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### **State Board of Education Honors [Outstanding Vocational Students](#)**

The State Board of Education today recognized 48 outstanding vocational education students who participate in vocational student organizations (VSOs) and who have attained the highest honor in competing at the national level in their organization. The board held a special recognition ceremony for the students and their families, as well as representatives of their schools, in the Performing Arts Center (main theater) of Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, Monmouth County.

"Vocational student organizations are an integral part of vocational education and provide students with opportunities to enhance their occupational, employment and leadership skills," said State Board President Maud Dahme. "We are pleased to take this occasion to highlight their well-deserved accomplishments."

Before the ceremony, the State Board held its monthly work session at the Monmouth County Vocational High Technology High School. During that time, it heard directly from students and honored those who have received national recognition.

More than 33,000 students in New Jersey were members of VSOs during the 2000-01 school year. Students from middle schools, comprehensive high schools, vocational schools and post secondary institutions have participated in activities at the local, state and national levels of these organizations.

New Jersey's vocational student organizations include:

- Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) for marketing education students;
- Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL) for business education students;
- Future Farmers of America (FFA) for agricultural education students;
- Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) for family and consumer sciences students;
- Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) for health occupations education students;
- Technology Student Association (TSA) for technology education students; and
- Skills USA (VICA) for trade and industrial education students.

[Attached is a list of VSO first place winners.](#)