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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 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 advisor Tina VanSyckle, Charlotte was well represented at the Regional Leadership Conference with 13 students competing in Presentation Management Team, Banking and Finance, Interview Skills, Prepared Speech, Human Resources Management, Medical Office Procedures, Presentation Management Individual, Fundamental of Web Design, C++ Programming, Graphic Design Promotion, Advanced Word Processing, Fundamental Desktop Publishing, Digital Media Production, Extemporaneous Speech, and Entrepreneurship.

Congratulations to the following students: Rayanna Demello 4th place Prepared Speech, Kristoffer Hulsebos 3rd place Interview Skills, Spencer Lee 4th place Fundamentals of Web Design, 1st place Computer Programming Concepts, and 1st place C++ Programming, Alyssa Luna 4th place Advanced Word Processing, John Nulf 4th place Graphic Design Promotion, and 1st place Presentation Management Individual, and Brendon Simmons 4th place Entrepreneurship, and 1st place Digital Media Production. These students are eligible to attend the BPA State Leadership Conference taking place in March at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids. The Charlotte BPA Chapter would like to thank chaperones Ms. Monique Colizzi and Mr. Joey Davis for their guidance and leadership in chaperoning the trip.

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.

