Here are two quick reminders that I want to make sure you have:

* [Statewide Advisor Training](https://www.decaregistration.com/tx-stt) registration is set to close on September 6th. If you are planning to attend but are waiting until September 1st to register (I know that is the "refresh" day for many Districts) please either login and enter your information without submitting or email me so that I can get an accurate head count. If you are still needing a hotel either call the hotel (512) 323-5466, the main Crowne Plaza reservations number (800) 439-4745, or go online [here](https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/austin/ausgz/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps-_-CP-_-US-_-AUSGZ). Use code **DEC** or tell them you are there for Texas DECA and they will take care of you. Let me know if you have trouble with registration or housing. Housing is filling up fast so act quickly.
* The [**membership site**](https://membership.decaregistration.com/deca)**has now been reset**. You should have received an email on Tuesday from DECA Communications with steps to reset/graduate your membership. Contact Matthew Arnetter at 703-860-5000 if you have any issues with the membership system. The subject was titled “DECA Online Membership System [2018-2019 Updates]”.

Something NEW has arrived to [www.texasdeca.org](http://www.texasdeca.org/)!

* I know that many schools have not been able to add alumni and professional members in the past due to not being able to accept outside payments. We have worked to support you in your membership campaign efforts (state and national campaigns encourage prof/alum membership) by adding an option for individuals to sign up through [www.texasdeca.org/donate](http://www.texasdeca.org/donate). Direct individuals to this page and have them indicate your chapter/school in the affiliation box. The membership fee is $20 which covers dues and CC processing fees. I will email you letting you know when an individual has signed up and they will be added to your chapter as a paid member. There is nothing else that you will have to do.
* Don’t forget that you can request free decals to be sent to your school by completing this form: <https://txdeca.wufoo.com/forms/zi8r0r1f6wnfz/>. We are excited to see how you use them in your recruiting this year!
* Attached you will find a graphic to help explain the importance of adding alumni and professional members.

As always, if there is anything that I can do to help please let me know!

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