



TO: Chapter Advisors
FROM: Maurice S. Henderson, State Director
DATE: September 5, 2023
SUBJECT: Fall Leadership Conference—October

Welcome to another exciting year of Business Professionals of America! We are pleased to invite all current and prospective chapters to attend the fall leadership conference. All chapters in the Lower Peninsula must attend this conference to learn about our organization and much more. **If your chapter is not participating in BPA in 2023-2024, please let us know ASAP. All chapters must be represented at this conference.** Each chapter must send a minimum of 3 students, with a maximum of 5 students per chapter allowed to attend. Advisor attendance is NOT optional!

Since the membership season has just started, conference participants do not need to be dues-paying members at the time of registration in order to participate.

The student workshops at the FLC will be conducted by the 2023-2024 State Executive Council. Students are provided an exciting and wonderful learning experience. Please make sure your students come excited about meeting new people and gaining valuable information to take back to their chapter members. Make sure your students bring paper and a pen/pencil.

The conference will be held at the MSU Union, 49 Abbot Rd, East Lansing, MI 48824. Registration will begin at 8:00 AM. Please plan to stay until the conclusion at 2:05 PM.

This year, there are two dates for the conference. Chapters in the Lower Peninsula will be assigned a specific day to attend. The information shared at the conference will be the same on both days:

- Wednesday, October 25, 2023: Regions 1, 3, and 7
- Thursday, October 26, 2023: Regions 2, 4, 6, and 8

The cost per participant is \$27.00 (\$27.85 if paying via credit card online). Students will be on their own for lunch. Morning refreshments and lunch for advisors is provided.

Professional attire required. The following items are not appropriate for the fall leadership conference: Dockers, sportswear/casual attire, cargo pants, jeans, t-shirts, hats, and tennis shoes.

Parking details will be emailed to chapter advisors and posted on our website prior to the conference.

NEW IN 2023: Based upon feedback from last school, in order to keep meals provided equivalent between advisors and students, morning refreshments for advisors will not be provided. However, lunch for all conference participants—students and advisors—will be provided. Lunch will be catered by Jimmy John's. Therefore, we will need to be advised of food allergies as it relates to

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the following items: ham, turkey, cheese, bread, lettuce, tomatoes, and mayo. You must include allergy details for your participants at the time you register for the conference.

Conference registration must be submitted online at www.michiganbpa.org/flc. Be advised of the following deadlines:

- **October 11, 2023:** Conference registration must be submitted online (no refunds allowed; all submitted registrations are binding and payment must be submitted for the registered individuals)
- **October 31, 2023:** Conference registration payment deadline for all registrations received via mail or online

The state officers and I look forward to seeing everyone at the conference.