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**CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL BUSINESS STUDENTS COMPETE AT REGIONAL  
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

Business Professionals of America is a dynamic youth organization which provides leadership and business opportunities for high school students to prepare them in their selection as they make decisions on their future careers. The skills that students learn through participating in a variety of business experiences are beneficial and will help prepare them for a career in the workforce.



Students put these skills to the test at the Regional 9 Leadership Conference that was held January 16, 2015, at Baker College of Owosso. More than 4,500 students representing approximately 175 schools were competing in regional competitions throughout the state. They competed in many different events ranging from accounting to graphic design to public speaking to interview skills. Events were individual or teams with the participants learning many skills from each.

Coached by advisors Tina VanSyckle and Monique Colizzi, Charlotte Public Schools was well represented at the Regional Leadership Conference with seven students competing in Banking and Finance, Interview Skills, Computer Security, PC Servicing and Troubleshooting, Global Marketing Team, Graphic Design Promotion, Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications and Fundamental Word Processing.

Congratulations to the following students: Daniel Ankney, 5th place Banking and Finance and 5th place Interview Skills; Joey Davis, 4th place Computer Security and 4th place Information Technology Concepts; Kris Hulsebos, 3rd place Graphic Design Promotion; Alyssa Luna, 4th place Fundamental Word Processing; and John Nulf, 4th place Financial Math and Analysis. These students are eligible to attend the BPA State Leadership Conference taking place in March at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids. Congratulations Orioles!

The Charlotte BPA Chapter would like to thank the Eaton RESA chapter chaperone for her guidance and leadership in chaperoning the trip.