



## WELCOME TO BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA!

Business Professionals of America is the leading CTSO (Career and Technical Student Organization) for students pursuing careers in business management, office administration, information technology and other related career fields.

BPA has 43,000 members in over 2,300 chapters in 23 states. BPA is a co-curricular organization that supports business and information technology educators by offering co-curricular exercises based on national standards. Texas is currently the largest state association with over 1,100 chapters and over 8,200 members.

The Workplace Skills Assessment Program (WSAP) prepares students to succeed and assesses real-world business skills and problem solving abilities in finance, management, IT and computer applications. It is BPA's showcase program and facilitates students demonstrating their career skills at regional, state and national conferences in 153 competitive events.

Some of BPA's other major programs include the National Leadership Academy, Texas Intern Program, National Intern Program, Officer Elections and scholarships. The Torch Awards Program and BPA Cares Program recognize students and chapters, respectively, for their leadership and service to their chapter and community.

The mission of Business Professionals of America is to contribute to the preparation of a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic, and technological skills.

The vision statement of Business Professionals of America is as follows:

At Business Professionals of America, we are committed to developing the best possible career and technical education organization for students in the United States. The measure of our success will be the perception that alumni of Business Professionals of America are highly competent and skilled workforce professionals who enable business and industry to maintain the economic vitality and high quality of life associated with our celebrated United States of America.

## HOW IS BPA ORGANIZED?

Each BPA Charter State has its own governing body and a State Advisor who directs State programs and conferences. National Business Professionals of America is built from the partnership of these State organizations working together. The national organization benefits members by producing the Workplace Skills Assessment Program, national conferences, national programs, and representing/uniting the organization. Each BPA chapter (unless it's an independent chapter) is part of a State BPA organization as well the national BPA organization.

BPA further organizes its members into divisions. A member is eligible for one of BPA's five divisions according to the following guidelines:

- **College / Post-secondary:** For post-secondary (one-year, two-year, baccalaureate, or post-baccalaureate) students enrolled or formerly enrolled in initial, refresher, or upgrading business, career technical, business education and career or related education programs.
- **High School / Secondary:** For high school students enrolled or formerly enrolled in initial, refresher, or upgrading business, career technical, and career or related education programs. Associate Member Designation is for high school students enrolled or formerly enrolled in initial, refresher, or upgrading business, career technical, and career or related education programs for special populations.
- **Middle Level:** For middle school students enrolled or formerly enrolled in initial, refresher, or upgrading business, career technical, and career or related education programs.
- **Alumni:** For former active members of any student division.
- **Professional:** A professional member may be a person associated with BPA. (Such members may include teachers, teacher-coordinators, teacher-educators and supervisors, employers and/or training station sponsors of business education, friends of Business Professionals of America, corporate sponsors, and others appointed by the governing educational body willing to contribute to Business Professionals of America's growth and development).

## HOW CAN I START A CHAPTER AT MY SCHOOL?

Visit us online at [www.texasbpa.com](http://www.texasbpa.com) and click on the For Advisors link to get started. You'll fill out a charter application that will get the ball rolling so you can set up your chapter. We will connect you with advisors in your area to help you grow your chapter and stay informed. Staying connected is the best way to get the support you need as a new advisor.

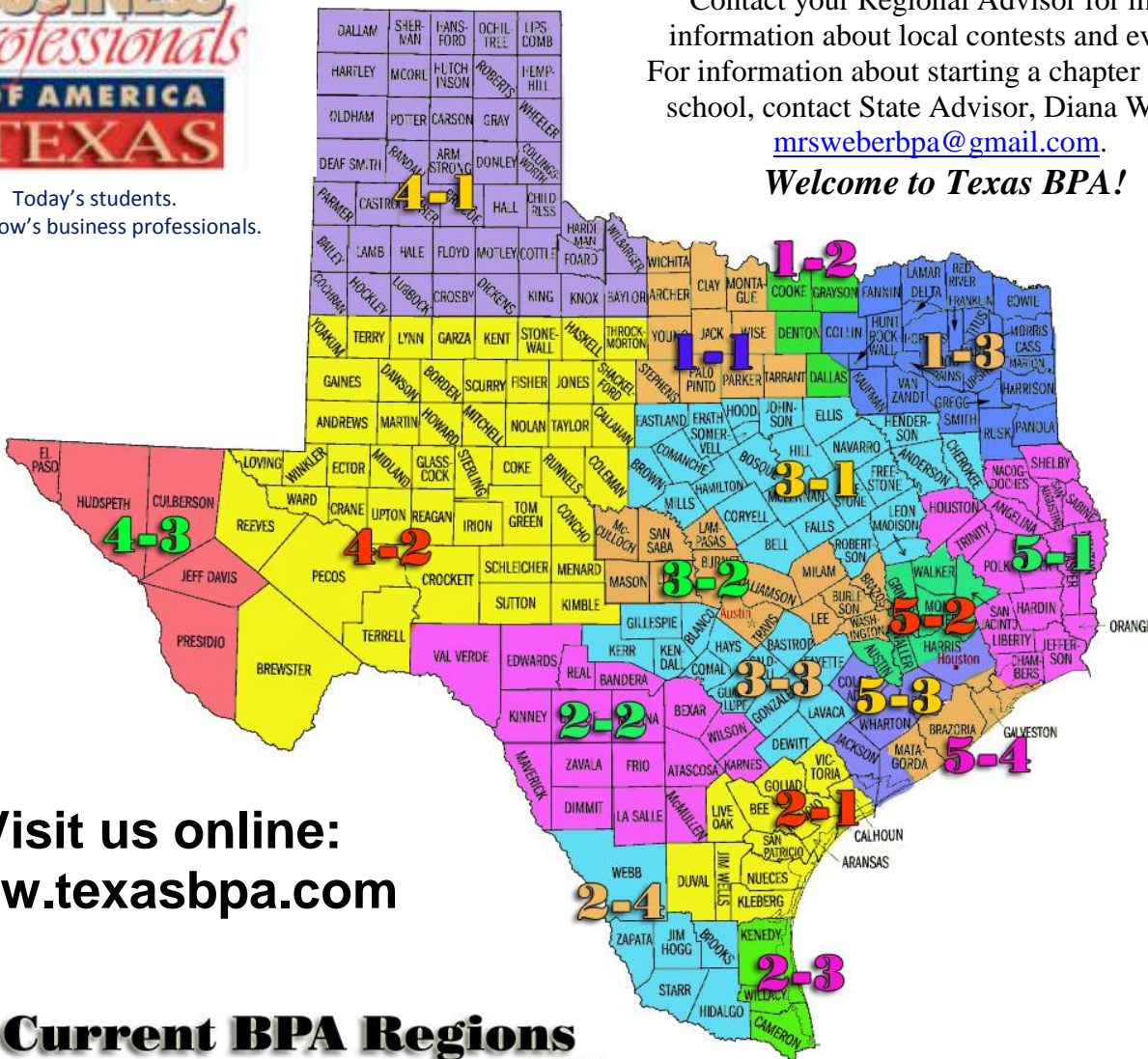


Today's students.  
Tomorrow's business professionals.

Texas is organized into Areas and Regions.  
Contact your Regional Advisor for more information about local contests and events.  
For information about starting a chapter at your school, contact State Advisor, Diana Weber,

[mrsweberbpa@gmail.com](mailto:mrsweberbpa@gmail.com).

**Welcome to Texas BPA!**



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[www.texasbpa.com](http://www.texasbpa.com)

**Current BPA Regions**  
as of 2014

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# Business Professionals of America

## Quick Reference Guide

### **National Contacts**                      [www.bpa.org](http://www.bpa.org)                      **1-800-334-2007**

--Register your members, download information on contests, hotlinks and topics for projects, BPA Mall and Marketplace, information about National Leadership Conference, Leadership Academy and scholarship opportunities

### **State Website**                                      [www.texasbpa.com](http://www.texasbpa.com)

--State contact information including Board Members, Officers and Regional Advisors

--Information on running for office, scholarships and the Texas Intern Program

--Downloadable forms and deadlines

--State contest information and news

State Advisor Contact: Diana Weber, [mrsweberbpa@gmail.com](mailto:mrsweberbpa@gmail.com)

### **Regional Advisor Contact** \_\_\_\_\_ Area \_\_\_\_\_, Region \_\_\_\_\_

**Other important contacts:**

### **Dates to Remember:**

#### **Membership Deadlines—**

Register through the national website by **November 1<sup>st</sup>** to get on the National mailing list. Deadline for Texas membership is **January 15<sup>th</sup>** in order to participate in the Regional Leadership Conferences. (Note: Registration deadlines for your Regional Leadership Conferences are set by region and may precede this deadline. Contact your Regional Advisor for more information.)

#### **Regional Leadership Conferences—**

Your Regional Advisor will determine the date and location for the contest. Please follow deadline and registration information forwarded to you. If you do not receive information, please reference the state website and contact your Regional Advisor directly. These conferences are held the last two weeks of January as determined by your Region.

#### **State Leadership Conference—**

**March 4-7, 2015 in Dallas, Texas**

Registration information and Pre-Conference materials will be posted to the Texas website.

#### **National Leadership Conference—**

**May 6-10, 2015 in Anaheim, California**

Registration information and Pre-Conference materials will be posted to the National website.

#### **Fall Leadership Conferences—**

Watch the Texas BPA website for information on leadership conferences in your area.

*~Use your resources~*

*We are only a click away and ready and willing to assist in any way possible  
to help you and your chapters be successful this year.*

*Best of luck this year to you and your students!*