



February 19, 2021

Local Advisors and Chapter Members,

I hope this finds you and your families safe and healthy. It has been an exciting time for Alaska BPA members since our last newsletter. Our State Leadership Conference (SLC) has been held and this newsletter provides information about our hybrid event.

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Our goal is to ensure that we provide you with the necessary resources and support throughout your BPA journey, which will ultimately maximize your long-term success. This is accomplished by “**Giving Purpose to Potential**” to all members, by combining your education with real-world experience and allowing you to set your sights on how to **Envision, Empower** and **Ignite** your path to success!

Should you have any questions or need help along your BPA journey, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am here to help you succeed!

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SLC 2021 Theme & Logo

Alaska BPA State Leadership Conference Theme & Logo

Andrea Trimor, Alaska BPA Post-secondary President, designed the logo.



SLC 2021

Alaska Association: State Leadership Conference (SLC)

Alaska BPA State Leadership Conference

Monday-Saturday, February 1-6

Members participated in their written and computerized events in their individual chapters.

Friday-Saturday, February 12-13

Members participated in the virtual portion of SLC which included the following career and leadership development activities.

Business Meetings

Our State Officers lead the business meetings in which our members took part in conducting Alaska Association business.

Officer Elections

New state officers were elected by our membership.

BPA Jeopardy

Members can earn their Merit Scholar Award at our National Leadership Conference. The Merit Scholar exam is composed of questions about BPA facts and information. Our State Officers hosted a fun game of BPA Jeopardy with questions from the Merit Scholar study guide. Three prizes were awarded:

3 rd place	\$25 Visa gift card
2 nd place	\$50 Visa gift card
3 rd place	\$100 Visa gift card

Presentation Events

Members who had chosen to participate in presentation events were greeted by judges in a Cisco Webex meeting room. Members were then able to give their presentations to judges from business and industry.

Live Workshop with State Officer Leadership Team

Our State Officer Leadership Team presented a workshop entitled "Using Social Media Professionally" that ended with a lively game of Kahoot It. The winner of the Kahoot It game received a \$25 gift certificate to the BPA Mall.

Pre-recorded Career and Leadership Workshops

Our State Officer Leadership Team was charged with providing meaningful virtual experiences for our members. They reached out to people in industry and business and were met with enthusiasm. We are so appreciative of the following Industry Partners who provided 14 pre-recorded career and leadership workshops for our members. Thank you to:

- Alaska Army National Guard
- State of Alaska Department of Administration
- BPA National Officers
- Bureau of Land Management
- Greater Palmer Chamber of Commerce
- Marie Stoner
- UAA's Career Services
- UAA's College of Business and Public Policy
- UAA's Student Life and Leadership

Precision Exams Session Sponsored by YouScience



Alaska BPA State Leadership Conference 2021 participants were given the opportunity to take an industry certification in Precision Exam's Century Skills Focus Area.

The following Alaska BPA members earned the certification for 21st Century Success Skills:

- Samuel Carrington*
- Aiden Freeman*
- Landon McDowell*
- Sabrina Schiewe*
- Andrea Trimor*
- Blaze Williams*

Thank you to Precision Exams for your Gold Sponsorship at our Alaska BPA State Leadership Conference and providing our members an opportunity to earn industry certifications.



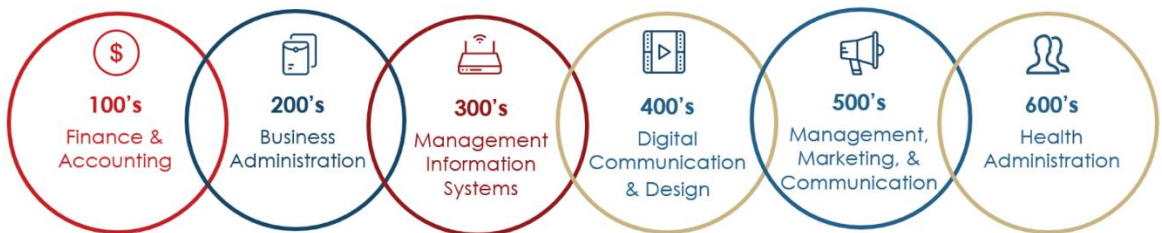
Awards Session

During our Awards Session the following was presented:

Workplace Skills Assessment Program



Workplace Skills Assessment Program





Statesman Torch Awards

Congratulations to the following members who earned their Statesman Torch Award this year:

Aiden Freeman
Landon McDowell

Alaska BPA Member of the Year

Congratulations to Engen Sundberg for being name our Alaska BPA Member of the Year!



BPA Student Certification Series Level 1

Congratulations to the following Alaska members who have earned their BPA Student Certification Series Level 1:

Samuel Carrington
Aiden Freeman
Engen Sundberg
Sabrina Schiewe
Andrea Trimor



State Officer Leadership Team Awards



Mrs. Riddle, Alaska State Advisor, presented awards to Andrea Trimor, 2020-21 State Post-secondary President, and Engen Sundberg, 2020-21 State Post-secondary Vice President. In a Facebook post, Mrs. Riddle stated: Our #AlaskaBPASLC2021 was a huge success due to the hard work of our small but mighty State Officer Leadership Team. Andrea and Engen, you thoughtfully planned for and executed our SLC that lead to meaningful experiences for our #AlaskaBPA members. From the moment that we made the difficult decision that our SLC would be virtual, you both stepped up and lead with

passion, perseverance and positivity. The "can do" attitude and willingness to take on each and every task that you both have had over the last year have inspired me. I am so proud of both of you. You make these hashtags come to life:

- #GivingPurposeToPotential
- #Advocate4BPA
- #BPA365
- #WeGrowLeaders

Thank you from the bottom of my heart,
Mrs. Riddle, your proud advisor

New State Officer Leadership Team

Congratulations to our new State Officer Leadership Team! They will officially take office after our BPA National Leadership Conference in May. However, their planning for next year's State Leadership Conference will begin in April.



SLC 2021 Judges & Volunteers

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our judges and volunteers who helped make our SLC a success:

Sherry Carrington
Margie Cobb
Steve Cook
Larilinn Hill
Marie Stoner
Lauren Wickham
Josette Willcox
Megan Willcox
Derek Young

SLC 2021 Gold Sponsors

We would like to recognize our Gold Sponsors and express our gratitude for your support and encouragement of our Alaska members. Your investment in our young leaders is "Giving Purpose to Potential".

Alaska Army National Guard, Sgt Kolten Conant, Recruiting & Retention NCO

Conference bag swag

Ms. Heather Bunning, National BPA Director of Marketing and Stakeholder Engagement

Monetary donation

Certiport, a Pearson Vue Company

Twenty-five Certiport Vouchers for first and second place winners:

Seven Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) vouchers

Three Internet and Computing Core (IC3) vouchers

Five Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) vouchers

Four Adobe Certified Associate (ACA) vouchers

Six Communication Skills for Business (CSB) vouchers

Conference bag swag and door prizes

MTA Foundation

Monetary donation

Precision Exams, Adam Sanchez, Vice President of Sales

Certification: 21st Century Success Skills

Members will have an opportunity to take this exam virtually.

Andrea Trimor, Alaska BPA State President

Monetary donation

Engen Sundberg, Alaska BPA State Vice President

Monetary donation

Mrs. Amy Riddle, Alaska BPA State Advisor

Monetary donation

UAA's College of Business and Public Policy

Conference bags



SLC 2021 Virtual Conference Solution

We would like to thank the BPA National Center for their commitment to provide assistance in order for state associations like Alaska BPA to have the ability to host virtual portions to state leadership conferences around the country.

BPA National Center staff developed virtual solutions for all of our Workplace Skills Assessment Program events.

Prior to SLC, our BPA Director of Technology Integration, Mr. Patrick Schultz, built a customized Alaska BPA SLC website with capabilities for officer elections and a secure portal for our fourteen career and leadership workshop pre-recorded videos. Mr. Schultz provided pre-recorded training sessions and one-on-one training sessions for our State Advisor, Mrs. Riddle.



During SLC, Mr. Schultz provided immediate assistance when needed during our Friday-Saturday event.

Simply put, our Alaska BPA SLC 2021 was a huge success due in large part to the virtual conference solution that was provided by our BPA National Center Staff.

Alaska BPA State Leadership Conference 2022

Plans have already begun for next year's State Leadership Conference. Be sure to save the dates for our #AlaskaBPASLC2022.

Friday, February 11, 2022

Location 1: Mat Su Borough School District Office

Opening Session, Career Fair and First General Session

Location 2: Mat Su Career and Technical High School

Saturday, February 12, 2022

Mat Su Career and Technical High School

Alaska BPA Outreach: BBRCTE/Alaska Business Week


On February 2, 2021, State Vice President, Engen Sundberg, and State Advisor, Amy Riddle, attended a virtual session with students and organizers of Bristol Bay Region CTE's Alaska Business Week course. Engen and Mrs. Riddle had been invited to share information about BPA. A box of BPA swag and information was mailed several weeks before the meeting for the organizers to get these items to the participants who would be participating from several locations around the Bristol Bay Region.

Thank you to BBRCTE and Alaska Business week for this opportunity. We are hopeful that this outreach will be the start to providing opportunities for Bristol Bay Region students through local chapters.

For more information about these two programs, you can visit the following websites.

Bristol Bay Region CTE Program: bbrcte.org

Alaska Business Week: alaskabusinessweek.com



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Today's Goal

Explain how BPA can help you stay engaged with what you're learning through this Alaska Business Week course.

Alaska Association Information

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Important Alaska Association Information

Primary Website: alaskabpa.org

Download Chapter Handbook: <https://members.bpa.org/tutorial-help-center/>

Member Gateway: members.bpa.org (login required)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BPAAlaska>

Instagram: alaskabpa

Twitter: @AlaskaBPA

State Officer Leadership Team (SOLT)

Our 2020-2021 State Officers are:

Andrea Trimor, Alaska BPA Post-secondary President

Engen Sundberg, Alaska BPA Post-secondary Vice President

For more information on our SOLT, please visit: alaskabpa.org/our-team/



Other Resources

All items listed below were in our previous newsletters (August, September and October) and can be downloaded from this page: alaskabpa.org/resources

- Workplace Skills Assessment Program (WSAP) Major Content Changes
- National Center News
- National Center Documents
- 2020 WSAP Flyers
- 2020 Events at a Glance
- Webinar Series Schedule
- Website Resource Links

