# SK STUDENT STORE + Southstainable

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### INNOVATING WITH THE YEAR

Adjusting to the ongoing pandemic this year has brought various challenges to many families, communities, and individuals, remaining difficult to keep up with. With students, staff, and parents working virtually in hopes of minimizing the spread of Covid-19, extracurriculars may be overlooked as they are not a required part of being a student. Nonetheless, these other groups are often what make several enjoy school as they affect social and emotional wellbeing. South Kitsap DECA, being one of the numerous organizations part of the South Kitsap School District, has attempted to minimize their obstacles by going online with the rest of the district, forming a virtual student store.

### STUDENT SUCCESS

Eager to engage in DECA conferences, competition, and individual projects, SK DECA members have utilized their creativity and problem-solving skills to fit in with this year's restrictions. Promoting the online student store, members have worked hard to design fresh products such as SK sticky notes, 100-year anniversary 1/4 zips, and additional *Southstainable* products. Students have been reaching out to the community with social graphics posted on Instagram, surveys to calculate potential popularity for each product and so on. Anticipation remains for project management projects that were deemed successful last year as the CF Hero 5K has transformed into a virtual Turkey Trott and Southstainable has increased their virtual presence with the annual Wolf Race making sales virtually as well.



## HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

Given the fact countless lives remain direly impacted by the pandemic, it is our role to do what we can to stay safe and contain the spread by merely wearing a mask and practicing social distancing. This year will continue to bring dreadful hardships that will expectedly bring frustrations to many. Still, it is important to recognize the barriers that have already been overcome as it is empowering to witness the needed change in society. With this fuel of achievment, we can proceed to accomplish tasks that were thought to never be done and strive for the positive, lasting change that you, your neighbor, and the world needs.

Access the store at <u>tinyurl.com/SKDECAStore</u>

#### SOUTHSTAINABLE

Born in September 2019, Southstainable is back in business with new products, more passionate ambassadors, and a harder push to **spread awareness** of the importance of sustainability. Having sold out products and recieved constant positive feedback last year, SK DECA has prepared an ambitious mission to further advocate for the change we need. All over the world, whether it be websites, social media, the news, or simply going outside, the issue of pollution can be easily identified.

While there is much stress and anxiety about this global matter, I believe Southstainable is a way to give people a start to living a sustainable life-style. With those not aware of this urgency, I hope they can learn more about as it will continue to go around our community by seeing a simple pack of reusable straws or a reusable grocery bag. People can look further into the core causes of the negative effects of pollution and be part of necessary change for the better nature and all living beings.

#### **PRODUCTS**

- Bamboo and Stainless Steel "Wolf Packs" include
  - 2 different straws with an SK logo
  - 1 cleaning straw brush
  - 1 burlap bag
- Southstainable Reusable Shopping Bag
- Southstainable Tote Bag (coming soon)



