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Wilson Talent Center Students Advance to Business Professionals of America National Competition

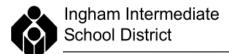
Nine students from the Wilson Talent Center will be traveling to Anaheim, California May 1-5, 2019 to participate in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) national competition. These students either placed first in their respective category at the state competition or received a Torch Award allowing them to participate because of service points earned.

BPA's mission is to contribute to the preparation of global professionals through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic and technological skills. It is the premier Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) for students pursuing careers in business management, information technology, finance, office administration and other related career fields. With over 45,000 members in over 1,800 chapters across 25 states and Puerto Rico, BPA is an organization that supports business and information technology educators by offering co-curricular exercises based on national standards. Students advancing to national competition include:

- Hunter Cahoon (Fowlerville) and Zach Sommerville (Waverly), software engineering team
- John Watt (Fowlerville), Jackson Grow (Waverly) and Elias Gonzalez (Waverly), computer animation team
- Anastasia Bennett (Mason), Kaylie Shepard (Stockbridge), Amanda Brussow (Stockbridge) and Taylor (Elise) Dettling (Webberville), Torch Awards for service points earned

"We are extremely proud of the accomplishments of our students," states Jamie Engel, Executive Director of CTE for Ingham Intermediate School District. "They will represent the state of Michigan and the Wilson Talent Center well at BPA nationals," Engel also noted.

The Wilson Talent Center, operated by Ingham Intermediate School District, offers career and technical education programs for high school juniors and seniors who reside in Dansville, East Lansing,



Haslett, Holt, Leslie, Mason, Okemos, Stockbridge, Waverly, Webberville and Williamston. Applications are also accepted from Lansing School District, Fowlerville Community Schools and Eaton and Clinton County schools. For more information, visit our website at <u>www.inghamisd.org/wtc</u>.