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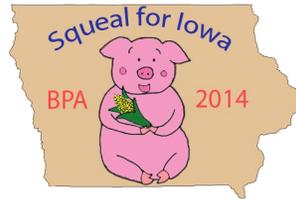
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Brandon Lee White speaking at FLC



All of us on your State Officer Team would like to wish you happy holidays! We are very excited about planning the spring conference and look forward to seeing everyone again. There is an exciting new column in our newsletter called the Advisor's Corner! Our state ad-



## Seasons Greetings!



visor is kicking it off for us and we hope to have different advisors throughout the state write articles in the future. Also check out the winning design for the state pin! There were some really good entries this year and it was a tough

decision for us to make. Thank you to everyone for your entries! Please remember to be safe this winter and we will see you in February!

Brandy Mulder  
Historian/Reporter

## New State Pin!

Congratulations to Ashley Clendennen our winning designer for our state pin! She takes classes at Waterloo West, and we hope everyone likes it at much as we do!

## Tips, Tricks, and Pointers

### Spring Leadership Conference

Hey, everyone. I hope you all are excited about the State Leadership Conference. I know with everything going on in our busy lives, it's hard to juggle everything. The Spring Conference is coming up, and we want all of you to participate. So here are some tips, for keeping everything straight and on track for your event/competition or your classes.

Have a visual. It's always good to mark on your calendar when everything is due. That way you can see when you can set aside, what to study for, and when to study for it.

Gather Information. Whether it be a test or one of the com-

petitions/events you should always know what's coming. What kind of test is it? Will it be on a computer, paper, or oral? Will you have to prepare before hand, or will you do everything during the event? Always ask questions if you don't know.

Distribute time. After you have the information you want, you need to start setting aside time to study for them. How hard do you think each will be, what will you have to study more for, what don't you have to study as hard for?

Outline. Have a plan for each event. Include the breakdown for chapters and information you need to study for each. Plan for memorization and practice tests.

Don't waste time. Collect all the important study supplies ahead of time so you're ready to study.

Those are the tips that we have for you. So try them out, and maybe they will work. Maybe you can add some of your own study habits to it or they won't work at all for you, but they just might come in handy.

Stephanie Streeter

## Meet Your Officers!



Dr. Michael Ash speaking at FLC

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Hello everyone! My name is **Brandy Mulder**, and I am so excited to be your 2013-2014 Post-secondary State Historian/Reporter. I am currently attending Southeastern Community College in Burlington, IA and this is my third year in BPA. I served as chapter president last year and chapter treasurer the year before. I plan on graduating May 2014 with my Medical Administrative and Accounting Administrative Assistant degrees.

In my free time I enjoy reading, sewing, and playing games. In the past, I have spent time helping my community through different organizations and can't wait to see where this year takes me!

Hello, I am **Stephanie Streeter**, and I was elected as your 2013-2014 Post-Secondary Treasurer/Secretary. I am very excited about this year because I just joined BPA at the post-secondary level. I have been in BPA before back in high school where I was a part of the North Fayette chapter with advisor, Ms. Lujan. I loved every minute of it then, and I believe I will love every minute of it now.

I am currently studying at Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo, and I plan on graduating with my AS in Accounting and then further my education online to get my BS in Accounting at Upper Iowa.

My goals for this year are to get more members involved in becoming state officers and get more involved with Special Olympics. We just don't have enough participation in these two areas, and we need a lot more to be a successful organization. The officer team this year has some great ideas, and I believe we can make a change.

If you have any suggestions, questions, or comments, my e-mail is stephanie.streeter81@gmail.com, and you can also reach me on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/stephanie.streeter.5>. I hope we all have a great year and a lot of us go to Nationals to represent Iowa.



Men's Warehouse speaking at FLC

Hello, Iowa BPA! My name is **Paige Van Voorst**, and I am your new Iowa BPA Vice-President. I am originally from Spencer, Iowa, but am currently living in Algona, Iowa. I attend Iowa Lakes Community College where I am earning my Associate of Science degree in Administrative Assistant. I plan to be done with school in December 2013.

I work full time as an Account Representative for PCC, Inc. I have been a volunteer EMT/ Fire fighter for Dickens Fire Department since January 2010, and I have been a volunteer EMT for Algona Emergency Medical Services since December 2011. I also teach CPR and First Aid.

This is my second year in BPA. In my first year I participated in three different events at the state competition, so I got to go to Florida to participate in Nationals. BPA has taught me so many wonderful things. The competitions have pushed me to become more than I ever thought I could be, and they increased a lot of my skills.

Thank you for letting me serve you as your post-secondary Vice-President. I am looking forward to team working with all of you, getting to know you, and listening to your ideas! I am open for any questions or comments, feel free to email me at [paigenvv@hotmail.com](mailto:paigenvv@hotmail.com) or connect with me on Facebook.

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