PREPARED EVENT STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES AND ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

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2. No part of this entry has previously been entered in competition.
3. This entry has not been submitted in another DECA competitive event.
4. Credit for all secondary research has been given to the original author through the project's bibliography, footnotes or endnotes.
5. All activities or original research procedures described in this entry are accurate depictions of my efforts or, in the case of team projects, the efforts of my team.
6. All activities or original research described in this entry took place between the 2026 Chartered Association Career Development Conference and the 2027 Chartered Association Career Development Conference.
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