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Jeb Reece
President
Lincoln High School

Hello Indiana BPA! As we approach Regionals, it is important that you begin preparing for your contests. Put in the extra time and effort to do your best on your competitions. Your hard work will pay off! Practice makes perfect and will lead to you earning your place at the State and National Leadership Conferences. Working on your competitions leads to better success in open contests as well. So get out there and begin preparing for success!



Today's students.
Tomorrow's business professionals.



Competitions

Isaac Nellans
Region 2 President
Argos Jr/Sr High School



Competitive events are a big part of participating in BPA. There are multiple types of events that you can compete in. These types include judged events, computerized events, and written events. If you choose to compete in a judged event, you must prepare a presentation prior to the conference, and then present in front of judges. In computerized events, you enter a room with a supervisor and others in your event, and proceed to take a test on a computer, generally involving creating and printing documents to turn in. Finally, in written events, you enter a room and take a test using pencil and paper, generally on a ScanTron. So, when it comes to competitive events, there's something for everyone.

Nathan Gulde
Region 9 President
Lincoln High School



Hello, everyone! Competitions are my favorite aspect of BPA, I love the events that I do! There are competitive events for everybody! Events range from design and programming to office procedures, accounting, and parliamentary procedures. These events are either team events or are done on an individual basis. Events are either judged or graded and are usually timed. In BPA, you will always find something you will enjoy competing in! You can find a list of competitive events under "Workplace Skills Assessment Program Event List" when you click the "Compete" tab on bpa.org.

Danielle Musser
VP of Administration
Tri-County High School



One of the great things about BPA is the vast number of contests. There really is a contest for everyone. My personal contest area is finance. My years of competing have been filled with accounting, advanced accounting, and being a part of the financial analyst team. Finance is the right contest choice if you love math and analyzing. In order to do well in this contest area, you have to be detail oriented because there are so many little things that one can lose points from. My overall favorite contest is being a part of the financial analyst team. This contest requires a good variety of skills. Being on the financial analyst team one must be able to analyze, write a report, present, and be an overall team player. There are so many great contests but I am biased to say that finance is the best choice especially if math is your strongest subject area.

Gillian Blessinger
VP of Chapter Activities
Jasper High School



Out of all the aspects involved in BPA, contests are probably my favorite. I started out doing News Broadcast Team and Extemporaneous Speech. I've changed up my contests a little bit, but I've always stuck with News Broadcast. I like exploring different things within my contests. Contests allow you to learn, and they always motivate you. I encourage everyone to take a contest that they find some interest in, because they can spark the interest, and get you interested in something new.