

February 6, 2026

Dear Fellow Business Professionals,

The Business Professionals of America, Illinois Association, State Officer Team welcomes you to the State Leadership Conference, February 26-28, 2026. I am thrilled to see the effort and commitment each person has invested in their events shine in success at this conference. The State Officer Team hopes that you **Amplify Your Impact** through every presentation, test, and networking opportunity over the next few days, making the most of your experience while having fun along the way.

In addition to the competitive events, the State Officer Team has organized a wide variety of exciting activities to participate in. On Thursday night, **Tune in N'Play** will kick off SLC with a blast as we have various entertainment opportunities including competitive karaoke, relay games, large jenga, and more! Bring your friends, make new connections, and unwind while creating unforgettable memories.

We'll continue the excitement on Friday as we host the State Project raffle, **Soundwaves of Support**, with all proceeds benefiting the Special Olympics in support of their meaningful mission. Following the raffle, head to Pinstripes to enjoy a delicious meal at **Taste in Tune**, and conclude the evening by celebrating your hard work at **Roll with the Rhythm** in a fun and energetic atmosphere.

The top contestants from each event will compete at the National Leadership Conference from May 6-10, 2026 in Nashville Tennessee. You will represent our state of Illinois and earn national recognition as one of the nation's best and brightest business professionals.

On behalf of the State Officer Team, I wish you success in your competitive events and encourage you to **Amplify Your Impact** while fully embracing every opportunity at this year's State Leadership Conference.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Irene Ahn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Irene Ahn  
Illinois State President