

## **BPA Voting Delegate Handout**

Twelve candidates were selected to campaign for the opportunity and privilege of serving the Ohio Association members in 2023-2024. Candidates are listed below in alphabetical order by last name. The profile contains the 100-word essay each candidate submitted with her/his application.

## Alayna Jones

I want to be a state officer for Business Professionals of America, Ohio Association, because BPA has given me the confidence to go outside of my comfort zone and for that, BPA has changed my life forever. Since my start in BPA, I have grown as a leader and gained valuable skills that I would love to be able to share with other members so that they have their own experiences. I am qualified because I know that leadership roles are for me, including being a manager at my school's credit union, and a leader on the varsity basketball team.

## Amelia "Mia" Pierce

Serving as Business Professionals of America Class President is driving me to become a BPA state officer. I want to be able to give as many members as possible the opportunity to prepare themselves for their futures. Our BPA mission is to empower our students and give them opportunities they would not find elsewhere. My goal would be to expand the opportunities to current members and continue to branch out and offer the experience of BPA to more students. It would be an honor to be a part of something so influential and help everyone be successful.

## Carter Kreglow

There are many reasons for my desire to be a state officer; however, I will focus on two main points. I want to be the voice for all BPA members. Secondly, I want to advocate for individuals to live up to their full potential, that will ultimately take you to places that they could never imagine. Providing I have a seat at the state officer table, these are few of the many reasons I want to be a state officer.

#### Ethan Goins

Serving as a BPA State Officer would be an honor. This would allow me to further develop my leadership skills. I want to be able to bring members together and allow them to network with others from different regions. As an officer, I would help BPA members learn business skills by conducting workshops at regional and state conferences. I ultimately have a passion for BPA and want to help other BPA members find their passion as well. Serving as a BPA State Officer would be a great opportunity for me to discover my purpose and help others discover theirs.



#### Hannah Childs

I aspire to become a state officer because I strive to make an impact on BPA members' lives. BPA has inspired me to chase after my dreams, step out my comfort zone, and seek opportunities. I want BPA members to have the same experiences as me so that they can impact and inspire the world. Because of BPA, skills such as public speaking and working and guiding others have grown and will be an asset to me when becoming a state officer. I strive to guide BPA members to success so they can gain the capability to change the world.

#### **Harrison Davis**

Being an Ohio BPA State officer would be a huge goal and privilege to continue my journey within the BPA program. I just recently got to experience the impacts of BPA on my life but I have seen how influential it is within my community, I have heard inspirational stories from regional officers and just alumni from BPA. I want to be able to take the opportunity to learn and develop more thoroughly within the BPA program and be a voice here in the Dayton area that BPA can not only change my life but it can change yours.

## Madeline Muchmore

Leadership. Communication. Determination. What are they? Being able to hold yourself accountable for your actions and persevering through the most difficult challenges in life while maintaining respect. My involvement with my school and community have allowed me to achieve what I think these three words mean. But now, I want to challenge myself by challenging others to become leaders on their own. I want to become a state officer to lead by example for the people in my community, state and country. I want to encourage confidence amongst others and becoming a state officer will allow me to achieve this.

#### Noah Denson

I am running as a BPA State Officer because I have a desire to see BPA and its members grow. I have participated in BPA since middle school, and ever since then my life has been changed. I want to do the same for other middle schoolers by opening up an avenue for more of them to join and compete in BPA. BPA has helped me to find a voice and because I know of the importance of a voice I want to help build and foster other members voices as well. I want to help elevate BPA even higher.

### Salina Kharel

I want to become a state officer because this organization has done so much for me such as helping me with my professionalism, public speaking, and confidence: so, I believe it's right for me to do the same and help others achieve this. I love learning more about BPA, serving our members and trying to improve our organization. I want to step up and help others who have a passion for business and help others discover their passions which will change the world by creating unmatched opportunities in learning, professional growth and service.



## Selfine Extra

Business professionals of America have given me a chance to give purpose to my potential. As a member, I feel it is my responsibility to introduce students to the same opportunity. In order to do so I have pushed myself to go towards larger leadership positions. I'm a person who strongly believes that there's more power in "WE", than "I". It's all about what we can accomplish in this organization as a team, and as a community. As someone who hopes to empower a better future, I believe there is no better start than BPA.

#### Shakilah Graham

I hope to become a Business Professionals of America, Ohio Association state officer to make a difference in young people's lives and show members they can do the impossible. This organization has provided me with many opportunities to step out of my comfort zone and meet new people. As an Ohio state officer candidate, I am qualified for this position because of my passion and the way I've thrived in past leadership roles, such as Student Senate, Chapter President, and creator of my own club. My goal is to help all BPA members realize the impossible is within reach.

# Truman Caffey

I am looking to experience opportunities and find exposure to real world business environments. I want to use my leadership and organizational skills to benefit the members of Ohio BPA by planning, volunteering for, and participating in BPA events. Its my goal to increase business exposure to BPA members in my state by increasing the number of leadership and academic conference events available to students. I hope to also increase the number of Ohio BPA members by increasing opportunities and experiences for students along with advertising the benefits and applications of BPA. Hopefully, together, we can succeed.