multiple-choice quiz/test.

Since the evaluation form for each role-play and case study assesses the performance indicators, you are assessing students’ performance according to national curriculum standards which are industry validated and aligned to career clusters.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Event guidelines, performance indicator lists, sample events and sample exam questions are available at www.deca.org/competitivenevents. Sample role-play presentations can be viewed at www.deca.org. Advisors may wish to show the videos and ask students to evaluate the presentations using the evaluation forms. Shop DECA sells many items to assist advisors with integrating DECA into curriculum at shopdeca.org.
ENTREPRENEURSHIP
TEAM DECISION MAKING EVENT

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PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

• Develop marketing plan.
• Set marketing goals and objectives.
• Explain the concept of marketing strategies.
• Explain the concept of market and market identification.
• Build corporate brand.
• Explain the role of promotion as a marketing function.
• Explain factors that influence customer/client/business buying behavior.
CASE STUDY SITUATION

You are to assume the roles of the founders and owners of YARDSCAPE DESIGNS, a company that provides residential and commercial landscaping and other services. The primary investor (judge) wants you to develop an effective, yet low-cost, marketing strategy that will increase awareness of the business.

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The primary investor (judge) was impressed with your knowledge and capabilities. The investor (judge) feels strongly that the services YARDSCAPE DESIGNS offers are different than other simple landscaping companies in the area. Their competitors do offer basic landscaping services to both residential and commercial clients, but none have the expertise in the local soils and vegetation or the relationship with foreign suppliers.

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• Explain the concept of private enterprise.
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• Explain the concept of competition.
• Describe entrepreneurial planning considerations.
• Explain the concept of market and market identification.
• Explain types of business ownership.
CASE STUDY SITUATION

You are to assume the roles of business partners that would like to purchase a franchise. The financer interested in helping you purchase the franchise (judge) has given you information about an alternative franchise that might interest you and wants you to analyze the two options and make a final choice.

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You are both passionate about offering customers affordable merchandise for their children. You feel HAND ME DOWN is a much-needed addition to the area, as the only other second-hand clothing stores are charity based. HAND ME DOWN would also be the first to offer money or store credit for donated items.

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The financer (judge) has asked you to analyze the two franchising options and determine which is the best fit. The financer (judge) wants you to analyze cost, market, brand recognition, passion and staffing.

You will present your analysis and decision to the financer (judge) in a meeting to take place in the financer’s (judge’s) office. The financer (judge) will begin the meeting by greeting you and asking to hear your analysis. After you have presented your analysis and have answered the financer’s (judge’s) questions, the financer (judge) will conclude the meeting by thanking you for your work.
JUDGE’S INSTRUCTIONS

You are to assume the role of a financer willing to help two business partners (participant team) purchase a franchise. You have given the business partners (participant team) information about an alternative franchise that might interest them and want the business partners (participant team) to analyze the two options and make a final choice.

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- Determine factors affecting business risk.
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CASE STUDY SITUATION

You are to assume the roles of small business owners of BEST STATE OF COFFEE, a company that sells specialty gourmet coffee made from unique beans found only in your state. A small business advisor (judge) has provided you with information about expanding your channels of distribution. The small business advisor (judge) wants you to analyze the information and determine how to best make the new sales channel work for BEST STATE OF COFFEE.

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To become an AMAZING MARKETPLACE merchant that sells coffee, the small business must register as a professional seller. The monthly fee is $39.99, regardless of how many or how few products are sold on AMAZING. There is also a 15% referral fee on every order that is paid to AMAZING. Once an order is placed, AMAZING MARKETPLACE will email you the invoice for proper packaging and shipment. The merchant is able to set shipping charges.

The small business advisor (judge) wants you to determine best practices for adding AMAZING MARKETPLACE as a sales channel. The small business advisor (judge) wants you to determine:

- Adjusted price for 16-ounce can of ground coffee sold on AMAZING MARKETPLACE
- Adjusted price for 2-pound bag of whole beans sold on AMAZING MARKETPLACE
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- Adjusted price for 16-ounce can of ground coffee sold on AMAZING MARKETPLACE
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Use the DECA Guide to familiarize yourself with event guidelines that explain how each competitive event will operate – time limits, exam specifications, interactions with a judge, etc.

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Each performance indicator list is arranged by instructional areas to assist advisors with planning units of instruction. Advisors teaching accounting courses, for example, can use the Finance Career Cluster performance indicator list to plan their curriculum while advisors teaching marketing courses can use the Marketing Career Cluster performance indicator list.

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The career cluster and primary instructional area for role-plays and case studies are identified at the top of the first page of the event.

Role-plays used for DECA’s Principles of Business Administration Events measure four performance indicators from the business administration core.

Case studies used for DECA’s Team Decision Making Events measure seven performance indicators. Usually, at least four of the seven performance indicators have been selected from the case study’s instructional area. Therefore, if the event situation is asking the participant to develop a promotion plan, most of the performance indicators will be from the promotion instructional area.

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Role-plays used for DECA’s Personal Financial Literacy event measure three performance indicators from the National Standards in K-12 Personal Finance Education, created and maintained by the Jump$tart Coalition® for Personal Financial Literacy.

STEP 3: START ORGANIZING SAMPLE EVENTS.
Each year, DECA posts sample role-plays and case studies on deca.org. Shop DECA also sells previously used events each year. Gather these samples and begin to categorize them by instructional area.

STEP 4: USE SAMPLE EVENTS AS A CLASSROOM ACTIVITY.
As you teach different instructional areas during the year, use corresponding role-plays and case studies as learning tools. While the traditional competitive event setting requires interaction with judges, many advisors have used role-plays and case studies as:
• warm-up activities at the beginning of classes.
• writing exercises that require students to write their ideas for solving the problem presented in the role-play or case study.
• public speaking exercises that require students to deliver an oral report or recorded video that presents their ideas for solving the problem presented in the role-play or case study.
• assessment tools in lieu of a multiple-choice quiz/test.

Since the evaluation form for each role-play and case study assesses the performance indicators, you are assessing students’ performance according to national curriculum standards which are industry validated and aligned to career clusters.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
Event guidelines, performance indicator lists, sample events and sample exam questions are available at www.deca.org/competitiveevents. Sample role-play presentations can be viewed at www.deca.org. Advisors may wish to show the videos and ask students to evaluate the presentations using the evaluation forms. Shop DECA sells many items to assist advisors with integrating DECA into curriculum at shopdeca.org.
FINANCIAL SERVICES
TEAM DECISION MAKING EVENT

PARTICIPANT INSTRUCTIONS

• The event will be presented to you through your reading of the 21st Century Skills, Performance Indicators and Case Study Situation. You will have up to 30 minutes to review this information and prepare your presentation. You may make notes to use during your presentation.
• You will have up to 10 minutes to make your presentation to the judge (you may have more than one judge), followed by up to 5 minutes to answer the judge’s questions. All members of the team must participate in the presentation, as well as answer the questions.
• Turn in all of your notes and event materials when you have completed the event.

21st CENTURY SKILLS

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PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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• Describe techniques used to analyze customer financial information.
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CASE STUDY SITUATION

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You will present the information to the finance director (judge) in a meeting to take place in the finance director’s (judge’s) office. The finance director (judge) will begin the meeting by greeting you and asking to hear your ideas. After you have presented the information and have answered the finance director’s (judge’s) questions, the finance director (judge) will conclude the meeting by thanking you for your work.
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1. As a bank, how do we still continue to show that our members are the number one priority while still earning revenue from their membership?

2. Could the data manipulation techniques used for credit card users be applied to other aspects in the financial services industry?

Once the financial analysts (participant team) have answered your questions, you will conclude the meeting by thanking them for their work.

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SOLUTION
General Facts that Support Proposal

How money is made with credit cards?

- Cardholder-side
  - Interest
  - Fees
- Merchant-side
  - Transaction fees

Cardholder Revenue
- Users that carry balances
  - Interest
  - Earning revenue based on interest charged for any amount carried over from the prior-month’s statement
  - Cannot afford to pay off charges
- Users that pay off each month
  - Fees
  - Usage of credit card based on benefits, such as rewards or cash back
  - Includes an annual fee

Business Revenue
- Merchants Fees
  - Percentage of credit card purchases goes towards interchange fees
  - Portion goes to credit card association (i.e. Visa, MasterCard)
  - Bulk goes to issuing bank (i.e. Chase, Bank of America)

Management Information Systems - Finance
- Information systems with capacity to maintain large databases enabling organizations to store, organize, and access financial information easily
- Used to support budgetary, planning and decision making processes
- Electronic DATA!!!

Data Sensitivity
- Information housed within credit card accounts
  - Name
  - Address
  - Social Security Number
  - Date of Birth
  - Income
  - Citizenship Status
  - Email Address
  - Phone Number
  - Linked Bank Accounts
- Responsibility of bank to ensure cardholder privacy
- Data security involves preventing unauthorized access to databases
  - Cybersecurity risk
  - Data breaches
    - Legally could be brought up to the highest levels of government if millions of people are affected
i.e. Equifax – 143 MILLION affected
i.e. Facebook – 87 MILLION users had their data compromised

Business Proposals

- Cash Back Rewards
  - Cash back on every purchase
    - EXAMPLE
      - 1% on every purchase
      - 2% at grocery stores
      - 3% gas
    - CAP cash back rewards at a certain dollar amount – i.e. up to first $5,000 in purchases
  - Low interest rate to cardholders
    - Incentivizes new cardholders to applying
    - More purchases across the board
  - Possibility of increased spending = carrying balances over
    - Collect interest on balances
  - MERCHANT SIDE – IMPORTANT
    - Partner with certain merchants in specific categories
    - If gas is 3% cash back, “HEY GAS STATION, I can offer you more traffic to your gas station if you agree to a 0.2% increase in your credit card fees per transaction.”
    - 0.2% may seem small, but that is for ALL gas purchases made with the bank’s card

- Rewards w/ Annual Fee
  - Points that rack up to be redeemed for travel miles, hotel stays, merchandise, etc.
    - Points needed to reach certain redemption levels require a specific dollar spend
    - That spend should be equal or greater than actual value of reward
  - Partner with businesses, i.e. hotels
    - “Hi, Hilton. If you offer our cardholders benefits to staying at your hotel by redeeming card rewards, we have over 50 million credit card users that could potentially be a customer.”

- Low introductory rate, VARIABLE interest
  - Capitalize on users that want a low interest rate on purchases
    - Helps those that use credit to borrow money
  - 0% Annual Percentage Rate (APR) for first 12 months
    - THEN hit them with an increase to 21.99% APR
    - High possibility that cardholders will have an outstanding balance
    - Don’t have the money to pay off the entire balance the first month the interest rate hits

- Pay Now – Pay Later Fees
  - THIS IS A NEW TREND IN THE INDUSTRY
    - Let users categorize their purchases into two segments
• 1 – purchases that they will pay normally, will be charged the normal interest rate if not paid off in statement month
• 2 – purchases that they want to pay over time, will be charged a lower interest rate, but place a nominal FEE
  ▪ Users will be able to budget and delay payment over monthly payments
  ▪ Interest rate goes down, saving them interest, more than the actual fee
    o KEY – interest saved must be higher than fee or else it’s not worth it to them

▪ Monthly Spending Incentives
  o THIS ONE REQUIRES HIGH LEVEL DATA ANALYSIS
    ▪ Need to see where cardholders are spending and using their card
    ▪ Based on that data pull, partner with businesses and offer incentives
      • 5% cash back for shopping at Bloomingdales all throughout the month of April - then go to Bloomingdales and ask for a cut of all the purchases from your cardholders
      • $50 gift card for every $250 you spend at Bloomingdales – go to Bloomingdales and show data of all users that spent $250 or more at their stores and ask for reimbursement, full or even partial, for the gift cards given to cardholders that earned that reward
    ▪ Must have enough data to present to other businesses to prove that the numbers add up and it’ll create more revenue for them as well

▪ Balance Transfer Fees
  o Credit card debt is makes up of a HUGE part of consumer debt in society
    ▪ HELP THEM by offering users a service that’ll benefit their outstanding debt
    ▪ TRANSFER YOUR BALANCES to OUR BANK
      • 0% APR on balance transfers for 12-18 months– 3% fee assessed to transfer amount
      • Bank keeps the fee with the potential for month 13-19+ to earn interest REVENUE
    ▪ Harder to distinguish data on this since balance transfers usually come from outside banks
Data Requirements

- Data Segments – need to know who is advertised which incentive program
  - Cannot just advertise to everyone – must promote to specific niche
    - CATEGORIES for ALL USERS
      - By Spend
      - By Use
      - By Merchant
      - By Credit Limit
      - By Income
      - By Demographic
      - By Geographic
      - By Profession

- HIGH LEVEL DATA MANIPULATION
  - Amount of average monthly balances carrying over
    - Includes monthly interest revenue collected
  - # of users that pay of balances each month
    - Use them to pitch the specific benefits
  - # of users total that shop at certain categories
    - Groceries – how many users use their card regularly for groceries
  - Where users spend their money
    - Is it in gas, dining, separate by category
  - Locations where money is spent
    - Small business, large big box, international?

- To pitch these partnership ideas to businesses, must be able to convince and SELL/MARKET the idea to other businesses
  - You have 50 million credit card user data to analyze and use to support your pitches

- THE JUICE HAS TO BE WORTH THE SQUEEZE
- The bank has to benefit AND so does the partnering business
  - BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS relationship must be a WIN-WIN

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FINANCIAL SERVICES
TEAM DECISION MAKING EVENT

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PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

• Describe the role of financial institutions.
• Describe current business trends.
• Identify ways technology impacts business.
• Maintain customer records.
• Explain the nature and scope of the financial-information management function.
• Describe techniques used to analyze customer financial information.
• Describe the use of technology in the financial-information management function.
CASE STUDY SITUATION

You are to assume the roles of small business banking specialists for EQUITY ONE BANK. The vice president of the bank (judge) has asked your team to prepare a presentation for the current small business clients about banking trends due to the growing use of technology in the banking industry. The vice present (judge) feels this will be a great opportunity to educate and prepare clients with necessary information regarding the bank’s services.

The vice president (judge) has put together topics that should be discussed during your presentation to small business clients. The topics to discuss are as follows:

- Bank’s role in assisting small business clients
- Trends in banking
- Ease of access to financial information for both client and bank
- Technology uses in banking
- Customization of services based on client needs
- Proactive approach to improved services

You will present the information first to the vice president (judge) in a small training room at EQUITY ONE BANK. The vice president (judge) will begin the meeting by greeting you and asking to hear your ideas. After you have finished the presentation and answered the vice president’s (judge’s) questions, the vice president (judge) will conclude the meeting by thanking you for your work.
JUDGE’S INSTRUCTIONS

You are to assume the role of vice president of EQUITY ONE BANK. You have asked two small business banking specialists (participant team) to prepare a presentation for the current small business clients about banking trends due to the growing use of technology in the banking industry. You feel this will be a great opportunity to educate and prepare clients with necessary information regarding the bank’s services.

You have put together topics that should be discussed during the small business banking specialist’s (participant team’s) presentation to small business clients. The topics of discussion are as follows:

- Bank’s role in assisting small business clients
- Trends in banking
- Ease of access to financial information for both client and bank
- Technology uses in banking
- Customization of services based on client needs
- Proactive approach to improved services

The two small business banking specialists (participant team) will first give the presentation to you in a meeting in your office. You will begin the meeting by greeting the small business banking specialists (participant team) and asking to hear the presentation.

After the small business banking specialists (participant team) have presented the information, you are to ask the following questions of each participant team:

1. What specific client needs would involve a trip to a physical branch location?

2. If a financial institution is noticing an increase in clients closing their accounts, what actions would you recommend a bank take to attract more customers?

Once the small business banking specialists (participant team) have answered your questions, you will conclude the meeting by thanking them for their work.

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SOLUTION

- Bank’s role in assisting small business clients
  - Small business banking usually involves fees for service
  - For example, branch deposits might cost clients $0.90 per deposit, while remote/mobile deposits are only $0.20 per deposit
  - Businesses do not want to pay more for the same service they can receive at another financial institution

- Trends in banking
  - Interest rates on savings accounts are highly scrutinized when small businesses shop for their main financial institution
  - The competitive rate is a 1% return on their savings balance
  - Cash back for small business credit cards is also trending where institutions will offer up to 2% cash back for all transactions made with no limit on cash back earnings
  - Lines of credits, upwards of $1 million available, are now underwritten against aging accounts receivable of a company, rather than its financial performance

- Ease of access to financial information for both client and bank
  - Records are now easily accessible due to online banking
  - Financial institutions are also able to send documents over encrypted email
  - Clients are able to request documents and have them delivered same day

- Technology uses in banking
  - With the increased use of mobile devices, standard financial information such as current balances and/or outstanding loans need to be immediately accessible
  - Security is also a concern by ensuring that devices accessing sensitive banking information is kept confidential and encrypted
  - Small business clients are also able to use technology to customize their banking portal without the need to contact bank representatives
  - For example, if a check that was written is lost in the mail, rather than calling the bank to void or stop-pay that specific check, it can be flagged and voided by the client using an online banking portal

- Customization of services based on client needs
  - Small business clients vary in their growing needs
  - One client might need access to higher credit limits on their high-volume usage, while other clients need to explore line of credit options
  - Analyzing the banking data and activity of each client can assist financial institution in catering new products and services that fit the needs of individual clients

- Proactive approach to improved services
  - Rather than wait for a client to say, “I need this,” financial institutions should be offering to clients, “We are able to offer you this service unique to your needs.”
  - A fee-based service usually entails small businesses to continually shop around for the best bank for their needs and either institutions adapt to the changing needs or lose clients in the process
  - Using prior records of each client allows financial institutions to better understand the history of a small business and how to cater the relationship in an effort to improve the business banking relationship
JUDGING THE PRESENTATION

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FINANCIAL SERVICES TEAM DECISION MAKING, 2018

JUDGE’S EVALUATION FORM

INSTRUCTIONAL AREA
Information Management
Financial-Information Management

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• Discuss legal considerations in the finance industry.
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CASE STUDY SITUATION

You are to assume the roles of senior business bankers for PEBBLE FOUNTAIN BANK. The president of the bank (judge) wants to extend the bank’s lending portfolio to include real estate loans to business clients. The president (judge) wants your team to create a presentation regarding bank regulations on commercial lending that will be used as an informational resource for potential business clients.

The president (judge) wants you to include the following topics in the presentation:

- Principles behind commercial lending
- Uses of business loans
- Governing laws and regulatory agencies
- Purpose of collateral
- Lending limits to individual borrowers
- Loan structure for existing clients
- Loan structure of new clients
- Benefits and risks of commercial lending

You will first give the presentation to the president (judge) in a meeting to take place in the president’s (judge’s) office. The president (judge) will begin the meeting by greeting you and asking to hear your presentation. After you have finished the presentation and answered the president’s (judge’s) questions, the president (judge) will conclude the meeting by thanking you for your work.
JUDGE’S INSTRUCTIONS

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1. Would you recommend that PEBBLE FOUNTAIN BANK offer unsecured loans, those without collateral? Why or why not?

2. If a business has, in the most recent year, operated at a net loss, should they automatically be declined for a commercial loan? Why or why not?

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SOLUTION

- Principles behind commercial lending
  - A commercial loan is a debt-based arrangement between a business and a financial institution
  - Typically used to fund major capital expenditures, e.g. property, land, building, equipment.

- Uses of business loans
  - Buildings
  - Capital leases
  - Computer equipment
  - Office equipment
  - Furniture and fixtures
  - Intangibles assets (e.g. licenses and/or patents)
  - Land
  - Machinery
  - Software
  - Vehicles

- Governing laws and regulatory agencies
  - The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) supervises all national banks and federal savings associations as an independent agency of the Department of Treasury.
  - The Federal Reserve System is the central bank of the United States by supervising and regulating financial institutions.
  - The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) provides deposit insurance to depositors in U.S. Banks.
  - The Interagency Guidelines Establishing Standards for Safety and Soundness state that a bank must establish an underwriting process that:
    - Is commensurate with the types of loans the institution will make and considers the terms and conditions under which they will be made.
    - Considers the nature of the markets in which loans will be made.
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    - Includes a system of independent, ongoing credit review and appropriate communication to management and to the board of directors.
    - Takes adequate account of concentration of credit risk.
    - Is appropriate to the size of the institution and the nature and scope of its activities.

- Purpose of collateral
  - Security pledged for the payment of a loan.
  - Types of business collateral: real property, business inventory, accounts receivable, cash savings or deposits, assets that have loans on them.

- Lending limits to individual borrowers
  - Smaller limits due to lower value of individual assets to be used as collateral.
  - Better relationship with businesses due to a higher chance of being repaid on loans due to multiple forms of collateral available.
• Loan structure for existing clients
  - Longer relationships usually equate to more internal data available to the financial institution
  - Analyzing data to underwrite loans could decrease interest rates and/or increase the lending limit
  - Different needs for financial data that is already accessible to the financial institution might speed up the underwriting process

• Loan structure of new clients
  - Professional skepticism due to little or no banking history with the financial institution
  - Higher interest rates and or shorter lending terms
  - Greater need for financial statement analysis to underwrite the credit worthiness of the business
  - Higher collateral requirements in case of default on loan

• Benefits and risks of commercial lending
  - Increase the client pool of the bank
  - Clients often stay with the same financial institution if they have outstanding loans
  - Ability for long term loyalty if funds for capital expenditures are easily accessible
  - Laws and regulations govern how much of a bank’s portfolio is used up in commercial loans
  - Must underwrite commercial loans property to mitigate risk of bank not receiving their return on interest
  - Revenue stream due to collections on interest rate and any other fees associated with the loan
  - Extensive legal considerations that may require legal counsel
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With its connection to National Curriculum Standards, DECA’s Competitive Events Program is designed to be integrated into classroom instruction to help members apply learning and connect to business. As teaching tools, DECA’s role-plays and case studies provide relevant, meaningful problems for students to solve, provide a standards-based evaluation, increase rigor of the instruction, result in evidence of student learning and expose students to DECA – all as part of classroom instruction.

STEP 1: FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH EVENT GUIDELINES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS.

Use the DECA Guide to familiarize yourself with event guidelines that explain how each competitive event will operate – time limits, exam specifications, interactions with a judge, etc.

Role-plays and case studies are developed using performance indicators – key concepts from national curriculum standards that students should learn during the school year. DECA uses five lists of performance indicators which are organized by career cluster – business administration core, business management and administration, finance, hospitality and tourism, and marketing, as well as personal financial literacy.

Each performance indicator list is arranged by instructional areas to assist advisors with planning units of instruction. Advisors teaching accounting courses, for example, can use the Finance Career Cluster performance indicator list to plan their curriculum while advisors teaching marketing courses can use the Marketing Career Cluster performance indicator list.

STEP 2: UNDERSTAND HOW ROLE-PLAYS AND CASE STUDIES ARE DESIGNED.

The career cluster and primary instructional area for role-plays and case studies are identified at the top of the first page of the event.

Role-plays used for DECA’s Principles of Business Administration Events measure four performance indicators from the business administration core.

Case studies used for DECA’s Team Decision Making Events measure seven performance indicators. Usually, at least four of the seven performance indicators have been selected from the case study’s instructional area. Therefore, if the event situation is asking the participant to develop a promotion plan, most of the performance indicators will be from the promotion instructional area.

Role-plays used for DECA’s Individual Series Events measure five performance indicators. Usually, at least three of the five performance indicators have been selected from the event situation’s instructional area. The career pathway is also identified on the role-play, which may include performance indicators from that specific pathway as well.

Role-plays used for DECA’s Personal Financial Literacy event measure three performance indicators from the National Standards in K-12 Personal Finance Education, created and maintained by the Jump$tart Coalition® for Personal Financial Literacy.

STEP 3: START ORGANIZING SAMPLE EVENTS.

Each year, DECA posts sample role-plays and case studies on deca.org. Shop DECA also sells previously used events each year. Gather these samples and begin to categorize them by instructional area.

STEP 4: USE SAMPLE EVENTS AS A CLASSROOM ACTIVITY.

As you teach different instructional areas during the year, use corresponding role-plays and case studies as learning tools. While the traditional competitive event setting requires interaction with judges, many advisors have used role-plays and case studies as:

- warm-up activities at the beginning of classes.
- writing exercises that require students to write their ideas for solving the problem presented in the role-play or case study.
- public speaking exercises that require students to deliver an oral report or recorded video that presents their ideas for solving the problem presented in the role-play or case study.
- assessment tools in lieu of a multiple-choice quiz/test.

Since the evaluation form for each role-play and case study assesses the performance indicators, you are assessing students’ performance according to national curriculum standards which are industry validated and aligned to career clusters.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Event guidelines, performance indicator lists, sample events and sample exam questions are available at www.deca.org/competitiveevents. Sample role-play presentations can be viewed at www.deca.org. Advisors may wish to show the videos and ask students to evaluate the presentations using the evaluation forms. Shop DECA sells many items to assist advisors with integrating DECA into curriculum at shopdeca.org.
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PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

• Identify a company’s brand promise.
• Differentiate between offering services and offering products in hospitality and tourism.
• Identify factors associated with positive customer experiences.
• Anticipate unspoken customer needs.
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CASE STUDY SITUATION

You are to assume the roles of director of sales and marketing and director of brand experience for a new hotel concept, DEGREE. The founder of the new concept (judge) has asked your team to design the DEGREE product to ensure the best customer experience for its target market.

The founder of DEGREE (judge) realized there is a strong need for outstanding lodging experiences in college towns. Most cities that house a university or college do not have much to offer near the schools in terms of lodging. Visitors to the schools are forced to either lodge miles away or stay in an unknown motel or a bland chain.

DEGREE’s concept is simple: offer visitors to the universities and colleges a charming, safe and pleasant lodging experience. The founder (judge) hopes that parents, family members and guests of the schools will choose DEGREE over the other boring lodging options.

The first DEGREE property is in the planning stages and will open in one year. The property is located within walking distance of a local university’s student union and several dormitories. The campus transportation bus stop is located just one block from DEGREE’s entrance, giving guests the ability to safely and easily travel throughout the university grounds and the surrounding area.

The founder (judge) has asked for your help in designing the DEGREE product. The founder (judge) wants to ensure that potential guests, parents and visitors of the schools will not only have their needs met in terms of products and services, but will have their unspoken needs met. The founder (judge) wants to make certain that DEGREE provides the best guest experience in addition to a safe place to sleep.

The founder (judge) wants your team to determine the following:
- Services DEGREE can provide for the target market
- Products DEGREE can provide for the target market
- What DEGREE should look like, in terms of lobby, guest room and other common areas
- How DEGREE can ensure positive customer experiences
- Possible unspoken needs of target market customers

You will present your recommendations to the founder (judge) in a meeting to take place in the founder’s (judge’s) office. The founder (judge) will begin the meeting by greeting you and asking to hear your ideas. After you have presented your recommendations and have answered the founder’s (judge’s) questions, the founder (judge) will conclude the meeting by thanking you for your work.
JUDGE’S INSTRUCTIONS

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After the director of sales and marketing and director of brand experience (participant team) have presented their recommendations, you are to ask the following questions of each participant team:

1. Do you think DEGREE properties are best suited for small college towns, larger college towns or both? Why?

2. What is the best way to market DEGREE to its target market?
3. Should we promote DEGREE to the general population as well as the target market?

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# HOSPITALITY SERVICES TEAM DECISION MAKING, 2018

## JUDGE’S EVALUATION FORM

### INSTRUCTIONAL AREA
Customer Relations

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21st CENTURY SKILLS

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PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

• Describe the functions of prices in markets.
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CASE STUDY SITUATION

You are to assume the roles of director of sales and marketing and director of brand experience for MARVEL INN, a hotel chain with over 1,000 properties in North America. The senior vice president (judge) wants your team to analyze a new service the chain is considering that would allow guests to choose their own check-in and check-out times and pay an adjusted room rate based on adjusted times.

All MARVEL INN locations have the same check-in time of 4:00PM and check-out time of 12:00PM. It is considered standard policy in the hospitality industry that a room stay is for 20 hours, and Marvel Inn follows that standard. While each MARVEL INNS’ room rates vary, most are between $149.00 and $289.00 per night. MARVEL INN has a loyalty program to entice repeat visits named Marvelous Program. Members of the Marvelous Program earn points for each stay and can redeem points for future stays and upgrades.

With so many hotel brands competing for guests and prices extremely comparable, it is becoming more and more difficult for brands to stand out in the market. Executives at MARVEL INN performed research among customers, Marvelous Program members and social media followers. The research asked participants to identify reasons why MARVEL INN was chosen or not chosen for hotel stays. A significant number of respondents answered that they did not choose MARVEL INN when they needed a one-night stay and would check-out very early or would arrive very late in the night. Respondents communicated that the price was too high for simply a place to sleep and no use of other hotel services. Those respondents opted for less expensive lodging.

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After analyzing the research, executives at MARVEL INN are considering a new strategy. MARVEL INN guests would be able to choose a check-in and check-out time that best fits their needs if the standard times are not conducive. The room rates for adjusted times would be adjusted, as well. For example, if a guest only needs a room for 10 hours, the rate would be less than the standard rate. If a guest wanted to check-in several hours early and check-out late, the rate would be more than the standard rate. The new strategy has been named “custom guest.”

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- How would custom guest potentially affect profits, both positively and negatively?
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- Which sales booking channels should custom guest be available?
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2. Typically, *Marvel Inn* will let a guest check-in an hour early if a room is available or check-out an hour late if not at full occupancy. Should we eliminate that policy? Why or why not?

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PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

• Explain the nature of corporate branding.
• Explain the nature and scope of the product/service management function
• Communicate core values of product/service.
• Identify a product/service’s competitive advantage.
• Identify company’s brand promise.
• Describe factors affecting the prices of hospitality and tourism products.
• Determine factors affecting business risk.
CASE STUDY SITUATION

You are to assume the roles of director of brand management and director of marketing for CREEK, a boutique hotel brand owned by CREEKSIDE INTERNATIONAL. CREEKSIDE INTERNATIONAL is a hospitality company that manages and franchises 14 different hotel brands. The senior vice president of CREEKSIDE INTERNATIONAL (judge) wants your team to analyze CREEK’s 20 years in business and determine changes and/or additions that need to be made to the brand to either preserve or change its identity.

CREEKSIDE INTERNATIONAL has been in the hospitality business for over 100 years, but the boutique brand it operates, CREEK, has only been in business since 1998. CREEK is the first and only boutique style hotel owned by CREEKSIDE INTERNATIONAL. CREEK was meant to target Millennials and have a mid range price point of $219/night.

All CREEK hotels have similar décor. They are all trendy and hip with minimalist, dark themes. All CREEK locations have fun lounges, restaurants featuring local fare with local ingredients and rooftop pools with trendy outdoor games. The restaurants and lounges are marketed as fun and attract local Millennials as well as hotel guests. CREEK was meant to be the opposite of luxury hotels, which are thought of as stuffy and boring.

The success of CREEK was overwhelming. CREEKSIDE INTERNATIONAL executives knew that CREEK would offer something unique, but they had no idea just how popular the brand would be among all demographics. Twenty years later, CREEK is still extremely popular, but the primary demographic has changed from Millennials to Generation X and young Baby Boomers. Another change is the price point. The high demand for rooms at CREEK has raised the average rate from $219/night to $349/night, making it fit the luxury hotel price point rather than boutique.

CREEK has run into problems this past year due to the rising room rates with no changes to the style of offerings of the brand. Guests feel that if they are paying a luxury brand rate, they should receive luxury brand services and amenities, not boutique brand services and amenities. Changing CREEK to a luxury brand would require renovations to all the properties, including changes to style, décor, restaurants and services offered.

With its 20-year anniversary approaching, the senior vice president (judge) wants your team to analyze the brand identity and history of CREEK. To stay competitive and profitable, the senior vice president (judge) wants your team to analyze the following:

- Benefits of remaining a boutique hotel brand
- Methods to position CREEK as a boutique hotel brand rather than a luxury hotel brand
- Ways to adjust pricing while still staying profitable
- Additional services/amenities that will identify the CREEK brand as boutique
- Pros and cons of renovating all CREEK properties to luxury hotel brand
- Final recommendation for the CREEK brand
- Method to incorporate your recommendations into CREEK’s 20th anniversary

You will present your analysis and final recommendation to the senior vice president (judge) in a meeting to take place in the senior vice president’s (judge’s) office. The senior vice president (judge) will begin the meeting by greeting you and asking to hear your analysis. After you have
presented your analysis and have answered the senior vice president’s (judge’s) questions, the senior vice president (judge) will conclude the meeting by thanking you for your work.
You are to assume the role of senior vice president for Creekside International, a hospitality company that manages and franchises 14 different hotel brands. The company owns a boutique hotel brand named Creek. You want the director of brand management and director of marketing for Creek (participant team) to analyze Creek’s 20 years in business and determine changes and/or additions that need to be made to the brand to either preserve or change its identity.

Creekside International has been in the hospitality business for over 100 years, but the boutique brand it operates, Creek, has only been in business since 1998. Creek is the first and only boutique style hotel owned by Creekside International. Creek was meant to target Millennials and have a mid range price point of $219/night.

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With its 20-year anniversary approaching, you want the director of brand management and director of marketing for Creek (participant team) to analyze the brand identity and history of Creek. To stay competitive and profitable, you want the director of brand management and director of marketing for Creek (participant team) to analyze the following:

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- Additional services/amenities that will identify the Creek brand as boutique
- Pros and cons of renovating all Creek properties to luxury hotel brand
- Final recommendation for the Creek brand
- Method to incorporate your recommendations into Creek’s 20th anniversary

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Use the DECA Guide to familiarize yourself with event guidelines that explain how each competitive event will operate – time limits, exam specifications, interactions with a judge, etc.

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Each performance indicator list is arranged by instructional areas to assist advisors with planning units of instruction. Advisors teaching accounting courses, for example, can use the Finance Career Cluster performance indicator list to plan their curriculum while advisors teaching marketing courses can use the Marketing Career Cluster performance indicator list.

STEP 2: UNDERSTAND HOW ROLE-PLAYS AND CASE STUDIES ARE DESIGNED.
The career cluster and primary instructional area for role-plays and case studies are identified at the top of the first page of the event.

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STEP 3: START ORGANIZING SAMPLE EVENTS.
Each year, DECA posts sample role-plays and case studies on deca.org. Shop DECA also sells previously used events each year. Gather these samples and begin to categorize them by instructional area.

STEP 4: USE SAMPLE EVENTS AS A CLASSROOM ACTIVITY.
As you teach different instructional areas during the year, use corresponding role-plays and case studies as learning tools. While the traditional competitive event setting requires interaction with judges, many advisors have used role-plays and case studies as:

• warm-up activities at the beginning of classes.
• writing exercises that require students to write their ideas for solving the problem presented in the role-play or case study.
• public speaking exercises that require students to deliver an oral report or recorded video that presents their ideas for solving the problem presented in the role-play or case study.
• assessment tools in lieu of a multiple-choice quiz/test.

Since the evaluation form for each role-play and case study assesses the performance indicators, you are assessing students’ performance according to national curriculum standards which are industry validated and aligned to career clusters.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
Event guidelines, performance indicator lists, sample events and sample exam questions are available at www.deca.org/competitiveevents. Sample role-play presentations can be viewed at www.deca.org. Advisors may wish to show the videos and ask students to evaluate the presentations using the evaluation forms. Shop DECA sells many items to assist advisors with integrating DECA into curriculum at shopdeca.org.
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PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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**CASE STUDY SITUATION**

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Aside from traditional funeral home services, a unique service HERITAGE FUNERAL HOME offers its customers is the ability to have the funeral service and a gathering after the services all in one building. An adjacent fellowship hall is set up to accommodate 200 people. The room features a kitchen able to warm and cool food, prep counters and plates, silverware and other dining necessities. There is ample seating and technological equipment for presentations. HERITAGE FUNERAL HOME is the only funeral home in the region that offers the additional service of providing fellowship space.

The manager of HERITAGE FUNERAL HOME (judge) feels that people are reluctant to choose HERITAGE FUNERAL HOME simply because it is new and they are unfamiliar with all the funeral home has to offer. People in the community choose PRECIOUS FAMILY because it is familiar.

The manager (judge) wants you to create a marketing plan that will showcase HERITAGE FUNERAL HOME’S special services and promote the new business to the community. The manager (judge) wants you to include specific marketing strategies, timelines, various communication channels and primary and secondary target markets in your plan. It is imperative to the manager (judge) that the marketing planning be kept ethical and demonstrates empathy.

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CASE STUDY SITUATION

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CASE STUDY SITUATION

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TRANQUIL MASSAGE is located in a city with 75,000 people. The owner (judge), a licensed massage therapist, has a staff of five other massage therapists and operates the business out of a four-bedroom cottage just two miles outside of the city. Marketing materials and local television ads for the business use the slogan, “Relaxation is only two miles away,” calling attention to the location just outside of the city.

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Now that the gift cards have been created, the owner (judge) has asked you to develop a plan to market the gift cards as a holiday gift idea. The owner (judge) is worried that a gift card is not considered a traditional holiday gift. The owner (judge) would like you to plan the following for the gift card marketing:

- The promotional price for the gift cards
- Dates the promotional price should be available
- Expiration date for the gift cards
- TRANQUIL MASSAGE gift packaging for customers
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1. Besides the holiday season, when else would a TRANQUIL MASSAGE gift card be marketable?
2. Do you think our location outside of the city harms or helps our business?

3. Do you think promotional pricing will entice our loyal customers to purchase gift cards?

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JUDGING THE PRESENTATION

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**MARKETING MANAGEMENT TEAM DECISION MAKING, 2018**

**JUDGE’S EVALUATION FORM**

**INSTRUCTIONAL AREA**
Marketing

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DECA
SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT MARKETING

CASE STUDIES USED IN DECA'S TEAM DECISION MAKING EVENTS

2018
INCLUDES:

INTEGRATE DECA’S ROLE-PLAYS AND CASE STUDIES INTO YOUR CLASSROOM

SAMPLE CASE STUDY 1: SELLING

SAMPLE CASE STUDY 2: OPERATIONS

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INTEGRATE DECA’S ROLE-PLAYS AND CASE STUDIES INTO YOUR CLASSROOM

With its connection to National Curriculum Standards, DECA’s Competitive Events Program is designed to be integrated into classroom instruction to help members apply learning and connect to business. As teaching tools, DECA’s role-plays and case studies provide relevant, meaningful problems for students to solve, provide a standards-based evaluation, increase rigor of the instruction, result in evidence of student learning and expose students to DECA – all as part of classroom instruction.

STEP 1: FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH EVENT GUIDELINES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS.

Use the DECA Guide to familiarize yourself with event guidelines that explain how each competitive event will operate – time limits, exam specifications, interactions with a judge, etc.

Role-plays and case studies are developed using performance indicators – key concepts from national curriculum standards that students should learn during the school year. DECA uses five lists of performance indicators which are organized by career cluster – business administration core, business management and administration, finance, hospitality and tourism, and marketing, as well as personal financial literacy.

Each performance indicator list is arranged by instructional areas to assist advisors with planning units of instruction. Advisors teaching accounting courses, for example, can use the Finance Career Cluster performance indicator list to plan their curriculum while advisors teaching marketing courses can use the Marketing Career Cluster performance indicator list.

STEP 2: UNDERSTAND HOW ROLE-PLAYS AND CASE STUDIES ARE DESIGNED.

The career cluster and primary instructional area for role-plays and case studies are identified at the top of the first page of the event.

Role-plays used for DECA’s Principles of Business Administration Events measure four performance indicators from the business administration core.

Case studies used for DECA’s Team Decision Making Events measure seven performance indicators. Usually, at least four of the seven performance indicators have been selected from the case study’s instructional area. Therefore, if the event situation is asking the participant to develop a promotion plan, most of the performance indicators will be from the promotion instructional area.

Role-plays used for DECA’s Individual Series Events measure five performance indicators. Usually, at least three of the five performance indicators have been selected from the event situation’s instructional area. The career pathway is also identified on the role-play, which may include performance indicators from that specific pathway as well.

Role-plays used for DECA’s Personal Financial Literacy event measure three performance indicators from the National Standards in K-12 Personal Finance Education, created and maintained by the Jump$tart Coalition® for Personal Financial Literacy.

STEP 3: START ORGANIZING SAMPLE EVENTS.

Each year, DECA posts sample role-plays and case studies on deca.org. Shop DECA also sells previously used events each year. Gather these samples and begin to categorize them by instructional area.

STEP 4: USE SAMPLE EVENTS AS A CLASSROOM ACTIVITY.

As you teach different instructional areas during the year, use corresponding role-plays and case studies as learning tools. While the traditional competitive event setting requires interaction with judges, many advisors have used role-plays and case studies as:

• warm-up activities at the beginning of classes.
• writing exercises that require students to write their ideas for solving the problem presented in the role-play or case study.
• public speaking exercises that require students to deliver an oral report or recorded video that presents their ideas for solving the problem presented in the role-play or case study.
• assessment tools in lieu of a multiple-choice quiz/test.

Since the evaluation form for each role-play and case study assesses the performance indicators, you are assessing students’ performance according to national curriculum standards which are industry validated and aligned to career clusters.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Event guidelines, performance indicator lists, sample events and sample exam questions are available at www.deca.org/competitiveevents. Sample role-play presentations can be viewed at www.deca.org. Advisors may wish to show the videos and ask students to evaluate the presentations using the evaluation forms. Shop DECA sells many items to assist advisors with integrating DECA into curriculum at shopdeca.org.
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- Week 1: FUN
- Week 2: FAMILY
- Week 3: FRIENDSHIP
- Week 4: FITNESS

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You will present your project plan to the executive director (judge) in a meeting to take place in the director’s (judge’s) office. The executive director (judge) will begin the meeting by greeting you and asking to hear your ideas. After you have presented the information and have answered the director’s (judge’s) questions, the executive director (judge) will conclude the meeting by thanking you for your work.
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After the project managers (participant team) have presented their ideas, you are to ask the following questions of each participant team:

1. How will your project reach out to youth in the community that do not currently play soccer?
2. Does your project plan target youth, their parents/guardians or both?
3. Do you feel the activities you have planned will attract both the youngest players (6 years old) and the oldest players (15 years old) in our association?
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JUDGING THE PRESENTATION

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**TOTAL SCORE**
INCLUDES:

INTEGRATE DECA’S ROLE-PLAYS AND CASE STUDIES INTO YOUR CLASSROOM

SAMPLE CASE STUDY 1: PRODUCT/SERVICE MANAGEMENT

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INTEGRATE DECA’S ROLE-PLAYS AND CASE STUDIES INTO YOUR CLASSROOM

With its connection to National Curriculum Standards, DECA’s Competitive Events Program is designed to be integrated into classroom instruction to help members apply learning and connect to business. As teaching tools, DECA’s role-plays and case studies provide relevant, meaningful problems for students to solve, provide a standards-based evaluation, increase rigor of the instruction, result in evidence of student learning and expose students to DECA – all as part of classroom instruction.

STEP 1: FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH EVENT GUIDELINES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS.

Use the DECA Guide to familiarize yourself with event guidelines that explain how each competitive event will operate – time limits, exam specifications, interactions with a judge, etc.

Role-plays and case studies are developed using performance indicators – key concepts from national curriculum standards that students should learn during the school year. DECA uses five lists of performance indicators which are organized by career cluster – business administration core, business management and administration, finance, hospitality and tourism, and marketing, as well as personal financial literacy.

Each performance indicator list is arranged by instructional areas to assist advisors with planning units of instruction. Advisors teaching accounting courses, for example, can use the Finance Career Cluster performance indicator list to plan their curriculum while advisors teaching marketing courses can use the Marketing Career Cluster performance indicator list.

STEP 2: UNDERSTAND HOW ROLE-PLAYS AND CASE STUDIES ARE DESIGNED.

The career cluster and primary instructional area for role-plays and case studies are identified at the top of the first page of the event.

Role-plays used for DECA’s Principles of Business Administration Events measure four performance indicators from the business administration core.

Case studies used for DECA’s Team Decision Making Events measure seven performance indicators. Usually, at least four of the seven performance indicators have been selected from the case study’s instructional area. Therefore, if the event situation is asking the participant to develop a promotion plan, most of the performance indicators will be from the promotion instructional area.

Role-plays used for DECA’s Individual Series Events measure five performance indicators. Usually, at least three of the five performance indicators have been selected from the event situation’s instructional area. The career pathway is also identified on the role-play, which may include performance indicators from that specific pathway as well.

Role-plays used for DECA’s Personal Financial Literacy event measure three performance indicators from the National Standards in K-12 Personal Finance Education, created and maintained by the Jump$tart Coalition® for Personal Financial Literacy.

STEP 3: START ORGANIZING SAMPLE EVENTS.

Each year, DECA posts sample role-plays and case studies on deca.org. Shop DECA also sells previously used events each year. Gather these samples and begin to categorize them by instructional area.

STEP 4: USE SAMPLE EVENTS AS A CLASSROOM ACTIVITY.

As you teach different instructional areas during the year, use corresponding role-plays and case studies as learning tools. While the traditional competitive event setting requires interaction with judges, many advisors have used role-plays and case studies as:

- warm-up activities at the beginning of classes.
- writing exercises that require students to write their ideas for solving the problem presented in the role-play or case study.
- public speaking exercises that require students to deliver an oral report or recorded video that presents their ideas for solving the problem presented in the role-play or case study.
- assessment tools in lieu of a multiple-choice quiz/test.

Since the evaluation form for each role-play and case study assesses the performance indicators, you are assessing students’ performance according to national curriculum standards which are industry validated and aligned to career clusters.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Event guidelines, performance indicator lists, sample events and sample exam questions are available at www.deca.org/competitiev events. Sample role-play presentations can be viewed at www.deca.org. Advisors may wish to show the videos and ask students to evaluate the presentations using the evaluation forms. Shop DECA sells many items to assist advisors with integrating DECA into curriculum at shopdeca.org.
CAREER CLUSTER  
Hospitality and Tourism

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TRAVEL AND TOURISM  
TEAM DECISION MAKING EVENT

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PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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● Explain the nature of product extensions in the hospitality and tourism industry.

● Identify ways to segment hospitality and tourism markets.

● Explain the use of marketing strategies in hospitality and tourism.

● Explain the role of promotion as a marketing function.
CASE STUDY SITUATION

You are to assume the roles of director of product development and director of marketing for TRAVEL ALLY, a new company that provides international travelers with customizable safety plans. The senior vice president (judge) has asked your team to determine how the company’s services should be positioned to market to different tourist markets.

TRAVEL ALLY will launch soon. The creator of the company saw a need for safety plans for people that travel abroad. Many unforeseen circumstances can happen on any trip, but international travel problems can create difficult situations for travelers without the appropriate knowledge.

For a $50.00 fee, TRAVEL ALLY will create a customized safety plan for customers’ international trips. Once the destination, travel dates and accommodation information is entered into the website, TRAVEL ALLY supplies the customer with emergency phone numbers, locations of hospitals, police departments, embassies, customs information, rules of etiquette and evacuation plans. TRAVEL ALLY is available to help customers 24 hours a day when help is needed due to civil unrest, natural disaster, accidents, assaults or illness.

In addition to the customized safety plan, TRAVEL ALLY also offers customers a thirty-minute online safety class that walks travelers through common safety tips and procedures for international travel. The online safety class comes free with the $50.00 safety plan or can be purchased separately for $25.00.

The senior vice president (judge) knows that there are many different tourist markets, both individual and groups, that would benefit from TRAVEL ALLY. The senior vice president (judge) wants you to choose a market segment and determine how to best position TRAVEL ALLY and market it to the chosen segment. The senior vice president (judge) wants you to include:

- Chosen market segment
- Marketing strategies appropriate for market segment
- Methods to position TRAVEL ALLY to acquire a positive image/brand
- Promotional considerations
- Marketing considerations for the product extension

You will present your ideas to the senior vice president (judge) in a meeting to take place in the senior vice president’s (judge’s) office. The senior vice president (judge) will begin the meeting by greeting you and asking to hear your ideas. After you have presented your ideas and have answered the senior vice president’s (judge’s) questions, the senior vice president (judge) will conclude the meeting by thanking you for your work.
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2. What other products or services could TRAVEL ALLY offer to assist travelers?
3. If we advertise on television, which networks would be the best fit for TRAVEL ALLY?

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### TRAVEL AND TOURISM TEAM DECISION MAKING, 2018

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**INSTRUCTIONAL AREA**
Product/Service Management

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PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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• Identify ways to segment hospitality and tourism markets.
• Explain the use of marketing strategies in hospitality and tourism.
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CASE STUDY SITUATION

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The chief marketing officer (judge) feels it is important that during the launch of RECESS MAGIC, the advertising campaign and promotional efforts are featured around the target market of children. The campaign, “Ultimate Kidcation,” has been chosen for the debut of RECESS MAGIC. The chief marketing officer (judge) feels that “Ultimate Kidcation,” communicates that RECESS MAGIC is the ultimate destination for families with children to go on vacation.

The chief marketing officer (judge) wants your team to develop the rest of the “Ultimate Kidcation” campaign. The chief marketing officer (judge) wants your team to determine the following:

- Appropriate advertising media to reach primary and secondary target markets
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- Methods to incorporate customer voice
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The executive director of ANAAP (judge) feels that the best course of action is to promote a career as a commercial airline pilot to younger generations currently. If a young person makes the decision to become an airline pilot early on, the correct educational and skill training can begin sooner, leading to an increased availability of certified, licensed pilots ready for commercial employment when needed the most.

The executive director (judge) has asked your team to develop strategies to target younger generations to consider a career as an airline pilot. The executive director (judge) wants you to determine the following:

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- How that demographic will be identified
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2. Would it be appropriate to target recent college graduates? Why or why not?

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After the questioning period, please thank the team and state that they will be notified of your decision soon. Then complete the Evaluation Form, making sure to record a score for all categories. The maximum score for the evaluation is 100 points. The presentation will be weighted at twice (2 times) the value of the exam scores.

A maximum score of “Exceeds Expectations” in any category means that, in your opinion, the information is presented effectively and creatively; nothing more could be expected of an employee.

A “Meets Expectations” rating means that the information is present well. Though there may be a few minor problems or omissions, they are not significant. Creativity, however, is not shown to any great degree. A combined total score of 70 or better on the written and presentation sections will earn the participant team DECA’s Certificate of Excellence at the international conference.

A “Below Expectations” score means that the information presented does not meet minimum standards of acceptability.

A “Little/No Value” score means either that some major flaw has been noted that damages the effectiveness of the presentation (this may be a major omission, a serious misstatement or any other major flaw) or that the information presented is of no value (does not help the presentation at all).

We hope you are impressed by the quality of the work of these potential managers. If you have any suggestions for improving the event, please mention them to your series director.

We thank you for your help.
### TRAVEL AND TOURISM TEAM DECISION MAKING, 2018

**JUDGE’S EVALUATION FORM**

**INSTRUCTIONAL AREA**
Professional Development

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