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**ARIEL McDONALD, THS JUNIOR, NAMED REGIONAL PRESIDENT OF BPA;
THS STUDENTS EARN 8 MEDALS DURING CONFERENCE,
FOUR NAMED STATE QUALIFIERS**



Texarkana, TX – The newly reorganized Business Professionals of America (BPA) Chapter at Texas High School is now home to the Area I, Region III President – Ariel McDonald.

Ariel, a junior, was elected to the position after speaking before a large crowd of approximately 600 students representing twenty-six schools from the Northeast Texas area. She will represent the Region during the National Leadership Conference on May 4 – 8 in Washington, D.C.

During the same conference, Texas High School students earned eight medals and four were named as State Qualifiers. They are:

- Daniel Pellegrin – 2nd Place State Qualifier – Extemporaneous Speech
- Yacel Lopez – 3rd Place State Qualifier – Computer Network Technology
- Steven Firmin – 6th Place State Qualifier – Fundamentals of Web Design
- J. D. Hoglan – 6th Place State Qualifier – Cisco Systems Administration
- Puja Kalyani & Ariel McDonald - 4th Place – Web Site Design Team
- Adam Johnson – 6th Place – Prepared Speech
- Puja Kalyani – 6th Place – Keyboarding Production
- John Igyarto & Daniel Pellegrin – 6th Place – Global Marketing Team

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