

## **BPA Voting Delegate Handout**

Fourteen 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.

### **Benjamin Bitner**

Being a Business Professionals of America state officer means insuring that our organization prepares the next generation of professionals for success in their future endeavors. A state officer is only as successful as the members that they lead. If successful members are prepared to thrive in a world class workforce, we have effectively done our job as officers. If elected as a Business Professionals of America state officer, I plan to make our future dreams a reality! [Video Speech.](#)

### **Chase Davidson**

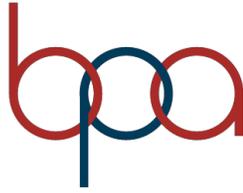
Values are the definition of our actions in life. Values heavily influence our decisions and our actions. I value BPA, diversity, growth and development, and of course my wonderful peers. Therefore, if I am elected as State Officer, all of my decisions and actions will reflect my values and will be in the best interest of this amazing organization and all of the amazing people that are a part of it. If I am elected as State Officer, I will work to increase communication at all levels in BPA and try to help everyone find their place in BPA. [Video Speech.](#)

### **Nathaniel Davis**

I would like to be a state officer due to my passion for Business Professionals of America and the personal growth I have made in recent past that makes me believe I am ready for a role with the Ohio state organization. [Video Speech.](#)

### **Karigan Denham**

Leaders become great not because of their power but, because of their ability to empower others. Hi, I am Karigan Denham, I have the diligence, commitment, and the ability to support others necessary to lead Ohio BPA this coming year. I would like to use the position of state officer to empower Ohio BPA members to push them to step out of their comfort zone. It is my goal to help you to achieve even greater levels of success, in competitions, in school, and in life. Working together in partnership will make us unbeatable. [Video Speech.](#)



**Ana Lu Gehner**

We need each other to accomplish greatness. We need each other to make change. We need every voice, every idea, every member. I want to be a State Officer so I can give value to the voices of our members. I want to know them, understand them, and work for them. I am driven and energetic and am determined to be a faithful servant to all that share in this organization. Everyone has potential, and I want to be the person students across Ohio can rely on to encourage them and root for them in all that they do. [Video Speech.](#)

**Khara Hartzell**

Being a State Officer for BPA of Ohio brings the opportunities of growth, memorable experiences, and success in leadership skills. More importantly – these are opportunities that I can help the members of Ohio BPA experience as well. My first goal as a state officer is to strive to be a voice for my fellow members of BPA. I am excited to assist in the local region events. My second goal is to inspire others to better themselves as individuals as well as within their community. Vote Khara Hartzell your voice and inspiration. [Video Speech.](#)

**Ava Hollenbeck**

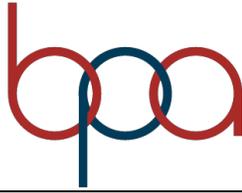
Being a state officer of Ohio Business Professionals of America is something I strive to become for many reasons. B.P.A. has such a powerful impact on growing students and helps them achieve their goals and gain confidence. In the year and a half since I have been introduced to this program I can say I have grown tremendously. I would love to be a part of even more students discovering their full potential through B.P.A. I want to thank you for this opportunity and I hope to be considered as one of your future leaders. [Video Speech.](#)

**Tia Jordan**

I am motivated to become one of the upcoming BPA state officers because I want to empower creativity, inspiration, and success in the BPA community. BPA has provided me opportunities that I am grateful for and I want to return the favor through my leadership skills. As the captain of my dance team, I've always had our team's interest in mind because communication is what leads our team to success. As an Officer, I will work to share our successes through positivity, confidence, and most importantly leadership to the members of BPA. Together we will be extraordinary! [Video Speech.](#)

**Jacob Maher**

As a state officer, I am looking to give back to the members. BPA has done many great things for me. Building new skills, getting out of my comfort zone, and creating many new friendships to name a few. My vision is to help every member of Ohio BPA fulfill their potential and do great things. I have previous leadership experience from being a 3 year Varsity soccer captain, president of my region, along with president of my CT program. Now I am ready to transition my leadership qualities to Ohio BPA and serve you! [Video Speech.](#)



**Ryleigh Melampy**

I would like to be a state officer because it would be an amazing opportunity. I believe I would be an excellent officer because I have learned many valuable skills through being an executive board member. I would like to continue doing great things for this organization and further my impact beyond my region. [Video Speech.](#)

**Jonathon North**

I seek an opportunity to affect Ohio, the United States, and the world at large. I want nothing more than to have a lasting impact. I have proven my leadership capabilities through my past experiences and now wish to apply those to the Business Professionals of America association. This is my chance to step up and take on even more responsibility. By becoming a state officer, my vision is to re-establish the importance for youth to take part in developing the world they live in. Becoming a state officer is my chance to bring that vision to its fullest potential. [Video Speech.](#)

**Courtney Roach**

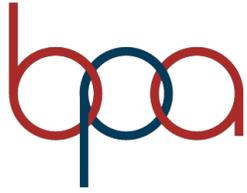
Business Professionals of America has tremendously changed my life and made my first two years of high school so much better. BPA has given me a purpose and a goal. I have become more self confident and outgoing because of BPA. Being a local officer and regional officer, last year and this year, have been an amazing experience and I am truly grateful for it. I would love to continue that by becoming a state officer and furthering my career in BPA and help others reach their goals in BPA! [Video Speech.](#)

**Sky Roman**

I want to be a state officer because of my passion for Business Professionals of America. BPA provides life-changing opportunities to those who embrace it. Being president of my class, and being an officer in my local BPA chapter both my freshman and sophomore years has helped me develop essential life skills such as communication, problem solving, and creative thinking. I know that the state officer team will benefit from my energy and dedication. My goal as a state officer is to create opportunities for networking, leadership, and service, because BPA is more than just a club. [Video Speech.](#)

**Sierra Snow**

My goal as a state officer is to lead every BPA member in finding their own path within this organization, because everyone has their own. I want to be able to prove to all members that this wonderful organization isn't just for strong students who excel in competitions, it is for everyone. Business Professionals of America has so many opportunities to provide that helps students shine in the real world. I have learned a countless number of useful skills through this organization that I wish to share with all of the new members that I meet. I will be the person to give purpose to everyone's potential. [Video Speech.](#)



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