

**BPA Voting Delegate Handout**

Thirteen candidates (returning candidate from this years officers)were selected to campaign for the opportunity and privilege of serving the Ohio Association members in 2024-2025. 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 M. Lyon**

Becoming a state officer is about much more than just the title. For me, it is about conveying the message of BPA to students from all walks of life. BPA has allowed me to further my education and grow as a professional. It has also allowed me to hear from inspiring individuals that have influenced me greatly. For me, BPA is a way to inspire youth the same way these professionals have inspired me. As an officer I would make it my goal to recruit as many new members as possible and to spread the good news of BPA.

**Barrett LeMaster**

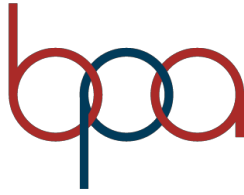
Firstly, I want to be a State Officer because I have enjoyed my experience as a member of BPA and I want to give back to future members to make sure that their experience is as good as mine has been. Second of all, I am proud to be an Ohioan and it would mean so much to me to represent Ohio at the state and national level.

**Carter Kreglow**

I want to be a state officer because I want to further better Ohio Business Professionals of America and myself. I want to continue to be a voice and advocate for all BPA members to live up to their full potential, that will ultimately take them to places that they could never imagine. As a part of the officer team already, I am well educated and equipped to handle the duties and responsibilities that come with being a state officer.

**Cassidy Self**

I am excited for the opportunity to challenge myself with this position and continue to pursue growth in my leadership and communication skills. I believe the position will allow me the opportunity to expand my own knowledge while serving the needs of others.



**Isabella Lowe**

I would like to obtain a state officer position because as a person who has found my passion and discovered more of myself, thanks to BPA, I want others to have that same access. BPA is more than competition, it provides a place for alike people to express their passions in the business world, everyone deserves a fair chance at that. As a BPA State officer I would work with the resources provided to help each and every BPA member to have the opportunity to express and start becoming the best version of themselves.

**Kara Klingler**

Although some may see my age as a disadvantage, I think otherwise. I have only been involved in BPA for about six months and I am ready to spend the rest of my high school career dedicated to expanding my knowledge in this CTSO. I am more than qualified to be elected as a state officer because I am responsible, driven, and capable of achieving success. I have earned my Diplomat and Executive Torch awards, placed first in the Prepared Speech contest, and am a valuable member of my school's student council. I am ready to take on this challenge..

**Kaylee Jane Bates**

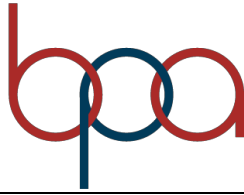
I am passionate about leadership, success, and trust. I would be able to assist others in becoming the best that they can be, whilst improving myself as well. I understand others easily and excel at listening along with empathizing. However, I am also confident in my abilities such as: time management, communication skills, flexibility, and trustworthiness. I want a chance to show my capability to succeed and go past the limitations that hold others back, and for me, becoming a State Officer will provide me with that chance.

**Malachi Robinson**

I would be honored to be a state officer. My unwavering commitment to hard work, along with my exceptional leadership and communication skills, I believe this will make me a great officer for the Business Professionals of America state office. My proven abilities in collaboration, drive, and overcoming challenges demonstrates my dedication and vision for state office. I have a passion for empowering people around me, I was born to make a positive impact and I can further that as a state officer. My unique qualities reflect my strengths and what BPA means.

**Mylah Moore**

Being a State Officer presents an excellent opportunity for me to deepen my involvement with BPA. As a proficient leader, I thrive in collaborative settings, enjoying the process of problem-solving and generating innovative ideas within group dynamics.



**Salina Kharel**

I want to help people find their true passion, step out of their comfort zone, gain confidence and create more leaders. I want to help grow our organization and our members within it.

**Selfline Mbedi**

Business Professionals of America has given me an incredible chance to seize unexpected opportunities. I feel responsible for encouraging my peers to do the same. Leading by example, I've pursued bigger leadership roles, showcasing to others to never underestimate themselves. Together, we have the power to achieve more. It's not just about my abilities, but what the BPA community can accomplish. As someone dedicated to empowering a brighter future, I proudly advocate for BPA because it provides an unbeatable start. As a State Officer, I would continually push forward and make a positive impact to the best of my capabilities.

**Seth Perry**

The past 7 months that I've been in BPA I have been fortunate enough to be surrounded by people who share great leadership qualities. I have realized that I have an immense passion for leading and helping others to achieve their very best in and outside of school. I know this is the next step in my journey of not only being a great leader for others but also being there to influence the lives of my peers.

**Youssef Elkhalili**

I am running for State Officer in Business Professionals of America because I believe in encouraging leadership and excellence in business education. I'm passionate about creating environments where students can collaborate, innovate, and develop essential skills. My goal is to make BPA a space where members feel included and empowered to succeed. As a State Officer, I'd be dedicated to contributing my skills and commitment to enhance the BPA experience, ensuring it becomes a valuable platform for personal and professional growth. I believe in BPA's abilities to help aid the growth of our fellow students and ensure success for all.