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## **Charlotte High School Students Compete in Regional Business Competitions**



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.

Charlotte High School students put these skills to the test at the Regional Leadership Conferences on January 13, at Baker College of Owosso. More than 4,500 students representing approximately 175 schools competed in regional competitions throughout the state. They competed in many different events ranging from accounting to graphic design to public speaking. Events were individual or teams with the participants learning many skills from each.

Coached by advisor Tina VanSyckle, Charlotte was well represented at the Regional Leadership Conference with 11 students competing. Congratulations to the following students who placed: Rayanna Demello, Interview Skills 4th place; Kristoffer Hulsebos, Advanced Interview Skills 4th place and Entrepreneurship 1st place; Spencer Lee and John Nulf, Web Site Design Team 1st place; Allison Lubbers, Medical Office Procedures 3rd place; Marlana Mix, Advanced Word Processing 1st place; and Lynsey Peters, Entrepreneurship 5th place. These students are eligible to attend the BPA State Leadership Conference taking place March 16-19, at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids. The Charlotte BPA Chapter would like to thank chaperones Mrs. Lorin Stewart and Mr. Chad Little for their support and guidance during the conference.

Business Professionals of America helps young people prepare themselves for business professional careers. They learn a variety of skills such as teamwork, time management, and public speaking. These skills are very beneficial as these bright, young people enter the workforce and help shape the future.