

BDPA

Global Leaders in Information Technology

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Who We Are

We are BDPA – Leaders in Information Technology, New York, NY. Globally, BDPA is a 50-chapter, non-profit, technology organization that delivers services for the professional well-being of its members and other stakeholders.

Organized in 1975 as the Black Data Processing Associates (BDPA), the New York Chapter was chartered in November 1982.

What We Do

BDPA assists its members and stakeholders (corporations, businesses, schools, universities and non-profit organizations) to connect with a wide, socially diverse audience of professionals, interns and students.

BDPA provides jobs, technology, business and career mentorship for its professional members as well as its student members.

Since 1980, BDPA continues to inspire K-12 students via our Student Information Technology Education and Scholarship Program (SITES).



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What is Information Technology?

Information Technology (IT) involves how people use computers, software and technology to grow, create and prosper in our world today.

Information Technology (IT) is used in education, business, electronics, healthcare, engineering, manufacturing, communications, and in numerous other ways.

“Information Technology connects our world today with our dreams of tomorrow.”

Who are BDPA Members?

In addition to people who work directly with the inner-workings of the technology, BDPA members can also be non-technical benefactors of the technology. For example, BDPA members are healthcare professionals, managers, educators, students, engineers, business owners, lawyers, accountants, law enforcement officers, government workers and on and on.



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Mission

BDPA is a global member-focused technology organization that delivers services for the professional well-being of its stakeholders.

Vision

Be a powerful advocate for our stakeholders’ interests as world-class leaders in business and technology.

Affirmations

“We believe that the African-American business and technology professional is more prepared, more highly regarded, more respected and more consistently looked upon as a world-class leader in their respective professions and industries.”

“We accept as true, that BDPA contains the potential to make life-changing improvements in the career and business success of every member.”

“We are steadfastly convinced that BDPA members have the talent and the moral responsibility as fully contributing participants in the technological and economic empowerment of our community, nation and world.”



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Objectives for 2008-2009

1. Be instrumental in connecting the talent pipeline from classroom to career to boardroom.
2. Grow the size and satisfaction of our chapter membership.

Be a powerful advocate and energizer for the career and business success of our members and stakeholders.

Keep our membership at the forefront of information technology.

Build a BDPA that is attractive to both young and seasoned professionals.

Make BDPA fun, fruitful and fulfilling!



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Monthly Program Meetings

**Upcoming Professional Development
2008**

BDPA's Monthly Program Meetings are held every third Thursday of every month, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of BDPA's monthly Program Meeting is to provide a consistent networking and presentation forum for professional development. The forum allows BDPA members and guests to learn, grow and get to know each other better as well as strengthen the expertise of minority members of the IT community. Tasty appetizers are served prior to the presentation.

Typical Monthly Program Meeting Agenda

6:00 – 6:30 p.m. – Networking / Reception with Appetizers

6:30 – 6:45 p.m. – Meeting Announcements

6:45 – 7:30 p.m. – Keynote Presentation

7:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Networking

September 29th

Topic: 5th Annual Harlem Business Economic Summit - "Building Sustainable Partnerships"

Host: Harlem Business Alliance

Location: Adam Clayton Powell, Jr State Office Building

October 20, 2008

Topic: Email Marketing: It's More Powerful than You Think

Host: SmallBizTechnology.Com - Taste of Technology Series

Location: Samsung Experience, Time Warner Center, 10 Columbus Circle,

October 23rd

Topic: The Role of IT in Voting Machine

Speakers: BDPA-NY Executive Team

Location: National Urban League Headquarters

November 13

Scholarship & Education Awards Dinner

Speakers: BDPA-NY Executive Team



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Student Information Technology Education and Scholarship (SITES) & 2008 National High School Computer Competition (HSCC)

Throughout the year, local BDPA chapters conduct SITES training programs for the youth in their communities. These programs are designed to expose our youth to the concepts of computers and give them the expertise to develop web applications. The New York chapter participates in regional competitions to further prepare their students. Each BDPA chapter chooses the top 3 to 5 students to serve as one team to represent them at the National High School Computer Competition to compete against chapter teams from all over the country. They are provided a real-world business problem on the day of competition. They then have seven hours to develop a fully functional web application to solve the problem. On top of all this, they get to showcase their talents in the National Competition which consists of a timed computerized written exam, oral questions and the development of a web application per specifications. If they feel creative, they can also participate in a T-Shirt Design Competition.

In addition, students will be able to attend Workshops and Seminars covering topics related to Personal Development, Academic Development, Youth Entrepreneurship and Information Technology. They will be able to participate in activities including, Corporate Sponsored luncheons and receptions, visits to educational places in the hosting city (i.e. museums), and networking evenings with IT professionals and students from around the country. The top five teams win college scholarships (\$2000), computer hardware and advanced gaming software.

BDPA New York

Currently, the 2008 BDPA New York Chapter SITES training is conducted at Medgar Evers Preparatory High School, located in Brooklyn, New York. Students in the 8th grade through 12th grades are eligible to apply. They must also become a student member of BDPA

When?

The training began Saturday, February 23, 2008, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. and will continue every Saturday afternoon through the BDPA National Conference August 6-9, 2008 in Atlanta, Georgia. The students are selected to represent New York at the conference will compete for awards and college scholarships.



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Professional Development Programs

BDPA IT Institute

The BDPA IT Institute is an innovative service for IT Professionals. This service will give IT Professionals the ability to make career changes, brush up on their skills and provide them with the necessary skills for upward mobility in IT. Together with Auburn University, BDPA is providing this service as the next frontier of IT benefits for advancement. The program grants BDPA an opportunity to allow IT professionals a means to validate their skills in a structured certification program geared to the IT industry. The BDPA IT Institute provides the opportunity for professionals to secure an IT career certification, to gain recognition for past accomplishments and prepare for career-enhancing promotion or leadership opportunities.

CISSP CPE Submitter

BDPA became a CPE Submitter through (ISC)²® the International Standard for Information Security. (ISC)²® is the globally recognized gold standard for certifying information security professionals throughout their careers. A global benchmark for assessing and certifying personnel, the CPE Submitter status allows BDPA to grant Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits to BDPA members during its annual National Technology Conference or any other education event that meets (ISC)²® requirements.

Executive Protégé Program (EPP)

Assisting in the development of individuals interested in attaining Senior and Executive level leadership positions in Information Technology. It support the mission of ITSMF to fill the executive pipeline with the next generation of IT professionals and foster the continuing development of ITSMF members. ITSMF is the only national mentoring program focused on cultivating executive talent among IT Professionals

The EPP Offers...

- ✓ Exposure and interaction with high-level IT executives
- ✓ Training and development of leadership skills through assessments and workshops
- ✓ A confidential relationship with a senior-level mentor
- ✓ Guidance on career-related issues which are unique to African-Americans in leadership
- ✓ An opportunity to elevate leadership skills through insightful executive coaching



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... and BDPA can help you get there.