**Introduction**

I am Loud

I am industrious

I am theatrical

I am a risk taker

I am a proud member and competitor from Florida DECA

I’ve written this speech 3 times,

Each time, I thought

No, they won’t understand me

No, they won’t believe in me

I am the most unorthodox person I know, and I don’t want to be lost in the mist of speeches you’ll hear tonight, I want my words to mean something, to every last one of you, I won’t list you all my accomplishments that mean so much to me, but will only mean a fraction to you, I wont put on a facade, I won’t put on a mask, I will only promise to present myself as honestly as I can,

It is difficult for me to put into words the passion that was sparked in me, a flame that has been lit since my freshman year of high school when I found this club,

When I found a new home, and when I found a new family

This organization has put my creativity, my hard working ethics and my leadership tendencies at work, this club has made me the person I am today, and that in it isself is why I wish to represent it

I ‘d want to share with you the thousanbsa new experiences took part in while I was served as my chapters historian and parliamentarian.Or the amount of hours I’ve spent helping my members serving as their current Executive Vice President

I crave the ability to give you the tingles that ran down my spine as I was called as a first place winner for a YMCA community service project that helped do what I love to do the most, help people become they, and help people find their voice\

If it were possible, I would describe the discomfort of saying goodbye to the one person, the one advisor that would help build me an empire.

But I am only basing myself and my life on the possibilities that I can provide for you

If you’re sitting here in this ballroom tonight, it means you want answers. It means you have worked hard for a chance to call FL CDC your home for the next 3 days. Or you’re here on your own time because you care about this Organization—our organization

. You want to make sure I’ll bring real solutions with me to office, not just bandages. I am here to rebuild a stronger foundation for years to come and not rematch a whole or two we may have in our roofs.

Welcome To Handy Mannis work shop

Together we will reccnect, reinsoire and reconstruct florida DECA

The blueprints to building A BETTER DECA involve my acheavabloe goals

I seek to Strengthening the members foundation within this organization By coaching each member to establish their own personal self branding ideals they will gain confidence in their craft. Confidence, in my opinion is one of the main keys to success, anything you believe you can do you will do.

I have been pathless, I have been usure of what I wanted and what I could do, but once I found what I was looking for, my road is never ending.

Within my work shop, tools are vital in order to get the job done. Equipping the current and future officers of our chapters with the proper tools and tips to succeed will put to a stop all of the unprepared fficers that sign up for their job inorder to check off a boxin their collge application.

Without equality and balance many of our prokects can go to shambles.

Balancing the Distric is vital in order to have an smooth running state. With my 3 years as a District finalist I have seen my share of Awards ceremonies and competitions. Advisors, Students, Parents always running around looking for job to get done. But something is missing……OFFICERS.

Once we have the plans to for a strong foundation, and we have the right tools to build it we can continue with our work at the work shop to eventually complete our task and add our finishing touches,

I feel as if we are part of one of the STRONGEST charteted associations in all of DECA

But there is always room to Sand and refine the state to give recogniztion to our chapter advisors and officers and help make their jobs easier

I believe that by strengthening our members and their practices, Giving our officers the right tools to succeed, balancing the disrrict and refininf the state we can create new communicastion opportunities that will in turn Make Florida DECA Better

I believe we must reconnect our members within themselves and others

I BELIEVE we must Reinsire our members to do bigger and brighter things

And reconstruct our ways of doing things in order for a brighter tomorrow

I believe that we have so much more potential than we are showing so far

And I believe that each individual is so powerful when they apply themselves

If I can say something meaning full to a to a room full of thriving individuals I want to tell you one thing, Live these years, wether you are a freshman or senior, enjoy every minute, every opportunity this organization can offer you

Enjoy every minute life has to offer

Sing loud

Laugh

Do whatever it is that makes you happy

Don’t hold back

And by doing this, every day you will become a better you.

I am strong

I am creative

I am innovative

I am DECA

But most importantly I am me

Hello Florida DECA

I am Manuela Arango

Your Florida DECA Executive vice President Candidate