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## What is Business Professionals of America?

Business Professionals of America is a career and technical student organization (CTSO) that exists to prepare students for a world class workforce and to teach students about what it takes to be successful in business. With over 2,300 chapters in 23 states and over 43,000 members, we're building a national network of young professionals and creating a new standard of what it means to be a business professional. Our goal with OJ BPA is to help the students that join us the essential knowledge and skills to have a successful future.


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## The Opportunity of a Lifetime

We say this is the opportunity of a lifetime because that's what we truly believe. Did you know that OJ DeJonge BPA is the first middle school chapter in the entire state of Michigan? We believe that joining our organization will give you more knowledge, skills, and ability to join the competitive workforce we see in our future. Our mission is clear. We are committed to developing the best possible career and technical education organization for students in the United States. The measure of our success will be the perception that alumni of Business Professionals of America are highly competent and skilled workforce professionals who enable business and industry to maintain the economic vitality and high quality of life associated with our celebrated United States of America.

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## OJ DEJONGE BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA

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Want to be part of  
something different?  
Special? Life changing?

If so, flip open this page to  
see what we're talking about.



## How To Join Us

Joining us is very easy, you can join us by picking up a membership form in the office or in a few locations around the school. The next step is to complete the form and return to either the office or Mrs. Tomaski's room (148).

There is a cost for membership of our organization. We offer two types of membership. You can do either. More information on the dues can be found on the membership agreement form.

-National and Local \$13

Or

-Local \$5

## OJ DEJONGE BPA

You ask: "What can I get from joining OJ BPA?"

### BUSINESS AND REAL LIFE SKILLS

At every meeting, a portion of our time is spent with a lesson of various business topics and/or other relevant life skills. These lessons may include direct speaking, partners, group discussions, leadership activities, or business related games!



*A presentation is being given*

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

You'll be given the opportunities to volunteer with various organizations and in many different ways. A few examples of this are; picking up trash on Earth Day, helping the elderly learn computer skills, our own fundraising activities, bell ringing with the Salvation Army, and many others.



*Salvation Army bell ringing*



*Earth Day trash clean up*

### COMPETITIONS

You'll have the opportunity to take part in our very one local competition. This competition has events ranging from computerized tests, team presentations, and speeches. These events test your knowledge and are a great experience. Students are awarded ribbons specific to their placing after the competitions.



*2013-14  
Competition*