Montana BPA 2024 State Leadership Conference

The 2024 Montana BPA State Leadership Conference was held in Billings on March 9-12, One thousand three hundred and thirty five (1,335) members and local chapter advisors from the middle level and secondary level attended in a spirit of friendship and goodwill. BPA Montana Association assisted the members through participation in the areas of competitive events, leadership, community development, and professionalism.

Students from 101 Montana schools demonstrated their knowledge in business and technological skills and abilities in 93 different competitive events from within the five core assessment areas of Finance, Business Administration, Management Information Systems, Digital Communication & Design, Management, Marketing & Communication and Health Administration.

North Star's BPA Chapter was accompanied by their advisor, Mrs. Karleen Wolery and represented by eighteen members including: Kira King, Carter Campbell, Jessica Troup, Christopher Burkhartsmeyer, Quinn Trueax, Ecko Fraser, Madelyn Meyers, Parker Hansen, Dirk Wolery, Kaden King, Riese Sattoriva, Kaeden Wolery, Alyssa Lavery, Madison Bjornstad, Piper Miller, Sydney Rigg, Tatum Hansen, and Kinzie Campbell.

Each of the members advanced to the State BPA Conference because he/she placed in at least one competitive event at the Regional BPA Leadership Conference in January. Proudly, the members competed in at least 3 events/opens at state against the top winners from the other regions in the state. Qualifying for State and National BPA is quite an honor and North Star was represented well. Congratulations to all participants and those that placed in the top 10 and those that qualified for Nationals!

State BPA Results are as follows: (*National qualifier per North Star CTSO Guidelines)

<u>Christopher Burkhartsmeyer</u> 6th Advanced Word Processing 7th Legal Office Procedures

<u>Carter Campbell</u> 5th Health Administration Procedures

<u>Kira King</u> 5th Office Systems & Procedures 10th Advanced Word Processing

Jessica Troup 8th Advanced Word Processing

Carter Campbell, Kira King, Christopher Burkhartsmeyer, & Jessica Troup 2nd Administrative Support Team* Madelyn Myers

6th Legal Office Procedures 9th Advanced Desktop Publishing

Madison Bjornstad 9th Office Systems & Procedures

Alyssa Lavery
9th Fundamental Word Processing

<u>Dirk Wolery</u> 7th Intermediate Word Processing

<u>Piper Miller</u> 5th Basic Office & Procedures

A special thanks to our chaperone, Melissa Kapperud who joined for a couple days, and bus driver, Mr. Charlie Chvilicek. We appreciate Charlie's willingness to come home early from sunny AZ to drive our bus. Not only do we enjoy his company, but we also appreciate his service to North Star Schools and for the countless number of years he has driven BPA to their state competition. Charlie always goes the extra "mile" for our kids.