

BPA National Contestants



Six students from Four County Career Center placed in the top ten in the 2011 Business Professionals of America (BPA) State Competition. Four of these top students will be attending the BPA 2011 National Leadership Conference, “Stand Out From the Crowd,” in Washington, D.C., May 4-8. 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. The unique highlight of the conference this year will be the National Leadership Conference Opening Session at the foot of the Washington Monument. All conference attendees will stand together at this historic sight as the first Career/Technical Student Organization to gather at the National Mall.

The BPA National competitors include (FRONT - LEFT TO RIGHT) Jon Schortgen (Patrick Henry) competing in Computer Security; Chris Leitch (Bryan) competing in PC Servicing & Troubleshooting; Gene Redinger (Bryan) competing in Cisco Systems and Administration; and Katelyne Wright (Defiance) competing in Human Resource Management. Also placing in the top ten at State competition are (BACK - LEFT TO RIGHT) Zach Blackburn (Tinora) who competed in Advanced Accounting; and Erik Hinkle (Edon) who competed in Banking and Finance.

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, Tina Short, and Mike Yeager.