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## **Career Center Students Win at BPA Regionals**

JACKSON, Mich. – 14 of the 26 Jackson Area Career Center students competing in the Business Professionals of America regional meet (held on Jan. 10 at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn) qualified for the BPA State Leadership Conference taking place March 20th-23rd in Grand Rapids.

**Two Career Center students brought home the gold with multiple first-place wins in their divisions.** **Cal Fritz**, Napoleon senior, succeeded in first place in both the Computer Network Technology and the Systems Administrator CISCO divisions. Western senior **Dominic Nixon** also placed first in two divisions, earning the top prize in the Computer Security and C++ Programming divisions.

Many students qualified in multiple divisions for State competition. **Matt Childs**, a senior at Hanover Horton, qualified for state competition in the Computer Security and Systems Administrators CISCO divisions.

“The accomplishments our students have achieved is directly proportional to the effort they have put into achieving these goals,” said Jim Cox, Career Center computer instructor.

The Career Center’s **Zach Klingman** (senior, Northwest) finished in second place in the C++ Programming division, while **Kris Kalmbach** (senior, Grass Lake) finished second in Java Programming.

Other Career Center state qualifiers were **Nick Alexander** (senior, Napoleon) who finished third in Computer Network Technology, and **Josh Rule** (senior, Columbia Central), who finished third in Java Programming. Senior **Albert Garrow** (Hanover Horton) placed fourth in Fundamentals of Web design, while **Khaleb Cognata** (senior, Hanover Horton) placed fourth in Java Programming.

The Jackson Area Career Center’s BPA club is offered as a benefit and option to students who are enrolled in the Computer Information Technology program.

### **More about BPA:**

Business Professionals of America is a national organization for high school, college and middle school students preparing for careers in business and information technology. The organization’s activities and programs complement classroom instruction by giving students practical experience through application of the skills learned at school.

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<b>Jackson Area Career Center - BPA Regional Contest Winners</b>	
<i>Listed by Contest</i>	
<i>Student (High School) .....</i>	<i>Place</i>
<b>Database Applications</b>	
Austin Swanepoel (Napoleon) .....	Third
<b>Computer Network Technology</b>	
Cal Fritz (Napoleon) .....	First
Nick Alexander (Napoleon) .....	Third
Anthony Covill (Vandercook) .....	Sixth
<b>Systems Admin CISCO</b>	
Cal Fritz (Napoleon) .....	First
Matt Childs (Hanover Horton).....	Second
<b>Computer Security</b>	
Dominic Nixon (Western).....	First
Matt Childs (Hanover Horton).....	Fourth
<b>C++ Programming</b>	
Dominic Nixon (Western).....	First
Zach Klingaman (Northwest) .....	Second
<b>Fundamentals of Web Design</b>	
Albert Garrow (Hanover Horton).....	Fourth
Logan Thayer (Hanover Horton).....	Fifth
<b>Java Programming</b>	
Kris Kalmbach (Grass Lake).....	Second
Josh Rule (Columbia Central) .....	Third
Khalob Cognata (Hanover Horton).....	Fourth
Payton Dunning (Hanover Horton) .	Sixth
<b>Visual Basic Programming</b>	
Nicholas Lupo (Western) .....	Third

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