

The BPA Torch Ceremony

Main Torchbearer

We now come to the close of this (name of meeting) of Business Professionals of America. We have had the rare privilege of sharing in an organization which is designed to promote professionalism and leadership in our career development and personal growth. We are thankful for the progress we have made through Business Professionals of America and the many new friendships we have developed. Through participation and diligent work, we now have a better understanding of the ideals and objectives of our organization. May we learn to know ourselves, strive to build lives of service for others, and recognize the opportunity to share Business Professionals of America with students in business professions throughout the United States. With pride, I light the torch of Business Professionals of America and call upon my associates to tell you more about the high ideals for which our organization stands.

(Representatives come forward one at a time and stand by the Main Torchbearer. As each lights the torch from that of the Main Torchbearer, the oral presentation is given.)

Love

I light this torch as an implement of love. Love is reverence, family affection, community fellowship, peace of mind, and goodwill among nations. The giving of love will fulfill the needs of others as it will give us a feeling of satisfaction. This torch shines for love.

Cooperation

I light this torch to commemorate the privilege and dignity of serving Business Professionals of America. Through teamwork in planning and building our organization, we seek to better not only ourselves as individuals, but also our association. It is our cooperation that sustains our ideals as one. This torch shines for cooperation.

Knowledge

I light this torch as a symbol of the qualities of intelligence and ability of all members of Business Professionals of America as they work with dignity in their profession. Let us strive to recognize our capabilities and develop ourselves as fully as possible so that we may share in a better tomorrow. This torch shines for knowledge.

Service

I light this torch in recognition of the service of our members in the field of business professions. As an active national student organization, we recognize our potential influence and responsibility to our nation. May our concern for others inspire us to live lives of service. This torch shines for service.

Leadership

I light this torch as a symbol of leadership today and as a promise of continuing leadership in the years ahead. A leader is like a light held high that brightens the way not only for oneself, but also for others. Let us each pledge that in all our personal, social, and business relationships, we will demonstrate the qualities of true leadership and professionalism. This torch shines for leadership.

Friendship

I light this torch to illustrate the flame of friendship in our hearts. As we light each successive torch, the glow of friendship brightens our world and the world of those we touch. Light gives life and power to our earth and all its people. Wear grateful for friends in Business Professionals of America who have helped us become true friends. This torch shines for friendship.

Patriotism

I light this torch to illustrate the patriotism of the Business Professionals of America membership for our nation and its inherent freedoms. Ours is a rich heritage—one of proud, honest people interested in the welfare of all nations. Through Business Professionals of America, we recognize our obligation to our country and accept the responsibility of dependable citizenship. This torch shines for patriotism. Main Torchbearer As the light of the torches pass from one ideal to another, so may we pass the ideals of Business Professionals of America to those who follow us. Let us strive to keep that which is good in our American way of life, and with God's help and guidance move forward in our dedicated service to all people. Let us adjourn with pride and appreciation and live with a firm resolve to build an organization that will be a credit to its founders and membership. Let us depart in a spirit of the torches of Business Professionals of America.