

For Immediate Release

Contact Person: Peggy Aycock

Phone: 407-320-5750

E-mail: peggy_aycock@cait.scps.k12.fl.us

Address: 2200 W. 13th Street

City, State, ZIP: Sanford, FL 32771

Date: February 6, 2011

Outstanding Business Students Travelled to Lake Buena Vista, Florida, to Participate in the Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference

Top students from **Crooms Academy of Information Technology** attended the Business Professionals of America (BPA) 2011 State Leadership Conference, “Stand Out From the Crowd,” in Lake Buena Vista, FL, February 4-6, 2011. **Crooms** chapter members joined over 500 other conference delegates from across the state to participate in state level business skills competitions, workshops, general sessions, and the state officer candidate campaigns and elections.

Junior Vasu Mody placed the highest of any underclassman on the Parliamentary Procedures test and has been appointed the 2011-12 Business Professionals of America State of Florida Parliamentarian. The following members placed in respective events:

“The national conference to be held in Washington, DC, in May will be the culmination of a school year’s worth of business skills education and training which members of the local chapter of Business Professionals of America at **Crooms** have received,” said chapter advisor, **Peggy Aycock** who teaches Business Software Applications, Economics, and Leadership.

Business Professionals of America is a national organization for high school, college, and middle school students preparing for careers in business and information technology. The organization’s activities and programs complement classroom instruction by giving students practical experience through application of the skills learned at school. Business Professionals of America acts as a cohesive agent in the nationwide networking of education and business and industry. BPA is contributing to the preparation of a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic, and technological skills.

Business Professionals of America is assisted in this endeavor with financial support from corporations and companies including AICPA, Microsoft, Adobe, CIW-Certification Partners, Shell and South-Western/Cengage, who sponsor BPA’s National Leadership Conference, and member career building programs and scholarships.

| Contest / Participant | State Winners |
|--|--|
| Vasu Mody | BPA 2011-2012 State Parliamentarian |
| (30) Administrative Support Team | 4th Place |
| Akash Jinandra (Team #1) | |
| Ivana Romero (Team #1) | |
| Kevin Strileckis (Team #1) | |
| Richard Zheng (Team #1) | |
| (57) Broadcast News Production Team | 2nd Place |
| Kyle Hoenig (Team #1) | |
| Hannah Keiger (Team #1) | |
| Sheyla Urbina (Team #1) | |
| (43) C++ Programming | |
| Akash Jinandra | 5th Place |
| Kevin Strileckis | 3rd Place |
| (41) Cisco Systems Administration | |
| Tyler Stuck | 1st Place |
| (40) Computer Network Technology | |
| Bryan Ramirez | 4th Place |
| Tyler Stuck | 3rd Place |
| (48) Computer Security | |
| Samuel Shiflett | 1st Place |
| (49) Digital Media Production | 1st Place |
| Taylor Flynt | |
| Jeremy Jo Newball-Ruiz | |
| (45) Java Programming | |
| Lee Berman | 1st Place |
| Douglas Dlutz | 4th Place |
| (51) Network Design Team | 1st Place |
| Douglas Dlutz (Team #1) | |
| Siddique Juman (Team #1) | |
| Bryan Ramirez (Team #1) | |
| Jake Shafran (Team #1) | |
| (71) Parliamentary Procedure Team (S) | 1st Place |
| Thomas Diamontopulos (Team #1) | |
| Jered Dowden (Team #1) | |
| Vasu Mody (Team #1) | |
| Alex Radulescu (Team #1) | |
| Francisco Svec (Team #1) | |
| Tiffany Swinney (Team #1) | |
| (47) PC Servicing & Troubleshooting | |
| Ryan Gray | 3rd Place |

| | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Michael Rand | 4th Place |
| (70) Presentation Management—Team | 1st Place |
| Vicky Marquez (Team #1) | |
| Carly Neale (Team #1) | |
| Shannen Sigman (Team #1) | |
| (53) Video Production Team | 1st Place |
| Valery Menelas (Team #1) | |
| Samuel Shiflett (Team #1) | |
| (44) Visual Basic Programming | |
| Lee Berman | 1st Place |
| Michael Rand | 3rd Place |
| (54) Web Application Team | 2nd Place |
| Charles Hollenbeck (Team #1) | |
| Connor Smith (Team #1) | |
| (Open) Information Technology | |
| Bryan Ramirez | 3rd Place |
| (Open) Parlaimentary Procedure | |
| Vasu Mody | 2nd Place |
| | |

###