

Monday, November 8th, HPTC Marketing student, Kyrstan Cook, visited with the HPTC Board members about her experience at HPTC. Kyrstan is the Collegiate State Vice President for DECA and is a second-year adult student in the Marketing/Management Program.

Kyrstan shared with the board that since the first day of attending HPTC everything has changed. She was a high school student that was nervous to speak to other students in her class. Kyrstan even graduated a year early, so she wouldn't have to speak in front of the students in one of the classes that required public speaking. Kyrstan said since her first day in the Marketing program she has now been speaking in front of her class weekly. She is now more comfortable speaking in front of others than she could have ever dreamed. Kyrstan recently spoke in front of 2,000 plus students at the Fall DECA/BPA conference, and she absolutely loved the experience. She felt very confident compared to the tears and anxiety she would have felt just a year and a half ago. Kyrstan stated she is taking the skills she is learning in the Marketing program and utilizing them in her role at her job at The Jewelry Station. She loves to be able to each week share the skills she learned and say, "Hey I have something else to offer you that I didn't know about a week ago." She said she's having a lot of fun being at HPTC and enjoys the positive and supportive atmosphere. "I have been given so many opportunities for leadership and personal skills that I am greatly thankful for." Kyrstan Cook