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LOCAL STUDENT TAKES HOME THE GOLD

North Miami, Florida – Anthony Heimann, a junior at Johnson & Wales University, was named the first place winner in the *Design Presentation* event at the 44th Annual Florida Collegiate DECA State Career Development Conference held March 5-8 in Orlando. Anthony wowed the judges with his collection and represented Florida at the International Career Development Conference held April 21-26 in Anaheim, California. He took home the first place trophy.

Feedback from both the state and international professional team of judges from the design industry commented on his creativeness, vision, and his professional presentation. One judge noted, “We will see award winning designs from this young man in our future. I’ve never seen anything like it before.”

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John Heimann of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Anthony has impressed his professors at Johnson & Wales University. Dr. Joanne Leoni, Chair of The College of Business,

said, “Anthony puts 150% effort into all he does and is not satisfied until it is professional and worthy of commendation. He is a role model to other students and we know he will be a successful graduate of the university.”

Florida Collegiate DECA is a division of Collegiate DECA, in association with DECA, Inc. There are many chapters throughout Florida, the second largest state association in the country. Members have many opportunities at the local, state, and international levels to participate in leadership activities to develop their oral and written communication skills, critical thinking skills, and the ability to be part of a team. Business and industry leaders look to graduates who participated in DECA and Collegiate DECA because of their leadership skills and the ability to grow rapidly in the company.

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