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CHARLOTTE STUDENTS COMPETE AT STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



Matching skills with over 2,000 of their counterparts from across the state, outstanding business students from Charlotte High School participated in the 45th Annual State Leadership Conference of the Michigan Association of Business Professionals of America.

Business Professionals of America members are provided an opportunity for the development of leadership skills, personal and professional growth, and career-related competencies. Involvement in Business Professionals of America will enhance social awareness, civic responsibility, and understanding of the business community. The state leadership conference is the highlight of the Michigan Association year, and helps more than 2,000 members accomplish these objectives.

The Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference was held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on March 16-19, 2017. The parade of presidents, legacy launchers, career fair, college fair, campaign rally, state officer elections, assessment event competitions, and a formal dinner and dance were the highlights of the conference. Delegates had the opportunity to meet people and make many new friends. More than 100 schools located throughout the state were represented at the conference.

Coached by advisor Tina VanSyckle, the Charlotte BPA chapter members shined as students competed in various contests. Chapter members include Rayanna Demello, Kris Hulsebos, Spencer Lee, Marlana Mix, Thomas Monschein, and John Nulf. Special congratulations to Spencer Lee on his Silver place finish in Computer Programming Concepts. Business Professionals of America is a national career/technical student organization for business students on the high school and college levels with over 54,000 members across the country. The organization strives to prepare a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic, and technological skills. Through membership in Business Professionals of America, students gain valuable real-world experience as they network with students and business professionals from across the state and nation, better their community through service-learning projects, and compete in demonstrations of their business technology skills on the regional, state, and national levels.

Spencer Lee has qualified for the 2017 National Leadership Conference May 10-17, in Orlando, FL, where he can compete with other students from across the country, network with students and business professionals, and set higher standards like never before. Congratulations to all members on your hard work!

The Charlotte BPA Chapter would like to thank chaperone Ms. Jenn Grantham for her guidance and leadership in chaperoning the trip, and to our BPA buddy chapter Eaton RESA for joining us at the conference.

Business Professionals of America is today's students, tomorrow's business professionals.

