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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 22-24, 2024. I am thrilled to create timeless memories with each and every one of you and am excited to support you throughout this entire journey. The State Officer Team hopes that you **Seize Your Opportunity** within this conference while still having fun!

In addition to competitive events, the State Officer Team has organized a variety of activities to participate in. **Oppor-TUNE-ity!** will kick off SLC with an evening filled with fun including karaoke, pong, just dance, 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 **Prize for a Purpose** auction where all proceeds will benefit the Special Olympics. The prizes will be handed out before the **Seize your Salad** event at Pinstripes. Where we will have great food, games, 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 **DISCO-ver your Opportunity!** dance to celebrate all of your hard work.

The top finishers from each contest will compete at the National Leadership Conference in May 2024 right here in our backyard of Chicago. You will represent our state of Illinois and earn national recognition as one of the nation's premier business professionals.

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

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