

Torch Awards and BPA Cares

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6:00 pm



What's new for Torch Awards?

- Résumés for Ambassador-level consideration are due March 8, 2024 by 5:00 pm ET.
 - State 2024 cannot be included as it is after the deadline, future events cannot be included
 - No submissions will be accepted after the deadline.
 - Changes cannot be made and resubmitted to be checked again. (NEW)
- All descriptions must be in complete sentences, grammatically correct with no spelling errors.
 - I am currently serving as the chair of the chapter fundraising committee.
 - I attended the presentation by Joe Sample about cybersecurity as a chapter professional growth activity.
 - I am serving as the Junior Class President at my high school.
- The “Patriotism” category has been renamed as “Citizenship”. (NEW)
- Activities cannot be used in multiple categories on the same date unless it is a lengthy activity that has multiple parts.





Torch Award Levels



Torch Award Categories



Leadership

100's



Service

200's



Cooperation

300's



Knowledge

400's



Friendship

500's



Love, Hope, and Faith

600's

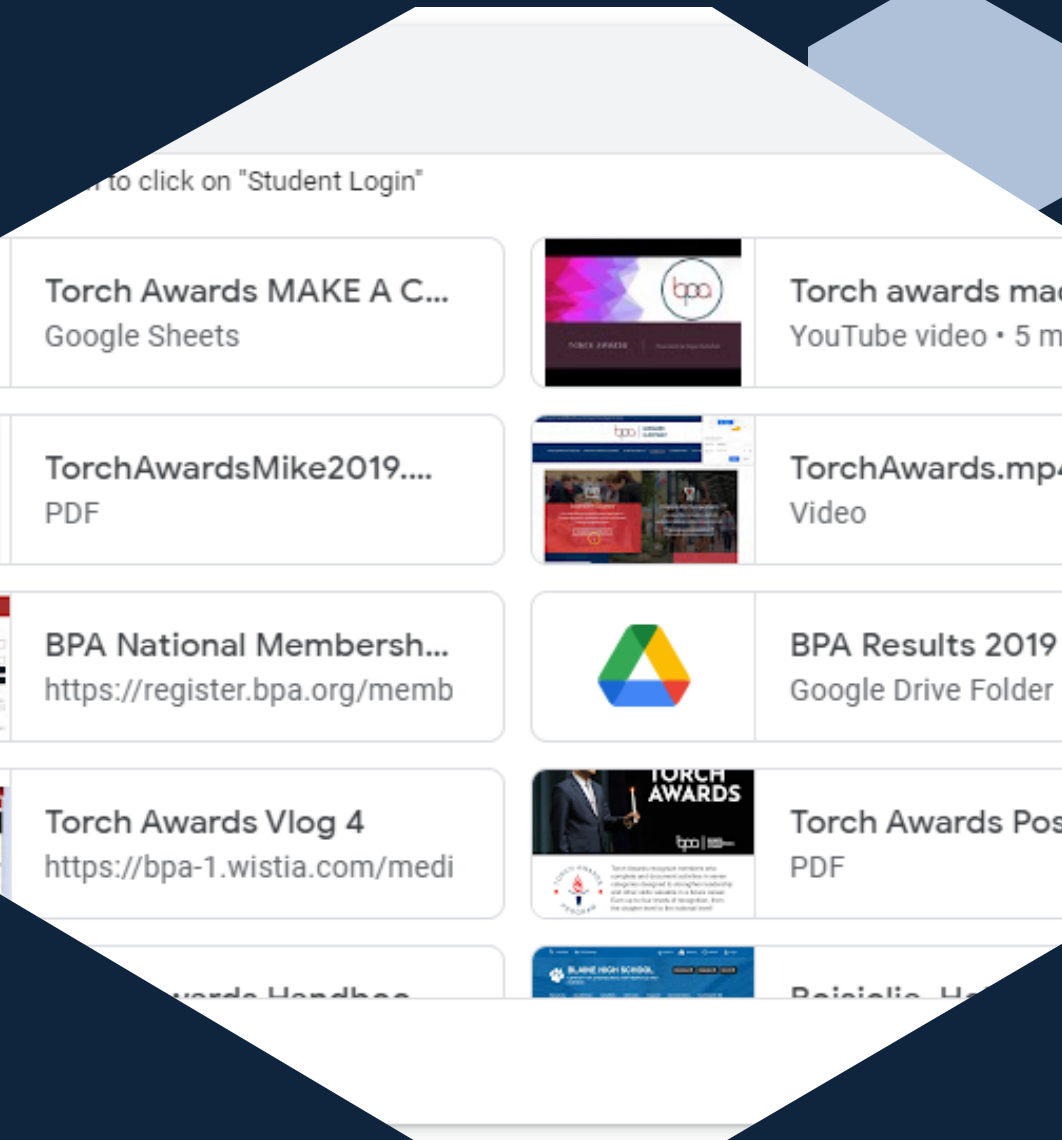


Citizenship formerly Patriotism

700's

What does Blaine do?

- Google Drive with resources
 - Example Ambassador Torch Resume
 - BPA Results/Events Folder
 - Online resources
- Encourage members with opportunities
- Reminders to members of school events
 - Plays
 - Virtual tours
- Student panels (run by officers/alumni)
- Connect with other regions/chapters
- Reach out to State/National Officers
- Engage with social media
- Work with HOSA



Working as Region

- Officer team posts ideas on Instagram
 - @mnbparegion4
- Region 4 Socials & Service Projects
- Held Region 4 Networking Event
 - Examples on next slides





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LEADERSHIP

Communicate the leadership opportunities and experiences gained from BPA through social media (specify the topics mentioned, date of communication, and social media platform) Post on your social today and tag the following accounts and use the hashtags.

@mnbpa @bpaconnect @mnbparegion4
#seizetheopportunitiy #bpaallday

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SERVICE

Design a pin or t-shirt in a contest at the local, regional or state level.

T-SHIRT DESIGN

- Chapter or Region t-shirts
- Must include BPA Logo
- Region NLC shirt should incorporate Chicago, IL
- Chapter design can be general, State or NLC

PIN Design

- State BPA Pin
- Must include BPA logo and "NLC 2024"
- Can be round, square, rectangular, or custom shape
- Must relate to and/or promote 2024 NLC Conference

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COOPERATION

Click the "Follow" button on BPA's official Instagram page: @BPAconnect

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Click the "Connect" button on BPA's official LinkedIn page

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5 POINTS

MAX USE 1

Add BPA's official Snapchat account: @BPAconnect

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KNOWLEDGE

Recite the BPA pledge by memory on a one-to-one basis to your BPA advisor or chapter (chapter meeting recitation does not qualify) (identify to whom presented and circumstances).

We are met in a spirit of friendship and goodwill as we prepare for careers in a world-class workforce. We work together to develop professionalism and leadership through Business Professionals of America and pledge our loyalty to our nation.

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FRIENDSHIP

Attend a BPA Fall Leadership Conference (identify the conference).

You earn points for attending today!

Did you attend November 3 conference? 10 more points!

You cannot use these conferences as "attending" in other categories if used in this category.

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10 POINTS

MAX USE 2





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LOVE, HOPE, FAITH

Write a “thank you” note to an advisor, mentor, sponsor, or friend for their support during your BPA journey. Include to whom the letter was written and that person’s impact on you.

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5 POINTS

MAX USE 2





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CITIZENSHIP

Take a virtual tour of an historical building or area (identify the building or area and what was observed)(same location cannot be repeated).

Scan the QR code that will take you to the Minnesota Historical Society Virtual Tours; take 2 tours and enjoy.



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5 POINTS

MAX USE 2





What activities does your chapter do?

What questions do you have?

NEW for 2023-2024 BPA Cares Awards

- NEW Application deadline will be the second Friday of March
 - March 8, 2024 by 5:00 PM EST
- MUST complete more than one activity in the category to meet the requirements
- Activity descriptions (maximum of 500 words) must include a title, date of completion, location (if applicable), and activity details.
- For assistance with the BPA Cares program, email support@bpa.org



BPA Cares Awards

Professional Awards



Service Learning Awards



Shout out to the class of 2019 that started the “You Have A Friend In Me” campaign 5-years ago! Now is the time to give back to our BHS community! Donate today!

See Mrs. Boisjolie with questions or donations in W212.

Special Recognition Awards



Professional Awards

- **Advisor of the Year**
- **Emerging Advisor of the Year**
- **Emerging Professional of the Year**
- **Hall of Fame**
- **Outstanding Service**
- **Student of the Year**





Service Learning Awards

- **Community Service**
 - Coats for Kids (30th Year)
 - You Have A Friend In Me (BHS)
 - Veterans Day Program (BHS)
 - Powder Puff Football
 - Adopt a Family
 - School Food Shelf Donations
- **Environmental Action/Awareness**
 - School Cleanup
- **Safety Awareness**
 - Seatbelt Safety
 - Halloween Safety at Elementary Schools
- **Service Learning Individual**
- **Special Olympics**

Special Recognition Awards

- BPA Merit Scholar
- Chapter Activities Aware of Excellence
- Recruiter of the Year
- Marketing and Communications
 - School eNews Letter
 - District Newsletter
 - Local paper
 - Chamber of Commerce Meetings
 - KDWB (Coats for Kids)
 - Local News Stations
 - Instagram – Students
 - Facebook/School Website – Families
 - Twitter – Industry Connections
- Membership Explosion
- The Professional Cup



GIVING BACK! COATS FOR KIDS PROGRAM GOING ON THIS MONTH AT BLAINE HS

BLAINE, Minn. (10/10/2023) – When it comes to giving back, a North Metro school is a trend-setter.

Coats for Kids is a popular program that has benefited many. This annual act of charity goes back three decades and Blaine HS got the ball rolling



NOW THROUGH OCTOBER

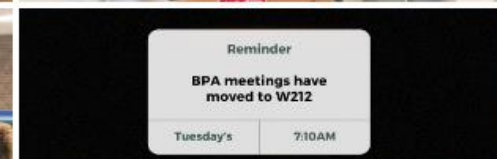


GENTLY USED AND NEW COATS ACCEPTED

COATS FOR KIDS DRIVE
Drop Off Location: Blaine High School



Contact Holly Boisjolie for more information
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Torch Award and BPA Cares Reminders



- **Deadlines for both BPA Cares & Torch**
 - March 8, 2024 by 5:00 PM EST
- **Go to [BPA.ORG](https://www.bpa.org) for more resources, information and details about the programs.**
- **Encourage your students to create opportunities**
- **Reach out to other Regions, Chapters, States, etc.**
- **Connect with your alumni for opportunities**



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Thank you

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