

Volunteer Organization of the Year: Dublin DECA

Dublin High School, March 9, 2010...On February 19, 2010 Dublin DECA was nominated **Volunteer Organization of the Year** for the city of Dublin, California. Dublin DECA was among four organizations that were nominated for their commitment to community service in 2009, including: the Tri-Valley Women's Club, the Rotary Club, and Dublin Partners in Education. During an event that was held on February 19th, members of Dublin DECA joined local politicians, city council members, Dublin Unified school board members, and noted citizens in a social gathering that celebrated the dedication of the volunteers of our community.

In order to be nominated **Volunteer Organization of the Year**, there were requirements that needed to be met, and Dublin DECA exceeded each of these requirements with successful results. In 2009, Dublin DECA conducted a series of events that benefited Dublin High School and the city of Dublin, such as volunteering at the homecoming carnival and carrying out campus clean-up. Furthermore, Dublin DECA worked closely with the Susan G. Komen Foundation and raised awareness and funds for breast cancer research. Through fundraising events that included pink drink sales, a Miracle Minute, Dress Pink Day, VIP seating at the homecoming game, and a walkathon Dublin DECA raised \$2,000 as a donation to the foundation. During a celebratory ceremony that was held in June 2009, Lydia Barrett, a breast cancer survivor and an advocate from the foundation, noted that no other youth organization had ever made a contribution of this magnitude to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

All throughout the year, our Dublin DECA officer team worked diligently with the chapter members to give back to the community, and the nomination was the fruit of our chapter's hard work. Dublin DECA will continue to show its dedication to betterment of our community, our campus, and our chapter, fulfilling one of the most important of the four points of the DECA diamond.

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