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**THS STUDENTS GARNER MEDALS & NAMED STATE QUALIFIERS**  
**AT REGIONAL BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA**  
**LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**Texarkana, TX** – Texas High School student members of the Business Professionals of America (BPA) Chapter recently participated in the Area I, Region III Leadership Conference held on January 21 at Heritage High School in Frisco, TX.

The eight students earned eight medals with two being named State Qualifiers and two receiving the Diplomat Torch Award. They are:

Puja Kalyani – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place State Qualifier–Individual Administrative Support Research Project

J. D. Hoglan – 4<sup>th</sup> Place State Qualifier – CISCO Systems Administration

Steven Firmin – 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Fundamentals of Web Design

Sylvester Kendricks – 4<sup>th</sup> Place – PC Servicing & Troubleshooting

Nick Sehy – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Digital Media Production

Open Event winners are:

Daniel Pellegrin – 1<sup>st</sup> Place–Insurance Concepts; 1<sup>st</sup> Place–Business Meeting Management

Nick Sehy – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Financial Math

Additionally Puja Kalyani and Ariel McDonald were named Diplomats in the Torch Awards Program. This program frames and guides a BPA member's leadership and service to their chapter and community. Students complete activities and must earn a minimum of 30 points in each of the seven Torch categories – Leadership; Service; Cooperation; Knowledge; Friendship; Love, Hope, Faith; and Patriotism.

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.

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