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Dear Fellow Business Professionals

The Business Professionals of America, Illinois Association, State Officer Team welcomes you to this year's State Leadership Conference, February 23-25, 2022. I am excited to share the endless memories with all of you and will be there to support you for every step of the way. The State Officer Team hopes that you **Discover Your Purpose** within this conference while still having fun!

The State Officer Team is thrilled to meet new and returning members of Business Professionals of America, Illinois Association. We know that you have put in a tremendous amount of time and effort into your competitions to qualify for this year's State Leadership Conference.

In addition to competitive events, the State Officer Team has organized a variety of activities to participate in. **Steer to Success** will kick off SLC with an evening filled with fun including karaoke, pong, cornhole, putt putt shootback, the treasure walk, and much more! Bring your friends, meet new people, and relax while making amazing memories.

On Friday, we look forward to your participation in the **Grab the Gold** auction where all proceeds will benefit Special Olympics, our long time partner and a worthy cause. The prizes will be handed out at the **X Marks the Meal** banquet along with great food and the opportunity to socialize with peers and advisors. After dinner, we encourage you to join the State Officer Team and new friends at the **Discover Your Groove** dance to celebrate all of your hard work!

The top finishers from each contest will receive the opportunity to compete at the National Leadership Conference from April 26-30, 2022 in Anaheim, California. You will represent our state of Illinois and earn national recognition as one of the nation's premier business professional.

On behalf of the entire State Officer Team, I wish you the best of luck in your competitive events and encourage you to **Discover Your Purpose** and make the most of your time at this year's State Leadership Conference.

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