Alumni Executive Committee

2019-2020 President Darlene Uren (Indiana) duren@bpa.org

Darlene Uren is a young professional and BPA alumni who has been involved with the organization at the state level for many years serving as both a student member and alumni volunteer. Currently employed at Chinsky Restaurant Group, Inc. DBA Penn Station East Coast Subs, Darlene joined the organization her freshman year of high school and competed in various events in addition to serving as a state officer for BPA. She credits BPA with establishing a foundation for her current success in leadership and project management. Although her career has taken her to many different places over the years, Darlene regularly makes time to volunteer for BPA by serving as an event judge for State Leadership Conferences and the National Leadership Conference whenever she is able. Darlene is currently serving as the BPA National Alumni Division President for the 2019-2020 membership year. It is Darlene's goal is to get more young people excited and engaged with Business Professionals of America and looks forward to the opportunity to inspire the next generation of business professionals.

2019-2020 President-Elect Andrea Leal (Massachusetts) aleal@bpa.org

Andrea Leal is a Payroll Analyst for General Electric (GE) in Schenectady, NY. She specializes in pension payroll, while evaluating various payroll processes for opportunities to improve efficiency. She received her degree in Human Resource Management. Andrea credits her time in BPA for opening the door to her employment with GE, specifically her introduction to the HR field. She was a member of BPA for six years, during which time she began to develop her passion for leadership and public speaking. Andrea also serves as the Massachusetts State Officer Coordinator and is eager for the opportunity to work with the next generation of leaders. On a personal note, Andrea enjoys spending time with her family, volunteering, traveling and watching football.

C. Johnathan Gervasi (Oklahoma) cgervasi@bpa.org

Johnathan Gervasi is currently a CTE business teacher at Yukon High School in the greater Oklahoma City area, where he also serves as a Business Professionals of America (BPA) advisor. Johnathan has served the organization as a former state president to Oklahoma and as a former National Officer in the Secondary and Post-secondary divisions as the Parliamentarian in the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 academic years respectively. He has also earned recognitions in BPA such as being recognized as a National Merit Scholar, a Certified Student Member, and a National Silver and Gold Medalist in Global Marketing Team. Cody is a graduate of Oklahoma State University where he graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Career and Technology Education, and is currently pursing a Masters of Arts in Educational Leadership degree from Southern Nazarene University. Johnathan is excited to begin his 8th year of involvement with the organization, and looks forward to seeing and meeting all of BPA's incredible members!

2019-2020 Bylaws Committee Chair Devin Alexander (Florida) dalexander@floridabpa.org

Devin Alexander currently serves as the State Advisor of the Florida Association of Business Professionals of America. Outside of BPA, Devin works for The Presence Firm as a High Education Consultant where he assists Senior College Administrators in Accreditation reviews. Although he's a 4th generation Floridian, Devin attended Adrian College in Adrian, Michigan where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a minor in Women Studies. Devin has had the honor to have the ultimate BPA Experience, first serving as a high school member, State Officer, National Officer for the Secondary & Post-Secondary division and now State Advisor. It's his goal to provide the same opportunities that helped developed him as a professional for all students across the United States.

2019-2020 Membership Committee Chair Brooke Shefchek (Wisconsin) <u>bmshefchek@gmail.com</u>

Having worn several different hats during her time with Business Professionals of America, Brooke Shefchek is currently serving as the State Officer Coordinator for Business Professionals of America Wisconsin Association. She graduated from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in 2015 and obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership from Bethel University. While born and raised in Wisconsin (and proudly so), Brooke currently resides in Minneapolis, MN and works in Academic Advising at Walden University. She has previously served the organization as a State and National Officer, as well as the Wisconsin BPA State Alumni President. She is passionate about creating opportunities for engagement and professional growth within the Alumni Division of BPA and is looking forward to serving the organization in this capacity!

Board of Trustees Alumni Representative

Angie Benson (Minnesota) abenson@bpa.org

Angie Benson is currently employed as an Inside Sales consultant with Restaurant Technologies, Inc. She is a 2016 graduate from Ridgewater College in Minnesota. She has served as the President of the BPA National Alumni Division (2018-2019 Membership Year) and is currently serving on the BPA Board of Trustees as the Alumni Division Representative (2019-2022). She is also very active with BPA in her home state of Minnesota where she serves as the Alumni Representative on the MN College Division of BPA. She credits BPA with helping her grow and develop skills that translated into the workforce. In BPA, we start as competitors, become friends and end up being family. BPA helps you discover who you are and allows you to shine.

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