

News release



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Cascade High students *take over* South Everett Safeway on Dec. 7

Friendly invasion is example of business partnership with real life learning experiences for students

For seven years in a row, the South Everett Safeway store has allowed Cascade High School DECA students to *Take over* the store. Those who shop on Saturday, Dec. 7 will see DECA student members throughout the store, “shadowing” employees to get hands on experience in the video, deli, floral, produce, seafood and bakery departments – and in the overall management of the retail grocery store business.

Students will blend in well with Safeway’s corporate expectations – each wearing dress pants or khakis as prescribed by the Safeway Dress Code. Cascade High’s DECA advisor Jodi Galli is firm in her belief that many Safeway customers will not know her students are not Safeway employees. “These young men and women are incredibly professional and prepared for a day when they will represent our school and Safeway in this day of experiential learning.”

The full-day experience is a national tradition among participating Safeway stores and DECA students. As Galli notes, “These takeover experiences give students real world knowledge and experience as they are looking at jobs and careers in the future. The things students learn in the takeover help them make good choices and decisions about education and training after high school. From this experience, they gain insights about retail grocery business AND about aspects of business, management, customer service and careers in general. We are ever grateful to Safeway for its continued partnership that makes these takeover days invaluable.”

The Cascade High DECA club is a busy one – competing against other school clubs throughout the year, traveling to those competitions. During the Dec. 7 takeover, DECA students will be selling hot cocoa and hot cider for \$1.00 to help cover some of those club expenses. Willing DECA members will be “jailed” for a time at the store, hoping DECA supporters will bail them out. Cascade High School spirit wear will also be on sale that day, with proceeds helping DECA students continue their club activities.

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