

Although Ashley John is constantly busy with various activities, DECA has always been a priority for our new State Officer. Ashley has been in DECA since her freshman year. She has gone to SCDC every year and first qualified for ICDC her sophomore year. Her experiences in Louisville and Orlando had helped her grow and made her a much stronger person than she was freshman year, lost and confused in the halls of Maine East. Today, Ashley is an extremely involved person at Maine East: from NHS Co-President to Class Council Officer, Ashley is always trying to make the community around her better. Ashley is also a Youth Coordinator at her church, working to make sure her faith and culture live strong in younger generations.

Philanthropy is very important to Ashley, as is easy to see as she volunteers for Have Dreams and Midwest Hospice Care. This past summer, she had the opportunity to provide disaster relief in Cedar Rapids, Iowa after 125 mph winds ruined the town. Ashley loves seeing those around her happy and she starts with her own smile. Ashley also has a variety of interests. She has been dancing since she was four and loves every moment of it. Ashley also loves to travel and plans to one day visit as many different countries as possible in her spare time. As of now, she has visited six countries and can speak three languages fluently and has basic knowledge in at least two other languages as well. Ashley also attended boarding school in India for two years before returning to complete junior high and high school.

Outgoing and confident, people enjoy spending time with Ashley as she always tries to see the better side of things. Slightly headstrong, Ashley works hard to finish any project that she has started. She is extremely dedicated to any task that she takes on, and it is evident to any person that talks to Ashley that she is excited to be a part of the 2011-2012 DECA State Action Team. She will make sure that she does anything that she can to see her fellow DECA members grow and succeed in their own personal ways.