

## Students Place at BPA State Competition

Eleven students from Four County Career Center placed in the top ten in the 2012 Business Professionals of America (BPA) State Competition. Three of these top students will be attending the BPA 2012 National Leadership Conference, "Reach New Heights," in Chicago, Illinois, April 25-29. These students from the Career Center will join over 5,000 other conference delegates from across the nation to participate in national level business skill competitions, workshops, general sessions, and the national officer candidate campaigns and elections. Besides having the opportunity to excel, they will experience the city of Chicago, along with its museums, parks and other attractions.

The BPA National competitors include (FRONT - THIRD LEFT TO RIGHT) Alec Feldhaus (Wauseon) competing in Computer Network Technology; Elliott Brown (North Central) competing in Systems Administration using Cisco; and Emily Brinegar (Fayette) competing in Basic Office Systems and Procedures. Also placing in the top ten at State competition are (FRONT - LEFT) Brooke Bowers (Bryan) Web Site Design Team; and (FRONT - SECOND LEFT) Nate Rodriguez (Archbold) Web Site Design Team; (BACK - LEFT TO RIGHT) Joel Brakefield (Pettisville) Web Site Design Team; Brennan Laver (Delta) Web Site Design Team; Thomas Martin (Defiance) Visual Basic Programming; Addison Sheick (Fairview) Systems Administration using Cisco; and Nick Straka (Montpelier) Computer Security. Absent from the photo is Kristina Mireles (Napoleon) Extemporaneous Speech.

Business Professionals of America is a national organization for high school, college and middle school students preparing for careers in business and information technology. BPA acts as a cohesive agent in the nationwide networking of education and business and industry. Four County Career Center BPA advisors are Mary Jo Beilharz, Matt Geiger, Tina Short, and Mike Yeager.

