



Tony's role as a state officer led him to classrooms across his state speaking to twenty to thirty students at a time. This intimate setting allowed Berry to learn how to motivate these students to achieve more success for themselves within the DECA family. Tony also had the responsibility of representing the origination by leading workshops to groups numbering more the 150 people. At both his fall Leadership Conference and the State Career Development conference, Tony spoke to groups between 1500-2500 people. These were some of the situations that allowed Berry to come into his own and be able to use his speaking skills.



The DECA program teaches you many things, but one trait that promotes more the skill to network with others for common good. By sitting on the State Business Leadership Council and the State Career Development Conference Planning Committee, Berry's skill of networking with business professionals was continually developed. These experiences allowed Tony to work productively with prominent business people at some of the largest companies within his home state.



Though his tenure as a State Officer Berry helped lead an already successful state origination to new heights as they performed DECA worked together. Through assisting in the planning stages of three DECA conferences, as well as playing an active role in coordinately statewide activities that include civic consciousness projects for Make-A-Wish Foundation, Tony experienced the pride of accomplishment. Tony fully expects his academic and professional future to continue to be involved with community service, helping others and continuing to learn more about our governmental processes and how he can help make it work.

Tony has been blessed with a very supportive family that believes in him and has helped prepare him for his life's future opportunities. The lord has provided Tony opportunity, inner strength and has had patience with him as he develops his life skills and discovers his place in the world.

