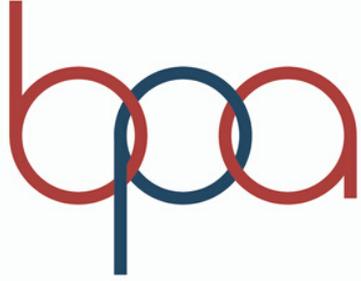


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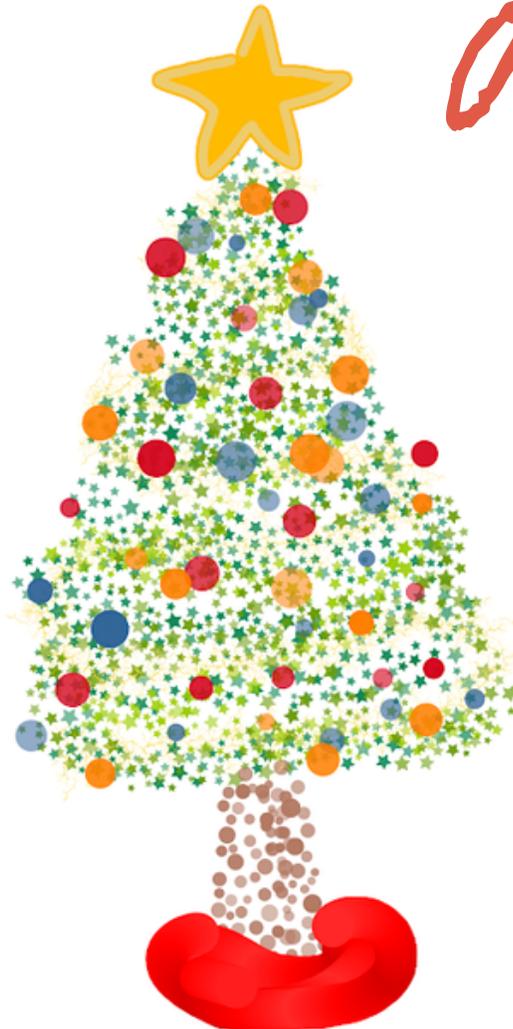
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# Meet Your State Officers

## NAME: SHANE ADAMS

**Degree Program:** Business Management at Chippewa Valley Technical College

**Job:** Electrical Test Operator at TTM Technologies

**Officer Position:** President

**Years in BPA:** 3, going on 4

**Favorite Part About BPA:** Traveling

**Why I Ran for State Office:** Initially as a resume builder, continued to run because of the fun.

**Future Career/Education Goals:** I'm taking it one step at a time.

**Most Excited About:** Going to D.C.

**Tip for BPA Members:** If you have a question and no one to answer it, contacting the State officers can often get you the answer – even if they don't know it, they know someone who does!



## NAME: LISA KLEMAN

**Degree Program:** Medical Office Specialist, Northcentral Technical College

**Officer Position:** Vice President

**Years in BPA:** 3 years

**Favorite Part About BPA:** I love meeting new people from around the state/country.

**Why I Ran for State Office:** I ran as a State Officer because I wanted to make a difference.

**Future Career/Education Goals:** After completing my current degree, I plan to continue my education in the Administrative Professional program. I also plan to continue my employment at the vet clinic, but to take on more of a management role.

**Most Excited About:** Right now, I am most excited about finishing my first college degree.

**Tip for BPA Members:** My tip for all BPA members is to just go out and try your best. Whether you are earning Torch Award points, competing, or just getting to know your fellow neighbor, you can do anything. Never be scared to take a chance. I have found from my own experience that you need to take a chance and try something different and challenging/ You may find talents you never knew you had!



**NAME: DANIELLE STOCO**

**Degree Program:** Accounting Program at Chippewa Valley Technical College

**Officer Position:** Secretary

**Years in BPA:** 2 years

**Favorite Part About BPA:** Planning and Volunteering

**Why I Ran for State Office:** To help with the creative process as well as gaining experience for planning

**Future Career/Education Goals:** I'd love to be in position of management and finances. Super bonus if I get to work with animals.

**Most Excited About:** Traveling on my own internationally for 2 months in June!

**Tip for BPA Members:** Take advantage of the state conference! Do the open testing, even on events you may not know a lot about. You have nothing to lose, but knowledge to gain!



**NAME: KAT DENNIS**

**Degree Program:** Human Resource Management, WITC Rice Lake

**Officer Position:** Communications Officer

**Years in BPA:** This is my 4th year in BPA

**Favorite Part About BPA:** Seeing people grow!

**Why I Ran for State Office:** To give back to a club that gives a lot to its members.

**Future Career/Education Goals:** Owning my own business.

**Most Excited About:** Attending Nationals in Washington DC!

**Tip for BPA Members:** Take advantage of all the opportunities that BPA has to offer. Go for the Torch points, run for State Officer, go to the conferences. It will only help you.



**NAME: MAI KUE LOR**

**Degree Program:** Medical Office Specialist Program at Northcentral Technical College.

**Officer Position:** Marketing Officer

**Years in BPA:** 2 years

**Favorite Part About BPA:** Meeting new people and discovering new strengths within me.

**Why I Ran for State Office:** I wanted to try something different, put myself out there and take a chance at learning new things. The responsibility taught me how to become a great leader.

**Future Career/Education Goals:** I want to be able to find a job that will allow me to help people, especially in the Hmong community for those with language barriers. I want to make a difference and hope that in doing what I love, it won't feel like it's just a job.

**Most Excited About:** I am very excited for the State Leadership Conference this winter - lots of opportunities and exciting things happening!

**Tip for BPA Members:** Be active and involved with all the exciting things that are happening. Remember to record your Torch Award points for the Statesman and Ambassador Awards. Try something new. I never in a million years thought that I would be a State Officer, and getting this position taught me many new things and has been very rewarding.



# **RUNNING FOR STATE OFFICER!**

**Who: YOU of course!**

**What: You can run for any position you want!**

**Where: [Wisconbpa.org](http://Wisconbpa.org) under the “Get involved” tab**

**When: The Deadline is February 1 at 11:59pm**

**Why: It’s a lot of fun plus it looks great on a resume!**

**Ask any of your State Officers for more details or just for some fun stories about being a State Officer!**





# BPA Cares

*By Mai Kue Lor*

**Business Professionals of America chapters... don't forget about the BPA Cares Awards.**

The Community Service Award in the Service-Learning Awards area is where I want to focus this month.

For each chapter, each student member needs a minimum of 20 to 34 service hours. Community service can be volunteering, training and/or contributing to blood drives, clothing drives, food drives, disaster relief, local community shelter or even BPA's main charity Special Olympics. Do not forget to record your hours and the date that you did these community services, make sure to add those pictures to show what you have done for your community. It is a great way to show what you have done and the pride you have for your fellow man.

Now BPA members, since it is the holiday season, you have a great opportunity to get your BPA Cares hours by helping your community and earn that Service Award. With the whole holiday season coming up, my family and my chapter really enjoy volunteering with the Salvation Army by ring the bells or wrapping gifts for Bundles of Joy at our local mall. I am sure your communities have similar activities that you can help with. Another great place our chapter helps is The Neighbors Place with their giving tree that you can help kids who need a little joy in life at this time of year. After your chapter adds all your community service hours you can be awarded at the state and national level.

Don't forget that the Community Service Award is not just volunteering only. Each chapter can also provide training and/or contribute to blood drives, clothing drives, food drives, disaster relief, local community shelter or by donating a minimum of \$125.00 per member. Any of these items listed and many, many more will help your chapter earn the BPA Community Service Award.

**Remember it is time to bring the Professional Cup back home to Wisconsin, where it belongs.**



# Happy Holidays from your BPA WI State Officer Team!

Wishing you the  
the best this  
Holiday Season!  
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Happy Holidays to  
you and yours!  
~Kat Dennis

Have a Wonderful  
Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year  
— Mai Kuei Lee

I hope everyone  
enjoys the New  
Year! Bake some  
extra goodies! ♡  
-Danielle Stocco

Merry Christmas  
from my family to  
yours!  
Sharon Adams

# Why Should You Go to SLC?

## A real-life tale by Kat Dennis

SLC. What is it and why should I go? This is the most common question new members ask. SLC stands for State Leadership Conference. Until you go to this event, I don't think you really get a grasp of what Business Professionals of America is and how it benefits you. Here are a few reasons why you should go.

### **Competition.**

You can do most of the competitions at your home school the week before. However, there are a few that require you to present in front of a judge. There are individual and group judged events. If you do well, then that's wonderful! If you don't, you will get feedback from the judges that will include what you need to improve on and what you are doing well. Either way, it's a great experience that will help you on your road to success.

### **Learning.**



There are things to learn at SLC. Aside from the above mentioned feedback, there is always something to learn. State officers, advisors, other members, Alumni, and the state administrative team will be there to answer questions.

### **Friendship and networking.**

You will meet other members from all over the state. You will meet alumni. These friendships turn into networking once you are a graduate and on your own career path.

### **Memories.**



Some of the most amazing times of my life were at SLC. There are moments that I never could have had if I didn't go. Fond memories are made at SLC.



### **Recognition.**

Awards, certificates, and the Torch ceremony recognize the things you do. You'll be surprised at how far a little recognition goes.

### **Positive attitude.**

At SLC, you will get a taste of a positive atmosphere. Everyone there wants everyone else to succeed. People tell you good luck, people smile, and people say hello while they shake your hand.

### **Confidence.**

This is the biggest benefit, in my opinion. Every year, I see people walk in looking nervous and unsure of themselves. Then I see the same people leave with a spring in their steps and a smile on their faces.



### **Drive.**

Once you gain the confidence, you gain the drive. You just don't know what you can do until you try. At SLC, everyone tries. Everyone walks out with a little more drive than when they arrived.

### **Courage.**

I gained the courage to run for state officer. I wish I had known before I went to SLC the first time, that I would want to do this. I suggest that if you have the time, apply to run for officer. You can always back out, but you can't apply after the due date. Being an officer is a huge opportunity that has huge rewards. It's worth it. Do it!

### **It's Easy!**

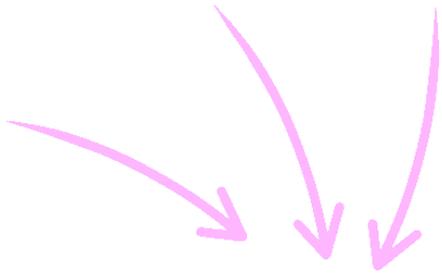
When I started in BPA, the SLC was 3 days and you had to do all of the testing there. Now, the state administrative team has made SLC as easy as it could be. They know students have lives and responsibilities. They want it to be easy for you. They want you to succeed. SLC is all about leadership. Learning leadership. Showing leadership. Experiencing leadership. It's geared to help you be a success in your chosen career path.

**And that... is why you should go to SLC.**



# Wanted

## Newsletter Articles



Have you ever wondered how the articles in the newsletter get here? The state officers and support staff write them. We are looking for some new ideas or articles for future copies of the Wisconsin Pages! Contact your advisor or email State Communications Officer, Kat Dennis.

denniskn@my.witc.edu

**There are Torch points in it for you!**

Service	212	10	Write an article on safety (including drug awareness) for publication in a BPA newsletter, community paper, etc.; it must be published (identify the topic, publication, and publication date)
Knowledge	428	10	Write an article for the BPA regional or state publication or newsletter (must be submitted but need not be published) (identify the topic and publication)
Knowledge	429	15	Write and get published an article about your chapter for the bpa.org website submitted through the National Center staff or State Advisor (on your state's linked page from bpa.org)
Knowledge	431	15	Write a BPA article for any city newspaper; it must be published (specify the topic, paper, and publication date)



# Keep Logging Those Torch Award Points!

## Torch Awards Activities:

### Leadership:



- 101 – 10pts. – Serve as a BPA chapter committee chair– Max times used: 2
- 104 – 10pts. - Campaign as a local BPA officer, 1st or 2nd time – Max times used: 2
- 105 – 5pts. – Serve as a local BPA officer – Max times used: 2
- 112 – 10pts. – Serve as an officer in another school, faith-based, or similar organization while an active BPA member – Max times used: 2
- 114 – 5pts. – Submit a feasible, detailed, and written plan to a local vice-president for a new local chapter project – Max times used: 5
- 116 - 5pts. – Submit a feasible, detailed, and written plan to a state vice-president for a new statewide project– Max times used: 2
- 117 - 5pts. – Submit a feasible, detailed, and written plan to a national vice-president for a new nationwide project– Max times used: 2
- 128 – 10pts. – Design, prepare, and display a bulletin board or display portraying leadership techniques – Max times used: 1
- 134 – 10pts. – Lead discussion on a BPA webinar –Max times used: 2
- 135 – 20pts. – Complete the BPA Student Member Certification Series (<http://www.bpa.org/membership/studentcert>) – Max times used: 1
- 141 – 15pts. – Lead at least a 15-minute presentation to a college about BPA and why they should join – Max times used: 2



### Service:

- 201 – 15pts. – Serve as a coach for special Olympics – Max times used: 2
- 202,204,206,208,210 – 10pts – Organize and plan a blood drive, pledge against distracted driving, bone marrow registry, donor registry, fundraiser walk – Max times used: 2 for each category
- 203,205,207,209,211 – 5pts. – Volunteer and/or participate in a blood drive, pledge against distracted driving, bone marrow registry, donor registry, fundraiser walk – Max times used: 2 for each category.
- 212 – 10pts. - Write an article on safety (including drug awareness) for publication in a BPA newsletter, community paper, etc., it must be published – Max times used: 1

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## Service (continued)

- 213 – 10pts. – Participate in a community or school sponsored service project; not chapter related – Max times used: 2
- 216 – 10pts. – Volunteer and/or participate in a local BPA chapter service project that benefits the community – Max times used: 3
- 218 – 10pts. – Volunteer and/or participate in a local BPA chapter in-school service project that benefits the school – Max times used: 3
- 225 – 10pts. - Participate and/or volunteer in a Special Olympics event – Max times used 2



## Cooperation:

- 304 – 5pts. – Participate in a BPA chapter fundraising project that supports a community service organization – Max times used: 3
- 309 – 5pts. – Be a member of another school, faith-based, sport, or similar organization while an active member of BPA – Max times used: 5
- 310 – 10pts. – Participate in publishing a BPA chapter newsletter – Max times used: 1
- 318 – 10pts. – Participate in a local BPA chapter membership-requiring activity – Max times used 2
- 320 – 5pts. – Serve as a committee member in BPA – Max times used 3
- 321 – 10pts. – Organize a fundraiser for your BPA chapter or other organization – Max times used: 2
- 325 – 5pts. – Click the “Follow” button on BPA’s official Instagram page: @bpanational – Max times used: 1
- 327 – 5pts. – Click the “Connect” button on BPA’s official LinkedIn page – Max times used: 1
- 328 – 5pts. - Add BPA’s official Snapchat account: @national\_bpa – Max times used 1
- 335 – 5pts. – Click the “Like” button on BPA’s official Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/businessprofessionalsofamerica> - Max times used 1
- 336 – 5pts. – Click the “Follow” button on BPA’s official Twitter Page: @national\_bpa - Max times used 1
- 342 – 5pts – Subscribe to the National BPA You Tube Channel – Max times used: 1



## Knowledge:

- 401 – 10pts. - Demonstrate or explain the parts of the BPA emblem and their meaning to your advisor or chapter – Max times used: 1
- 402 – 10pts. – Recite the BPA pledge by memory on a one-to-one basis to your advisor or chapter – Max times used: 1
- 403 – 10pts. - Make a short presentation on the BPA colors to your advisor or chapter – Max times used: 1

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## Knowledge (continued)

- 404 – 10pts. – Make a short presentation on the purpose of BPA to your advisor or chapter  
– Max times used: 1
- 405 – 10pts. – Explain the significance of the Torch Ceremony to your advisor or chapter –  
Max times used: 1
- 416 – 10pts. – Read all three of the BPA local, state, national constitutions – Max times  
used: 1
- 418 – 10pts. – Conduct an interview with a businessperson, regarding what their job  
entails – Max times used: 1
- 421 – 5pts. – Conduct a job search using the internet (identify 2 companies that you  
received information about) – Max times used: 1
- 432 – 10pts. – Speak about BPA at a non-chapter meeting – Max times used: 2
- 433 – 10pts. - Attend a professional webinar (cannot be  
in conjunction with knowledge #441) – Max times used: 1
- 440 – 10pts. - Create a portfolio that presents some of the work and/or projects you  
completed as a member of BPA – Max times used: 1
- 441 – 10pts. - Attend a professional BPA webinar (cannot be in conjunction with knowledge  
#433) – Max times used: 1
- 442 – 10pts. – Watch a Torch introduction video – Max times used: 1



## Friendship:

- 502 – 5pts. – Attend an official BPA local chapter meeting – Max times used: 5
- 503 – 5pts. – Attend an official BPA local chapter social event – Max times used: 3
- 507 – 10pts. - Attend a BPA chapter meeting or activity of a BPA chapter at a different  
school – Max times used: 1
- 509 – 5pts. - Attend an activity of a  
different school or organization: does not need to be BPA related;  
however, must include face-to-face engagement with students from another  
school – Max times used: 1
- 511 – 5pts. – Volunteer office services for a faculty member  
– Max times used: 2
- 513 – 5pts. - Participate in a special activity  
you have planned for your parents/guardian/spouse – Max times used: 1
- 515 – 5pts. – Submit a story and photo to the BPA  
official Instagram, Facebook, or Twitter page promoting BPA – Max  
times used: 2
- 516 – 10pts. – Volunteer a friendship service on a  
one-to-one basis for a shut-in, homebound, disabled, or similar person;  
does not need to be a chapter activity – Max time used: 2
- 517 – 5pts. – Establish a new acquaintance with a BPA member  
in another state through email – Max times used: 1

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## Friendship (continued)

- 518 – 5pts. – Establish a new acquaintance with a business professional in another country through email – Max times used: 1
- 521 – 5pts. – Requite 5 new BPA members – Max times used: 1
- 526 – 5pts. – Exchange ideas with another career/technical student organization – Max times used: 1
- 528 – 5pts. – Establish and maintain a new acquaintance with a BPA member from a different chapter through email – Max times used: 1



## Love, Hope, Faith:

- 601 – 10pts. – Work to promote community goodwill through a BPA local chapter activity involving a shut-in, elderly person, hospital, children’s home, etc. – Max times used: 3
- 602 – 5pts. – Discuss BPA on a one-to-one basis with a businessperson outside the organization; it can not be a school official or immediate family members – Max times used: 2
- 603 – 5pts. – Give an invocation at a BPA function – Max times used: 1
- 604 – 10pts. – Participate in a local environmental awareness project – Max times used 3
- 605 – 10pts. – Participate in a relief fundraiser project; it need not be BPA related – Max times used 2
- 606 – 15pts. - Work with underprivileged, disabled, people on an individual basis; does not need to be BPA related – Max times used: 3
- 607 – 10pts. – Participate in a BPA local chapter charity drive – Max times used: 2
- 608 – 10pts. – Participate in a community service project; does not need to be BPA related – Max times used: 2
- 609 – 10pts. – Participate in a BPA local chapter project designed specifically to raise money for Special Olympics or any similar organization at any level – Max times used: 3
- 611 – 10pts. Participate in an event promoting acceptance of all individuals regardless of race, creed, gender, or orientation – Max times used: 2
- 612 – 5pts. – Attend a religious function of any faith – Max times used: 2
- 613 – 10pts. – Visit a nursing home or assisted living home and interact with the residents – Max times used: 2
- 616 – 10pts. – Participate in the NOYS Seat Belt Save Challenge (<http://noys.org/about-us/our-programs/seat-belts-save/>) – Max times used: 1
- 617 – 5pts. – Attend an art show, a recital, a school play, or a community playhouse production – Max times used: 2
- 620 – 10pts. – Attend a professional play or musical, music concert or recital, dinner theater, ballet or other dance performance, poetry, etc. (be sure this is a cultural activity; rock concerts, or similar activities do not qualify) – Max times used: 2
- 621 – 10pts. – Participate in a local chapter safety program project – Max times used: 2
- 623 – 10pts. – Participate in an art show, a recital, a school play, or a community playhouse production – Max times used: 2

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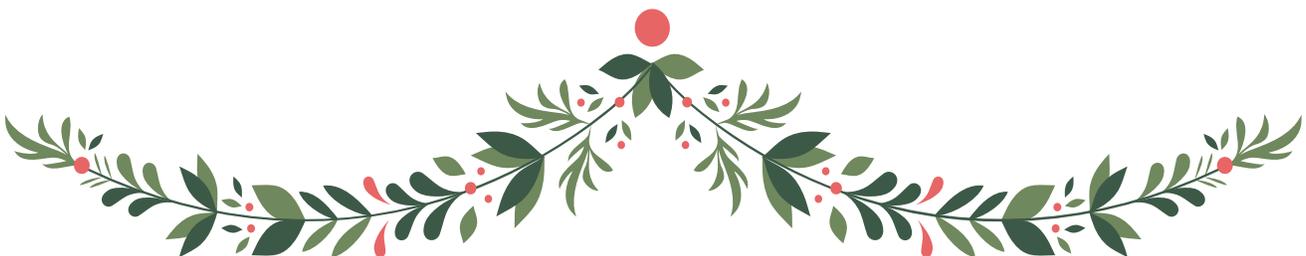


## **Patriotism:**

- 701 – 5pts. – Lead the Pledge of Allegiance at a local chapter function – Max times used: 1
- 702 – 10pts. – Demonstrate or explain the proper procedure for displaying, folding, and caring for the U.S. flag – Max times used: 1
- 703 – 10pts. – Participate in a patriotic parade; (just being an observer does not count) – Max times used: 2
- 704 – 10pts. – Participate in a political activity outside of BPA – Max times used: 3
- 713 – 10pts. – Speak at a public patriotic event – Max times used: 1
- 714 – 10pts. – Perform a patriotic song (singing or instrument) at a public event – Max times used: 1
- 717 – 5pts. – Attend an ethnic festival – Max times used: 1
- 718 – 5pts. – Attend an art museum, national museum, or similar facility – Max times used: 1
- 719 – 5pts. – Attend a community patriotic, historical, or cultural event – Max times used: 3
- 720 – 5pts. – Take a virtual tour of an historical building or area – Max times used: 2
- 721 – 10pts. – Visit a historical building or area – Max times used: 2
- 722 – 10pts. – Design, prepare, and put up a patriotic display – Max times used: 2
- 723 – 5pts. – Participate in a local festival parade – Max times used: 2
- 724 – 10pts. – Participate in an activity that supports US Military or US Military families – Max times used: 2
- 725 – 10pts. – Perform the National Anthem at a public event – Max times used: 2
- 729 – 5pts. – Attend a presentation given by military personnel – Max times used: 1
- 730 – 15pts. – Visit a VA facility/hospital and interact with veterans – Max times used: 1

Now I know that this list may look daunting and you may not get to all of them over this holiday season, but as you go through this list you will see that many of these activities will take you only minutes to do and even though some of these activities may take you an hour or two, the enjoyment that you will get from many of these activities will more than make up for the time spent on them...This is not a complete list of all the Torch awards you can get, but I want to let you know that if you completed this list, you will have earned yourself the ambassador award. Go to [bpa.org](http://bpa.org) and download the official Torch Awards Handbook for all the details and to see the many other activities you can do to earn those Torch Awards. Have a wonderful and exciting Holiday Season!

***Lisa Kleman 2019-2020 BPA Wisconsin State Vice-President***



# Pin Trading

Vote for your favorite design!

Trading pins is one of the most popular activities at NLC! Since Wisconsin doesn't have Middle or Secondary divisions, our pins are harder to come by, which means a lot more trading for us! They will be on sale soon. Of course, you have to vote for the pin design before that can happen. Go to **[www.wisconsinbpa.org](http://www.wisconsinbpa.org)** to vote! You must have your BPA ID number to vote. If you don't have one or don't know your number, talk to your advisor.





## Upcoming WI BPA Dates

BPA State Leadership Conference (**SLC**) will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2020 and Friday, February 28, 2020 at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau, WI.

BPA National Leadership Conference (**NLC**) will be held on May 6-10, 2020 in Washington, D.C



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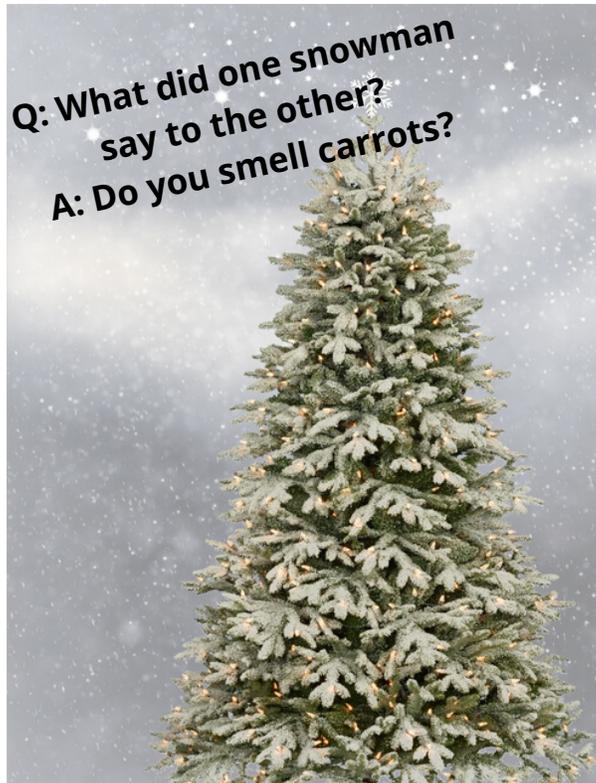


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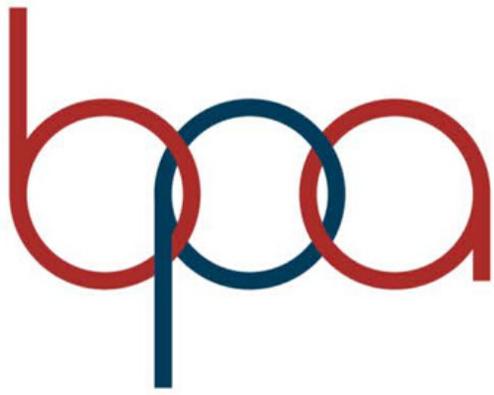
Q: What did one snowman say to the other?  
A: Do you smell carrots?

Q: What kind of motorcycle does Santa ride?

A: a Holly Davidson!



People act like the North Pole and the South Pole are exactly the same, but really, there's a whole world of difference between them.



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