

DAY AT THE CAPITOL EXPERIENCE FROM THE MNBPA STATE OFFICERS

from Kim Vo



The BPA State Officers spent the day at the Minnesota State Capitol to advocate for Career and Technical Education during the Day at the Capitol event. Organized by the Minnesota Foundation for Student Organization, BPA was represented along with other Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) such as DECA, HOSA, FFA, and SkillsUSA.

It was interesting to meet the different student leaders and directors, all passionate about their organization, coming together to advocate in this event. We toured the senate and house chambers, walked through the tunnel system, and got to spend time with our own state representatives.

Through this, we were able to put BPA in the spotlight, and share with our policy makers how BPA is making an impact in the lives of real students by sharing our story. We quickly found out how easy it was to engage with them because they want to hear our, the students', voices! Thank you MNBPA for choosing us to represent you! It was an honor to serve as advocates not just for BPA, but all CTSOs across our state.

from Jake Ackerman



Day at the Capitol was an awesome opportunity for me! I got to network with state officers from HOSA, DECA, and SkillsUSA. I advocated for Career and Technical Student Organizations with four different state representatives (including my own Peggy Scott - 35B). I even got to tour the senate and house chambers, walk through the tunnel

system, and meet different CTSO board members. Thank you MNBPA for choosing me to represent you in St. Paul yesterday! It was an honor to serve as an advocate not just for BPA but all CTSOs across our state.

from Maddy Sawyer



On February 25, five of the State Officer Team spent the day at the Minnesota State Capitol to advocate for CTSOs. We got to spend time with some of the MN representatives, and were able to put Business Professionals of America in the spotlight while sharing with our policy makers how BPA is making an impact in the lives of real students.

During the day we got to meet other student ambassadors from other CTSOs such as DECA, FFA, HOSA, FCCLA and SkillsUSA. We were able to connect and share our experiences within our organizations. The day was well spent touring the capitol and meeting representatives to celebrate CTE month.

Thanks to Emily Saed, the Executive Director of Minnesota Foundation for Student Organization for organizing the event and Nancy McAfee, MN BPA Staff for accompanying us.