

Business Professionals of America Idaho State University CTech Chapter

Welcome to BPA

Business Professionals of America is a national organization of students enrolled in business, office, and web design occupations. It is an integral part of the educational program and is designed to develop leadership abilities while strengthening classroom experiences. "The mission of Business Professionals of America is to contribute to the preparation of a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, academic, citizenship, and technological skills.(www.bpa.org)"

The CTech Chapter at Idaho State University not only prepares students for the workforce, it also provides students with the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. They are famous for their high class Halloween parties that they host every year. They also host the regional Conference for local High School students, helping them practice their skills in preparation for the state conference.

2007-2008 Chapter Officers

The officer team is responsible for helping the advisors whenever needed as well as plan and run club events.

From left to right:

Zach Ellis - Treasurer

Loran Whited - Co-Secretary

Lori Prestridge - Co-Secretary

Suzzette Barrett - Historian

Angela Charlton - Vice President

Kimberly Wright - President



Photo Courtesy of Jean Swassing

2007 National Leadership Conference

The 2007 National Leadership Conference took place in New York City. Three students competed in various categories and brought home awards in two events.

Kamille Parsons served as the National Secretary-Treasurer.

While in New York, the BPA members and advisors explored as much as possible in the week that was available to them. Some of the

sites visited included

The Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island,



Photo Courtesy of Karla Stroud

The Empire State Building, The NBA Store(twice), and Central Park. Although no one had any navigational skills, they somehow managed to make it out of Central Park alive. They also had the opportunity to watch Phantom of the Opera on Broadway.

Anza Ketterman, one of the advisors, decided to pursue her dream of being a professional photographer. She took every opportunity presented to her to practice her skills and in doing so nearly injured her finger.

The largest fundraiser to make this trip possible was selling hot dogs at the Holt Arena for various events. Ironically, after getting to New York, the only thing they could afford to eat were hot dogs from the street vendors.

Congratulations to the winners:

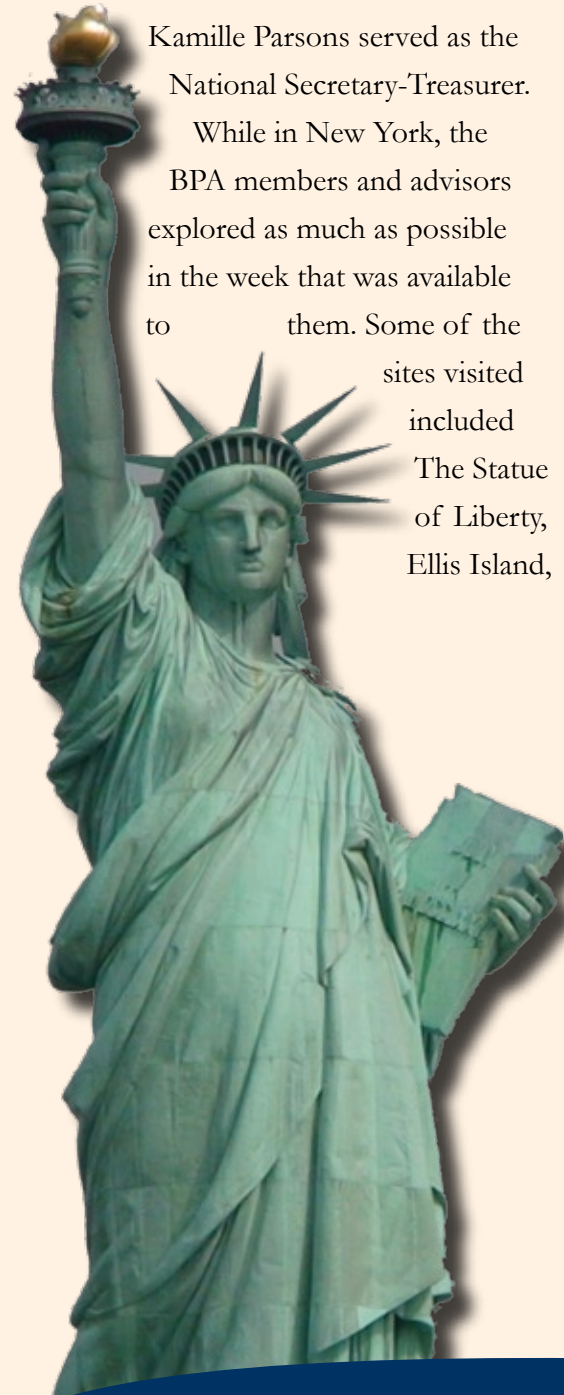
Kamille Parsons

Web Site Team – 2nd

Kimberly Wright

Web Site Team – 2nd

Fundamentals of XHTML – 3rd



2008 State Leadership Conference

The State Leadership Conference is held at Boise State University every year. This year, eleven students from Idaho State University College of Technology competed in nine different events. All eleven BPA members placed in at least one of their events, earning them the privilege to compete at Nationals, which will be held in Reno this May.

This year members had an extra busy schedule during this two-day event. Besides competing, members had to make time for the photo shoot and pizza party. Despite this madness, they stayed up late enjoying one another's company. This activity continued until three in the morning until one of the advisors realized she texted so slow that all her students had fallen asleep waiting for her reply.



Photo Courtesy of Karla Stroud

Congratulations to the winners:

Erin Arellano

Web Site Team – 1st
Graphic Design Promotion – 1st
Desktop Publishing – 3rd

Cody Mecham

Web Site Team – 1st
Graphic Design Promotion – 4th
Desktop Publishing – 5th

Mark Abernathy

Web Site Team – 1st
Graphic Design Promotion – 2nd
Digital Media Production – 2nd

Kimberly Wright

Web Site Team – 1st
Fundamentals of XHTML – 1st
Statesmen Torch Award

Darren Gonzol

Video Production Team – 1st

Zach Ellis

Video Production Team – 1st
Desktop Publishing – 2nd
Fundamentals of XHTML – 4th

Geri Empey

Fundamental Word Processing – 2nd

Connie Sistrunk

Human Resource Management – 3rd
Keyboard Production – 4th

Loran Whited

Graphic Design Promotion – 3rd

Suzzette Barrett

Web Site Team – 2nd
Fundamentals of XHTML – 2nd

Aaron Dean

Web Site Team – 2nd
Fundamentals of XHTML – 3rd

A Thank You to the Advisors

The advisors of the BPA CTech chapter, Karla Stroud and Anza Ketterman(aka the fearless leaders) deserve a huge Thank You! Without their extra time and effort spent helping students prepare for competitions and raising funds, the

ability

to compete at state and national leadership conferences would not

be possible. For countless years, they have given up their Spring Break and many of their weekends in order to help students sell concessions to raise money for travel.

Karla Stroud and Anza Ketterman are also the professors for the Web Site Design and Management program at ISU College of Technology. In their classes they teach skills and programs that will help students to succeed in BPA competitions as well as in future careers.

Thank you for everything you do. You have helped countless students by providing us with priceless experiences.



If you are interested in joining Business Professionals of America, or would like more information please contact one of the following people.

Karla Stroud

strokarl@isu.edu

208-282-3180

Anza Ketterman

kettanza@isu.edu

208-282-3307

Kimberly Wright

wrigkimb@isu.edu