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CHS student named BPA state president

Canyon High sophomore AJ Rice was recently named president of the Business Professionals of America (BPA) state chapter.

Rice is only the third CHS student in history to receive this honor. Former CHS graduates Kurt and Cody Covington were also named BPA state president.

"I almost fell out of my chair when I heard the news," said Rice. "It made me feel very humble and honored because I've admired the past presidents and have always wondered what it would be like to be in that position. It's really unbelievable."

As BPA president, Rice will be representing Texas at the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, CA May 5-9. He will also be involved in leadership training and team building and will help plan and will preside over the Texas BPA State Leadership Conference in Fort Worth in March 2011.

BPA is a non-profit organization for students preparing for careers in business.

"It's a big responsibility, and we know AJ will represent both Canyon High and the entire state of Texas well," said CHS BPA sponsor Cathy Carpenter. "AJ is already a strong leader and the experience as BPA state chapter president will only enhance those leadership qualities."

Rice said it's his goal to make BPA more recognizable during his term as state chapter president.

"A lot of people ask me what BPA is," Rice said. "I want everyone to know exactly what it is we do. BPA is a great way to network with other students around the state and country. It's also a wonderful way to get a head start in the business and professional world."