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### **Veterans High Student Wins 1<sup>st</sup> Place at DECA State Event**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Veterans High School senior Nuvindu Fernando won first place in the DECA Business Speech category at the State Career Development Conference. The conference was held Feb. 1 – 2, 2018, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Atlanta. Nuvindu’s advisor is Angeles Jeffreys.

The purpose of the competition is to develop the participant’s ability in organizing and presenting information in an effective manner to a small group. This event provides a wonderful opportunity for students to shine as they compete among the best in the state in competitive events. Students also participate in leadership workshops and trainings.

Nuvindu was recognized at the Mar. 13 Houston County Board of Education meeting. He is pictured with (from left) Chairman Fred Wilson, Jeffreys and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mark Scott.

DECA enhances college and career readiness by providing co-curricular programs that integrate into classroom instruction, apply learning in a business context, connect to business and the community and promote competition. Student members leverage their DECA experience to become academically prepared, community oriented, professionally responsible, experienced leaders.

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