



**BUSINESS
PROFESSIONALS**
of AMERICA

**Giving Purpose
to Potential**

Thirteen candidates were selected to campaign for the opportunity and privilege of serving the Ohio Association members. Candidates are listed below in alphabetical order by last name. The profile contains the 100 word essay each candidate submitted with her/his application.



Carleigh Boyd

I am running to be your next Ohio Association State Officer to give others what BPA gave to me. I want to use this platform to help members find their purpose, create opportunities, and build the confidence and skill sets needed to be successful. My experience in other leadership roles, such as being the secretary of my class, a freshman mentor, and the president of my BPA chapter, has given me the tools needed to lead a group. Now, I'm aspiring to put these leadership skills to use by inspiring others to reach their full potential and achieve their dreams.



Chase Davidson

I want to be a State BPA officer because BPA has played such a pivotal role in my life. BPA has helped be decide what I want to do in my life and has shaped my high school career. Being in BPA is an irreplaceable experience with tons of opportunities, so I want to explore all the avenues that it has to offer. I would be a great BPA State officer because I care about BPA and I want to be a part of BPA's tremendous success.



Sarah Eifel

Commitment. Integrity. Leadership. These are three qualities that it takes to be a Business Professionals of America state officer. With these traits, I want to make a difference in other students' lives. I want to be an Ohio BPA state officer so that I can inspire students to go outside of their comfort zones. This organization has given me so many opportunities for growth, which is why I want to give back by serving as a state officer. I hope to be the voice for my fellow members of BPA so that each and every one of us can prosper.



Ana Lu Gehner

Success is not defined by recognition or power, but by the lives changed and the voices that are represented. I am ready to change lives and stand up for the voices of all BPA members as a State Officer. I am passionate, positive, and ready to serve the state in pushing boundaries through competition. With the support of BPA members, I will promote change and growth by campaigning for diversity and increased member participation in decisions for the state. I am excited for the opportunity to help others gain priceless skills and experiences through BPA.



Andrew Kessler

I want to be an officer of the Ohio Business Professionals of America because I have always been a selfless, caring, and passionate person, and I would like to show that by serving the great state of Ohio. It would be a monumental opportunity for me, and it would be another great way to strengthen my leadership skills that I have accumulated over the many years. I have always been a leader in my community. Now, I want to be a leader of a great organization. This is why I want to be an officer of Ohio Business Professionals of America.



Jacob Maher

My name is Jacob Maher. I am a junior and excited to be able to work with Ohio BPA for the next two years. I play soccer for my high school, and I enjoy getting involved in student and community activities. Being a leader and bringing out the most of people's abilities is important to me.

My goal as a BPA officer is to better unite our membership across the state. I will strive to provide more opportunities for students to connect and excel in BPA. Do Ohio BPA a favor, vote Jacob Maher!



Jayla Neal

I would love to serve as your next Ohio Association Business Professionals of America State Officer for many reasons. This organization has given me great opportunities to grow as a person, to develop new skills, and to have memorable experiences. As an officer, I want to be able to give back to our members and to influence them to fully take advantage of BPA's wonderful opportunities. Overall, I believe I would be a great person to represent this organization through everything I do and I am certain we can make a lasting impact on our community!



Trinity Robinson

My goal as a state officer candidate is to inspire every member to strengthen BPA from within, together. As members, we tend to focus so much on competitions but BPA's purpose is much more than just competing. BPA is about bringing together chapters, regions, and states with the same love that its members share for the organization itself. Using leadership skills I have gained through my roles as President of my junior class, captain of my varsity volleyball team, and Secretary of Ohio BPA, I will encourage this unity. Together, we UNITE!



Sierra Snow

Every since I attended the BPA Fall Leadership Conference my freshman year, I have wanted to be a state officer. Through an incredible amount of help from my advisors and my fellow BPA members, I now have the opportunity to become a state officer. I have so much passion for my involvement in BPA because it has truly made my high school experience amazing. From going to Anaheim last year to meeting tons of new people at every conference I have attended, I couldn't imagine not being in BPA. I want to be a state officer so that I can give every BPA member the opportunity to feel the same about this organization as I do.



Hannah Thacker

As A leader within my Business Professionals of America chapter, Link Crew and captain of my cheer team. I have gained beneficial leadership qualities. BPA has helped me gain experience and open my eyes to the opportunities offered in leadership, skill attainment and personal growth. As a leader in sports and within this organization I want to use my knowledge and help mentor others throughout the state to see the options available to them. As an Ohio Association state officer I would be honored to utilize my skills to continue the growth and success of our state organization.



Dylan Uptegraft

I want to be a state officer so that I can improve myself to become the best I can be and to serve the people.



Kevin Wieder

This is my second year in BPA and I am very excited. To get the opportunity to become an officer would be amazing. I would like to further my educational opportunities and success by leading and assisting others in a positive way. I plan to explore new opportunities for every member of BPA as well as make it enjoyable. I believe I can fulfill this important role because of my leadership qualities and concern for the development/success of the Ohio membership. By becoming an officer, this will help me further my success as a young adult.



Paige Ziska

Business Professionals of America has given me purpose by providing many opportunities to increase my knowledge of all business aspects. My involvement with BPA has helped me develop my leadership abilities to help inspire others to become involved in the organization and expand their awareness of community service activities. I believe I am qualified to be an Ohio Association state officer candidate because I am committed to our professional organization and want to see it grow in member strength and numbers.