

For those who don't know me, I am Teresa Brooks, a DECA advisor at Southington High School and the Connecticut State DECA judges' coordinator for our annual State Career Development Conference. I am pleased to welcome you into the upcoming 2019 competitive season.

This year's competitions are scheduled to take place on **Wednesday, March 4, 2020** at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville, Connecticut. We are planning a full day conference starting at about 7:30am for judges to begin preparation and ending all events by 1:30pm. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

For those who have judged in the past, I hope you will again take advantage of this opportunity to help our DECA members gain important experience. As always, please encourage any family, friends, or colleagues to participate as judges as well. For those who may be new to DECA competitions and judging, I know you will find this experience rewarding for yourself and the students you judge.

The best way to sign up as a judge this year is by visiting <http://www.ctdeca.org/judges-registration.html> and filling out the form on that page with contact information and event choices. Once you have registered, you will hear from me again approximately two weeks prior to the conference confirming your participation and reminding you of important information. Until then, attached is a more formal invitation letter with additional information about DECA and the competitive events we run for our student members. You can also learn more at ctdeca.org and deca.org.

If you have any questions, please email me at tbrooks@southingtonschools.org. I look forward to seeing you in March!