

# 13 BPA Students Qualify for National Competition!

The BPA State Leadership Conference was held March 15-18, 2018 in Grand Rapids at the Amway Grand Plaza. Over 2000 students from Michigan participated in over 60 business related contests. Of the students who competed from the GI-TEC (Gratiot Isabella Technical Education Center) Mt. Pleasant chapter, **13** students qualified for the BPA National Competition. The national finalists are now eligible to advance to the national competition in Dallas, Texas on May 9-13, 2018.



## 2018 BPA State Results listed below (national qualifiers in bold):

Salma Abdelgawad	8 <sup>th</sup>	Admin. Support Team - Statesman Torch Award	Natalie Kea	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Financial Analyst Team
Maryam Abdullahi	4 <sup>th</sup>	Website Design Team	<b>Mike Kelliher</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Video Production Team</b>
Memas Alkasasbeh	9 <sup>th</sup>	Admin Support Project Ind.	<b>Stuart MacDonald</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Presentation Management Ind.</b> - Statesman Torch Award
<b>Ryan Backus</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Global Marketing Team</b> - Statesman Torch Award	Grace McIntosh	-	Intermediate Word Processing
Seth Barbour	4 <sup>th</sup>	Website Design Team	A.C. Miller	4 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation Management Team
Jade Barnard	4 <sup>th</sup>	Website Design Team	Isabel Mink	4 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation Management Ind.
<b>Caroline Brown</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Economic Research Individual</b>	<b>Jack O'Brien</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Video Production Team</b>
<b>Michael Cesena</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Video Production Team</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Digital Media Production - Statesman Torch Award	<b>Emily Odykirk</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Global Marketing Team</b> - Statesman Torch Award
Nicholas Demattei	6 <sup>th</sup>	Economic Research Team	Mackenzie Pettit	-	Medical Office Procedures
Charles Driessnack	9 <sup>th</sup>	Broadcast News Team - Statesman Torch Award	<b>Ian Pilkington</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Video Production Team</b>
Jake Freed	6 <sup>th</sup>	Economic Research Team	Mackenzie Purtill	-	Advanced Interview Skills - Statesman Torch Award
Haylee Geisthardt	9 <sup>th</sup>	Broadcast News Team - Statesman Torch Award	Brenden Raymond	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Financial Analyst Team 6 <sup>th</sup> Payroll Accounting
Olivia Geisthardt	-	Economic Research Individual	Allison Roh	6 <sup>th</sup>	Economic Research Team
<b>Maddi Halfmann</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Presentation Mgt. Individual</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Admin. Support Team - Statesman Torch Award	Presli Schumacker	8 <sup>th</sup>	Admin. Support Team - Statesman Torch Award
<b>Tyler Hartman</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Payroll Accounting</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Financial Analyst Team	Haevyn Seidel	9 <sup>th</sup>	Broadcast News Team - Statesman Torch Award
Justin Hassen	4 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation Management Team	<b>Regan Selvidge</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Global Marketing Team</b>
<b>Dana Hayes</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fundamental Word Processing</b> - Statesman Torch Award	Morgan Smith	4 <sup>th</sup>	Website Design Team
Iris Hwang	6 <sup>th</sup>	Economic Research Team	Nick Sowmick	9 <sup>th</sup>	Broadcast News Team
			Ashley Trost	-	Banking and Finance
			Brett Upton	-	Entrepreneurship
			Andrew Vos	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Financial Analyst Team
			<b>Sarah Zhao</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Global Marketing Team</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prepared Speech

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