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Upcoming Deadlines:

Complete the following before 11:59 p.m. on the dates specified:

January 27— Submit Torch Award resumes

Submit Notification of Candidacy/Application form for State Office Candidates

January 31— Register new members

February 1— Advisor letter of recommendation and State Officer Packet (before 5 p.m.)

Special Olympics pin design to National Center

February 3— Conference Registration and Conference Pre-Submissions, emailed

Delegate Conduct Affidavit and Event Eligibility Affidavit, mailed

Submit hotel reservations direct to hotel, emailed

February 10— Request SLC Registration Refund (no refunds after this date)

Submit Special Recognition Awards

Late SLC Registration completed

February 23— Outstanding Member nominations, emailed

Cents Do Count!

Start saving your cents! Miracle Minute will be held at this year's State Leadership Conference in February. Each chapter will raise money and compete against each other and then the total will be donated to the BPA Service Project, Special Olympics. A fundraiser walk will be held during nationals in Chicago to raise money for the Special Olympics. Stay tuned for more details!

Attention Advisors:

Nominate Outstanding Member!

Officer team members are asking advisors to nominate their outstanding members. Each advisor is encouraged to nominate one member who meets the criteria below. One BPA member will be selected by the state officers as Iowa's Outstanding member. All nominees will be recognized during the last session of State Leadership Conference.

Outstanding Member Criteria:

- ◆ student must be actively involved (local, state, and/or national level)
- ◆ 3.0 GPA
- ◆ participate in community service
- ◆ entry must be submitted with a paragraph written by a BPA chapter advisor
- ◆ each advisor may nominate one student

Please e-mail your nomination to State Officer Coordinator, Rachael Creswell, by Thursday, February 23.

Offered in 2012

Trading Pins - The trading pin contest has ended. The state pin was selected by the state officer team members. The winner will be recognized at SLC. Each officer member will be selling pins to trade with other students from various states during Nationals in April. Make sure to get your pins!

Scholarships - Local businesses have been asked by your state officer team to help sponsor scholarships for financial aid for students attending nationals. Applications will be available after SLC. Winners will be selected and notified before NLC! Watch for more information so you don't miss your chance to WIN a scholarship and Reach New Heights!

See you at State Leadership Conference!

February 26-28, 2012
Registration begins at 12:30 pm
at the Merle Hay Holiday Inn in Des Moines Iowa