

IOWA BPA CONFERENCE DRESS CODE

Contestants' name badges must be worn at all times.

Professional Dress

1. Men
 - Dress slacks, dress shirt and tie
 - Suit, dress shirt and tie
 - Sport coat, coordinated dress slacks, dress shirt and tie
 - Dress shoes required with all of the above
2. Women
 - Pant or skirt suit
 - Skirt or slacks with coordinated blouse and/or sweater
 - Dress
 - Dress shoes or sandals with a heel required with all the above

Casual Dress

1. Men
 - Sportswear (jeans), pants and shirt, jogging attire, t-shirts and shorts
 - Footwear required with all of the above
 - The following is not acceptable for casual dress—cut-offs, ragged clothing, and bare feet
2. Women
 - Sportswear (jeans), pants and shirt, jogging attire, t-shirts and shorts
 - Footwear required with all of the above
 - The following is not acceptable for casual dress—halter tops, tube tops, cut-offs, ragged clothing, and bare feet

Professional Dress required for the following events: General Sessions, all Competitive Events (judged, non-judged, and open), Campaign Rally, and Caucuses.

Casual Dress for Chapter Activities (The following is not acceptable for Casual Dress: tank tops, halter tops, tube tops, cut offs, ragged clothing, thongs, and bare feet.)

Members who are not dressed within Dress Code guidelines will be asked to leave.

2026



**Secondary & Post-Secondary
State Leadership Conference**

**Sheraton West Des Moines
February 15-17, 2026**

2025-2026 BPA Officers



Ira Dirar, Secondary Vice President of Marketing
Elizabeht Malanaphy, Secondary Parliamentarian
Isabel Rendon, Secondary Historian
Praneel Rastogi, Secondary President
Sarah Riesberg, Postsecondary Vice President
Hannah Smith, Secondary Secretary
Sophia Stammler, Secondary Vice President
Niah McMillin, Postsecondary President

Appreciation Strategy Humility
Commitment Responsibility Listening
Integrity **Leadership** Listening
Honest Communication
Values Purpose Determination
Passion Principles

Business Professionals of America Pledge

"We are met in a spirit of friendship and goodwill as we prepare for careers in a world-class workforce. We work together to develop professionalism and leadership through Business Professionals of America and pledge our loyalty to our nation.



**Special
Olympics**
Iowa

Business Professionals of America (BPA) is actively involved in supporting Special Olympics

Help Iowa BPA raise money for Iowa's Special Olympics!!!

Iowa chapters donated over \$1000 in 2025. Let's do the same in 2026.

Collected at Awards and Closing Session.

2026-2027 SECONDARY OFFICER CANDIDATES

- Kymila Bacon- Columbus Community**
- Gracie Cummings- Lisbon**
- Ella Eischeid- Bedford**
- Aaron Kang- Iowa City West**
- Grace Negrin- Xavier**
- Tianna Seals- Waterloo Career Center**
- Cade Storm- Columbus Community**
- Aydan Thomas- Iowa City West**
- Kenzi Wallroff-Maquoketa**



2026-2027 POSTSECONDARY OFFICER CANDIDATE

Megan Pierschbacher- UNI

**Iowa Representative Serving
on the National Executive
Council**



**Allyssa Norman
National Postsecondary President**

Business Professionals of America, Mission Statement

The mission of Business Professionals of America is to contribute to the preparation of a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic, and technological skills.



Business Professionals of America, Vision Statement

Business Professionals of America will be a cohesive agent in the world-wide networking of education, business, and industry. Business Professionals of America will be the leading student organization in preparing a world-class workforce. Business Professionals of America will set a standard of excellence for vocational student organizations.

IMPORTANT BPA DATES—2026 (and beyond)

May 6-10, 2026	National Leadership Conf.	Nashville, TN
Mid-June	Officer Training	Des Moines
November 2-3, 2026	Iowa Fall Leadership Conf	Des Moines
February 14-16, 2027	Iowa State Leadership Conf	Des Moines
November 7-8, 2027	Iowa Fall Leadership Conf	Des Moines
February 20-22, 2028	Iowa State Leadership Conf	Des Moines

Future Sites and Dates for the BPA National Leadership Conference

- Aurora, CO - May 5-9, 2027
- Orlando, FL - May 10-14, 2028
- National Harbor, MD - May 9-13, 2029

Business Professionals of America Iowa Association 2026 State Leadership Conference

Sunday February 15, 2026

- 11:00 a.m. Postsecondary and Secondary Officers Arrive
11:00 a.m. Conference Registration Opens
11:30-12:45 Certiport Testing in Benton/Des Moines
12:00 p.m. All Competitions Begin

Please see individual event schedules for exact test times/rooms.

Cell phones off during competition!

All competitions are held at the hotel.

- 12:00-5:30 p.m. **Management Information Systems Tests**
Must bring Laptop/PC
(Sect. 1) 12:00-1:50 p.m.
(Sect 2) 2:00-3:50 p.m.
(Sect. 3) 4:00-5:50 p.m.
- 12:00-8:30 p.m. **Judged Events**
- 12:30-4:30 p.m. **Open Testing Lab for Open/Objective Events**
Polk (must bring laptop/PC)
No one admitted after 3:30 p.m.
- 1:00 p.m. **Computer Lab Events**
Computers provided/PC
(Sect. 1) 1:00-2:50 p.m.
(Sect. 2) 3:00-4:50 p.m.
(Sect. 3) 5:00-6:50 p.m.
- 4:40-7:55 p.m. **Finance Tests**
(Sect. 1) 4:40-6:15 PM
(Sect. 2) 6:20-7:55 PM

Finals to take place on Monday, February 16

Finals will be scheduled between 2:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., depending on the specific final event. The exact time for each event will be announced. Official notices regarding finals will be posted outside Judge HQ and communicated via GroupMe.

All members are responsible for checking the scheduled times and ensuring they are present for their events.

Anticipated Finals: Ethics & Professionalism, Human Resources Management, Graphic Design Promotion, Prepared Speech, Extemporaneous Speech, Entrepreneurship, Health Research Presentation, and Presentation Individual

Advisors: Please watch for an email after SLC with information about ordering trading pins.

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Iowa BPA Website: www.bpa.org/iowa



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The Emblem



The four points of the BPA shield stand for Ambition, Leadership, Sociability, and Poise.

- The shield itself stands for honor and dignity and the importance of business in America.
- The stripes represent education, citizenship, loyalty, patriotism, competency, and dependability.
- The bar represents the service provided by employees in business occupations.
- The quill and inkwell represent the stability of business occupations through the ages, and the torch represents worthy goals.

Miracle Minute -- Cents Do Count!

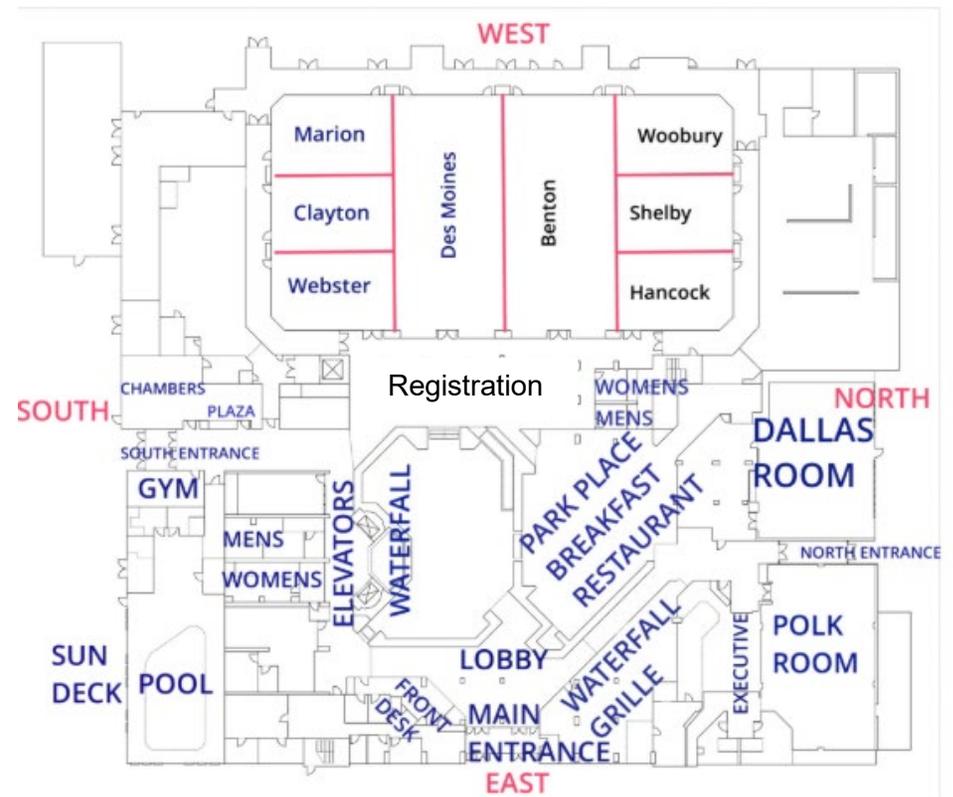
Help BPA raise money for Special Olympics!!!

Collected at Awards and Closing Session



- 7:30 p.m. Secondary Officer and Officer Candidates Meeting
Polk
- 8:30 p.m. **~MANATORY ATTENDANCE REQUIRED~**
Informal Secondary/Postsecondary
SLC Kick Off
Des Moines/Benton, Dress is Casual
- 9:00 p.m. Secondary and Postsecondary
Des Moines/Benton
Hypnotist/Mentalist ♦ Relax and Refresh!
- 11 p.m. Curfew for secondary

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Monday, February 16, 2026

6:30-10:00 a.m. Pick up Breakfast Buffet in Sunken Atrium
 7:30 a.m. Advisors PD and Meeting: Pick up breakfast and meet in Polk.

Postsecondary Delegates

9:00 a.m. Awards and Closing Session in Dallas
 Officer Elections, Quality Chapter Distinction, Miracle Minute, Torch Awards, and Competitive Events Results
 Advisors pick up packets in BPA HQ
 Before Noon Post-Secondary members check out of hotel.

Secondary Delegates

8:00 a.m. Secondary Competitions Begin

**Please see individual event schedules for exact test times/rooms.
 Cell phones off during competition!**

8 a.m.-9 p.m. **Judged Events at Hotel**

1:00-5:00 p.m. **Open Testing Lab for Open/Objectives Events**
 Des Moines (Must bring laptop/PC)
 No one admitted after 4:00 p.m.

3:30-7:05 p.m. **Finance Tests**
 (Sect. 1) 3:30-5:15 p.m.
 (Sect. 2) 5:20-7:05 p.m.

TBA p.m. Finals for Judged Event/After Preliminaries

7:15-8:30 p.m. Certiport Testing in Dallas

9:00 p.m. Secondary Officer Candidates Take Exam
 TBA

8:00-10:00 p.m. Murder Mystery/Scavenger Hunt- Lobby Area

11 p.m. Curfew for Secondary Members

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

6:30-8:00 a.m. Pick up Breakfast Buffet Sunken Atrium

Secondary Delegates in Des Moines/Benton

7:30 a.m. Campaign Managers and Candidates Meet
 7:40 a.m. Campaign Posters in Place
 7:50 a.m. Head Voting Delegates Meet
 8:00 a.m. Meet the Candidates
 8:15 a.m. Second General Session—Torch Awards Ceremony, Miracle Minute, and Torch Awards
 Candidate Speeches
 9:15 a.m. Caucuses & Chapter Sharing
 10:10 a.m. Delegate Voting
 11:00 a.m. Advisors pick up your packets in BPA-HQ
 11:30 a.m. Secondary Members Check Out of Hotel
 11:30 a.m. Install Officers
 11:45 a.m. Awards Session (or immediately after the 11:30 p.m. event)

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