## **Lowell Students travel to Anaheim California!**

The Lowell High School Chapter of Business Professionals of America recently returned from the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California. At the kick-off Opening Session, members were introduced to current National Officers and heard from the dynamic keynote speaker Kevin Allen. Kevin's presentation included his start in advertising and being true to who you are in your job. Throughout the five days, over 6000 members and advisors had the opportunity to participate in professional development workshops, elect national officers, participate in general sessions and transact business of the association.

Timothy Nguyen, sophomore, earned his National BPA Merit Scholar Award, flexing his knowledge of BPA facts and traditions. Tim also took advantage of Precision Exams and passed TEN different categories to build his resume including: Accounting I, Accounting II, Accounting, Advanced, Banking and Finance, Business Management, Business Mathematics & Personal Finance, General Financial Literacy, Personal Financial Responsibility, Preparing for College and Careers, and 21st Century Success Skills. In his competitive event of Accounting, Timothy placed 16 in a field of 73 members; quite an achievement for only having Accounting 1 at LHS with Mrs. Jacqui Taylor for the past 8 months!

Seniors Victoria Franco & Samuel Pring enjoyed competitions in Parliamentary Procedures & Medical Office Procedures! This was Victoria's second national conference with BPA. Sam also earned industry recognition through his success with Precision Exams in Agricultural Biology and Agricultural Science. Samuel will continue his studies in Animal Behavior at Bucknell University while Victoria will study Political Science at Framingham State College.

Junior Kevin Truong competed in Business Law & Ethics and finished just off the stage while also earning Precision Exam status in Digital Media 1A for his professional development!

Sophomore Caitlin McNamara stood before judges in Human Resource Management competing against a tough competitive event with 43 participants! Additionally, sophomores Alyssa Carter & Kamariya Davis participated in the National Leadership Academy over two days and learned valuable skills they will share with Lowell Chapter members for next school year.

All Lowell Chapter attendees completed Conference Intern rotations and enjoyed networking and workshops over their five day experience with Advisor Jill Taylor! Business Professionals of America meets every Wednesday in Room 629 and welcomes new members in any classes to participate. The 2020 National Leadership Conference will be held in the nation's capital, Washington, DC. Join BPA at LHS and give purpose to your potential!

Below: Outside of the Anaheim Convention Center, Lowell Chapter members (Front L-R) Alyssa Carter, Timothy Nguyen, Kevin Truong, Kamariya Davis (Back L-R) Caitlin McNamara, Sam Pring, Victoria Franco and Advisor Jill Taylor make their way to the National Leadership Conference Opening Session for Business Professionals of America.

