



New York Chapter



New York State CIO Keynotes 2010 Awards Dinner; Students Receive Citations of Excellence from Local Politicians

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New York State CIO, Melodie Mayberry-Stewart, PhD with three of the student Honorees

Don't Be Afraid of the STEM! That was the event theme of BDPA New York's 2010 Scholarship and Awards Dinner, held Wednesday, November 10, 2010, at event sponsor National Grid's location in Downtown Brooklyn, NY. The annual

awards dinner serves to recognize the achievements of BDPA New York's students as well as honor its community supporters and corporate sponsors. Wayne Hicks, Executive Director of BETF, served as Master of Ceremonies for the dinner, enthusiastically encouraging and reminding the audience throughout the program to not be afraid of the STEM, by getting more involved with BDPA and its educational initiatives.

National Grid Vice President of Inclusion and Diversity, Neddy Perez, welcomed the audience and provided an overview of National Grid's commitment to diversity and STEM. An inspir-

ing keynote address followed, delivered by New York State Chief Information Officer, Melodie Mayberry-Stewart, PhD, who encouraged those in attendance to increase participation in STEM fields, in which African-Americans are historically under-represented. Dr. Mayberry-Stewart noted BDPA's rich legacy, her 30 year involvement with the organization, as well as her own personal achievements, which include being the first person in her family to graduate from college, the first African-American female to receive a doctorate from the Peter F. Drucker School of Executive Management, and becoming **(continued on page 3)**

2011 Black Family Technology Awareness Week



What is Black Family Technology Awareness Week?

Black Family Technology Awareness Week (BFTAW) is a national public

awareness campaign designed to educate and empower African Americans through technology by preparing our communities to become an integral part of the fastest-moving industry of all time. As quoted by Tyrone D. Taborn, CCG's publisher and CEO, "The Black Family Technology Awareness Campaign was never about simple Internet access and mere computer ownership but rather about African Americans becoming true beneficiaries of the many assets of technology and all it has to offer." It is critical that we become a major part of the economy of the next millennium. As a community, we successfully leverage technology in school, at work, at home, in communications, and in almost every area of our lives.

Benefits of being a part of BFTAW

A recent study by Career Communications Group, Inc (CCG) and the Information technology Association of America suggests that the greatest factor in a student's decision to go into Information Technology is that student's early exposure to computers. Despite recent news reports of IT layoffs, major companies are still hiring Engineers, IT Professionals and other technical workers for jobs requiring skills in math, science, and technology. In fact these companies are recruiting strongly outside of the country for qualified workers. As the African American and Hispanic communities became larger parts of the workforce, empowering minorities through literacy in technology becomes ever more important. Early exposure to technology not only opens doors to lucrative careers, it provides critical motivation to children to learn outside the walls of the traditional classroom.

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BDPA New York Elects New President



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On November 18th, BDPA New York members elected Renetta English, current VP of Membership Management, as President.

Outgoing President Judaea Yarde Lane describes Renetta as "an awesome, dedicated and hard-working woman, who has accepted the challenge to move our chapter to the next level". To read Renetta's bio please visit this link - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Zr6p8PyaokZfiU-TBcidJz5FSwMztsANNlr9hZjkwBg/edit?hl=en&pli=1>.

Renetta's presidency will start January 1, 2011. (Visit page 3 for a message from the new president)



President's Message



As I sat down to pen my last message as President of BDPA-New York, I could not think of the last words or message to express. So I decided to review our photo album at pub-lic.fotki.com/bdpanewyork. Then the following words immediately came straight out of my heart - **Thank You**. A photo album has a beautiful way of reflecting memories. No matter what took place: good or bad, pictures tell a beautiful story. Highlights of my administration are as follows:

• SITES:

- Our SITES students participated in BDPA's Regional and National Conferences via programs such as the High School Computer Competition, in which they placed in the top 10 for the past three years, as well as the Youth Technology Camp and IT Showcase. Special acknowledgement goes to National Grid and Sesame Flyers International, Inc, who always provided the resources to prepare our students for technical competitions.
- A few of our SITES students were chosen for the unique opportunity to intern at Bank of New York and UBS.
- Thanks to Dr. Jesse Bemley, our students received the chance of a lifetime – the opportunity to attend the 2009 and 2010 Teragrid

Computing Conference.

• Communications

- Our newsletter, *HumanWARE*, was revamped in Summer 2008 with a new look and feel
- Our website underwent a complete redesign in April 2008
- We expanded our communication reach by joining *Facebook* and *LinkedIn* in 2009

• Community Outreach

- We conducted workshops for the community during February for Black Family Technology Awareness Week and, most recently, during October for National Cyber Security Awareness Month.
- We partnered with nonprofit organizations to participate in events such as No Limits Career Day and Sisterhood: United we Inspire.
- We developed and/or strengthened relationships with organizations and businesses such as the *Rainbow PUSH Coalition*, *Small-bizTechnology.com*, *National Association of African Americans in Human Resources*, *The Web Academy*, *National Urban League*, *National Black MBA Association*, and *B. Smith's Restaurant*

• Membership/Events

- Thanks to our members and supporters, we were able to conduct technical & professional presentations on such topics as *Cloud Computing*, *Social Networking Strategies*, *The Role of IT in Voting*, *Turning a No into a Yes*, and *Virtualization and Client Computing*
- We provided social/networking opportunities to our membership with events such as our monthly Meet-n-Greet at B. Smith's, *Sing, Harlem, Sing* Theatre event, and Book Signing Party.

• Sponsorship/Community Support

- Thanks to our corporate sponsors and community supporters: *UBS*, *JP Morgan Chase*, *DELBAC, Inc*, and *Yahoo! Employee Foundation*, several BDPA members received employment opportunities, and eighteen \$500 scholarships were distributed to our SITES students.

My success as President could not have happened without the support of my Executive Board, our members, and our many supporters. Thank You and Thank You once again for allowing me to represent you as President of BDPA New York.

Best wishes, Good health, and Love,

Judaea Yarde Lane

2011 BFTAW, Continued

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Get Involved

2011 BFTAW is scheduled for February 13-19, 2011. BDPA New York's 2011 BFTAW Planning Committee has started planning events for the community during this week, and you, your club, or organization is welcome to participate. Be a part of the Youth Technology Fair, Entrepreneurs and Technology Forum and more. The committee meets every Tuesday at 9:00 PM via conference call. For conference call information and to get involved please email bftaw@bdpa-ny.org or call the chapter voicemail at (212) 802-5431.

Submitted by Cheryl Nedwell and Judaea Yarde Lane



A Message from President-Elect Renetta English

I would first like to thank Judaea for her years of diligent service to our chapter and to the National organization.

I am so excited and ready to run the 2011 -2012 race by representing the New York chapter of BDPA, which is truly a premiere organization for Information Technology professionals. I appreciate the new members that have accepted leadership positions in our chapter. Time is of the essence and 2011 is right around the corner. The baton has been passed to a new 2011 team and its time to run the relay. Below are some of the initiatives for 2011:

- Each January, our organization volunteers for Rainbow PUSH Coalition's Annual Wall Street Project: www.rainbowpush.org/pages/14th_economic_summit. Kim Smith, our newly appointed VP of Membership Management, is currently seeking volunteers to attend and to participate in the career fair. This is an opportunity for us all to promote National BDPA and to support one of our members, Andrew Carr, Executive Director of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition. Please contact Kim at vpmm@bdpa-ny.org if interested.

2010 Awards Dinner, Continued

(continued from page 1) the first CIO of her hometown, Cleveland, OH. In her closing, Dr. Mayberry-Stewart encouraged the audience to consider the following life lessons:

- *Only do what you are passionate about*
- *Fall in love with completion, and determine what excellence will look like to you*
- *Learn to fail faster so the recovery is shorter*
- *Seek and nurture lifelong mentors & relationships*
- *Give back to the community*

Following the keynote address, citations of excellence were presented to the students for their involvement in the chap-

- Planning has begun for our signature February event, Black Family Technology Awareness Week, also known as BFTAW (*Visit page 1 for more info on BFTAW*). Please contact Cheryl Nedwell or Damon Holmes to join the BFTAW Committee. Meetings are every Tuesday at 9:00 pm. Email bftaw@bdpa-ny.org if interested in joining the committee.
- In March 2011, we will be hosting an Information Technology and Emergency Management Symposium. The Symposium will explore and identify the links between emergency management partners and information technology.
- April 2011 – Program Meeting Role of IT and Census
- May 2011 - CIO/ CTO Forum, Meet and Greet
- June 2011 – Internet Week, Employment and Branding Forum, Meet and Greet
- August 2011 – National Conference Summer Fundraiser / Scholarship Event
- September 2011 – Health and IT, General Membership Meeting, Meet and Greet
- October 2011 – Cyber Security

Month

- November 2011 – Mobile Technology
- December 2011 – Computer Science Week, Holiday Celebration

As stated in my platform, New York City is the center of the world and as you can see we have a number of programs planned in 2011. New York City deserves an organization for INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY professionals that's as dynamic as the city. To achieve this, we must all work together to participate in and promote the goals and mission of BDPA.

I need you to attend our program meetings, support our fundraisers, volunteer as speakers, and to be mentors for our IT Showcase students. Please contact me at pres@bdpa-ny.org to discuss volunteer opportunities.

I, along with the 2011 – 2012 board, are looking forward to meeting you at the Holiday celebration on December 17th, 2010 and working with you all in the coming year.

All the best,

Renetta A. English

ter's SITES (Student Information Technology Education and Scholarship) program, by Council Member Letitia James (*D-Brooklyn*), who stressed to the audience the importance of education, noting the disproportionately high High-School dropout rate in her district amongst African-American youth, especially males, and the importance of giving back to the community. Other citations were presented by the office of New York State Assemblymember Hakeem Jeffries (*D-Brooklyn*), and the office of Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz. The 2010 student honorees were Kevin Castillo, Khadijah Celestine, Kiara Paige, Frantzy Phillipe, Nicholas Reid, Cazemba Richards, Alan Rosales, and Georgina Sealy.

Following the citations, awards were pre-

sented to BDPA New York's 2010 community supporters and corporate sponsors, which were *UBS, JP Morgan Chase, Yahoo! Employee Foundation, B. Smith's Restaurant, and DELBAC, Inc.*

The awards dinner ended with final remarks from BDPA New York President Judaea Yarde Lane, who concludes her distinguished four year leadership of BDPA New York at the end of 2010.

BDPA New York thanks all members and supporters who helped make this event a success.

(For more photos from the event go to page 5 or visit our photo gallery at public.fotki.com/bdpanewyork/)

Submitted by Danielle Cauthen



BDPA New York Recognizes National Cyber Security Awareness Month



Did you know that October was National Cyber Security Awareness

month? Now in its 7th year, the awareness campaign reminds us all that we have a shared responsibility to protect the cyber networks we rely upon. National Cybersecurity Awareness Month is the time of the year we need to stop and realize all the things we can do collectively to keep our selves cyber-educated, cyber-smart, and cyber-assured.

This past October, President Obama signed a proclamation recognizing the month as National Cyber Security Awareness Month - www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2010/10/01/presidential-proclamation-national-cybersecurity

[awareness-month](#).

BDPA New York showed their support for National Cyber Security Awareness Month by joining other NCSAM endorsers to spread cyber security awareness throughout the community. With the understanding that people of all ages are venturing into the cyberworld known as the World Wide Web, BDPA New York members recruited volunteers to present to the African-American community on the topic, "Creating a SafetyNet for the Internet". The presenters focused on key areas such as Internet Image, cyber-bullying, and Internet Security, with a strong focus on identifying information and identity theft risks and recommendations on how to protect your information and system.

Special acknowledgement goes to the following BDPA members, who volunteered their time to present this topic

throughout the community:

- Moira Jack, CISSP
- Carol McGee Anthony, CISSP, GCIA
- Denise Hamilton, CFCP and BDPA New York Director of Education and Community Outreach

Special thanks also goes to the following organizations, who partnered with our chapter to host the event:

- Winthrop Beacon III Community center, Brooklyn, NY
- Life Enrichment Committee of Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Brooklyn, NY
- Rodham Senior Citizen Council of Cornerston Baptist Church, Brooklyn, NY
- East Elmhurst Civic Association, Queens, NY

Submitted by Judaea Yarde Lane

2011 National BDPA Conference



It's not too early to start making plans to attend the 2011 National BDPA Conference. Next year's conference will be held in the "Windy City" a.k.a. Chicago, IL, from Aug 3-6, 2011, at the Hilton Chicago. Further details will be posted on the National BDPA website when available.

The national conference is an annual forum dedicated to joining IT Professionals with the latest technology advances, and career and professional development opportunities. The mission is to provide access to the most innovative concepts in emerging technologies, theories, research and education.

The 2011 Conference may be a few months from now, however National BDPA is providing the great incentive to register early with discounted early bird registration. The early bird registration rates are \$350 for members and \$550 for non-members. To get this discount, you must register by **11:59 pm on December 31, 2010**.

Please visit <https://map.bdpa.org/events/EV04EventDetail.aspx?eventID=1479> for more information on the 2011 National Conference and to register. See you in Chicago!

The New York Chapter of BDPA invites you to attend...

2010 Holiday Party
& SITES FUNDRAISER
 Friday, December 17, 2010
 6pm til 9pm
 Promenade 215 W. 28th St NYC
 Tickets: \$25 plus \$1.61 fee (Online)
\$30 at the door

Music and Food Provided by Fabulous Entertainment
 All proceeds will benefit BDPA New York's Student Information Technology Education Scholarship (SITES) Program
 Buffet Served until 8:30 pm
 2 For 1 Drink Specials

Purchase tickets @ 2010bdpanyholidayparty.eventbrite.com



New York Area IT/Professional Events: December 2010–February 2011

December 16

NYTech Holiday Networking Party

Hosted by New York Technology Council

6:00pm–8:00pm

Houndstooth
520 8th Ave
New York, NY

Tickets: \$40 NYTech Members, \$65 Non-Members

For more info and to register please visit: www.nytech.org/event-details.php?eid=1020

January 20

Digital Privacy Forum

Hosted by Mediabistro.com, SocialTimes, and AllFacebook

The New Yorker Hotel
481 8th Avenue

New York, NY

For more info and to register please visit www.mediabistro.com/digitalprivacyforum/
February 7-11, 2011

Social Media Week

For more info please visit socialmediaweek.org/newyork/

February 8, 2011

IT Roadmap Conference & Expo

8:30 am–4:00 pm
Javits Convention Center
655 West 34th St
New York, NY 10001

For more info and to register please visit www.itroadmap.net/ehome/index.php?eventid=16386

In the Community: December 2010 –February 2011



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15th Annual Black Nutcracker December 16

Apollo Theater
New York, NY

For more info, or to purchase tickets please visit

www.ticketmaster.com/The-15th-Annual-Black-Nutcracker-tickets/artist/1521878



Rainbow PUSH 13th Annual Wall St Project

"A More Perfect Union: Time to Rebuild America"

January 11-14, 2011

Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers
New York, NY

For more info or to register please visit: www.rainbowpush.org/pages/14th_economic_summit



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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

January 17, 2011

Various Service Events Throughout New York City

For more information and to locate a service project visit mlkday.gov



The Web Academy Winter Semester 2010 *Free Courses*

Registration Deadline: February 15, 2011

For more info and to register visit thewebacademy.org/registration

webacademy.org



*Happy Holidays
and
Happy New
Year!
From
BDPA New York*



Photo Gallery

2010 Scholarship and Awards Dinner—November 10, 2010, Brooklyn, NY



1. New York State CIO, Melodie Mayberry-Stewart, PhD (2nd from left), poses with three of the student honorees, from left to right: Georgina Sealy, Nicholas Reid, and Kevin Castillo
2. The Honorees pose with President Judaea Yarde Lane, from left to right: Kevin Castillo, Nicholas Reid, Karen Smith (JP Morgan Chase), Georgina Sealy, Michael L Williams (UBS), Kristin Kelly Jangraw (Yahoo! Employee Foundation), Khadijah Celestine, Scottie Leaks (DELBAC, Inc)
3. Brooklyn Council Member Letitia James
4. Andrew Carr (l) of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition poses with BDPA-New York VP of Membership Management Renetta English (r)

Photo Gallery

2010 Scholarship and Awards Dinner—November 10, 2010, Brooklyn, NY (continued)



5. President Judaea Yarde Lane, with board members from other professional organizations in attendance. From left to right: David Hanley, *National Association of African Americans in Human Resources (NAAHR)*, Daniel Worell, *National Association of Black Accountants (NABA)*, and Brian Midgette of the *National Black MBA Association (NBMBAA)*, representing New York NBMBAA President Derrick Bryant.
6. BDPA NY Presidents, Past and Present, from left to right: Judaea Yarde Lane, George Mason, Renee McClure, and Antonio Codrington
7. Renee McClure, former BDPA-New York and National BDPA President, poses with her husband and New York State CIO
8. Executive Board of BDPA-New York poses with Wayne Hicks (far right), Executive Director, BETF. From left to right: Denise Hamilton, Roxanne Clinton, Cheri Jack, Judaea Yarde Lane, Damon Holmes, Danielle Caughen, Renetta English (not pictured: Wanda Jackson, Jasmine Miller, Cheryl).



Student & Youth Opportunities

Gates Millennium Scholarships for Minorities



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The *Gates Millennium Scholarship Program* was established by Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft, and his wife Melinda Gates. This scholarship is aimed at increasing minority representation in certain technical fields, by providing financial assistance to exceptional minority students. Eligible students must be graduating high school seniors, with a GPA of 3.3 and above, who have demonstrated leadership ability, participated in community service, and have financial need. The deadline to apply for the 2011 scholarship is **January 10, 2011**. For more information and to apply, please visit: <http://www.gmsp.org/>.

Jackie Robinson Foundation



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Founded by Rachel Robinson, the widow of the late baseball pioneer Jackie Robinson, the *Jackie Robinson Foundation* aims to assist minority students through the granting of four-year scholarships for higher education. The annual scholarship program consists of scholarship awards of \$7500 per year as well as a leadership program for scholarship recipients. Applicants must be a minority graduating high school senior with demonstrated academic achievement, and leadership potential. The deadline to apply for the 2011 scholarship is **March 15, 2011**. For more information and to apply please visit: www.jackierobinson.org/apply/programs.php

BDPA Oracle Scholarship



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The BDPA Oracle Scholarship, established in 2009 by Oracle, is a scholarship exclusively for active BDPA student members who are graduating high school seniors or current college students. Students must be active members of a BDPA Chapter, majoring/or have a desire to major in Engineering, Computer and Information Science, Computer Engineering or Mathematics and have a minimum 3.0 grade point average at the time of applying. The deadline has been extended to **December 17, 2010**. For more information and to apply please visit www.bdpa.org/DOCS/Oracle_BDPA_Scholarships_2010.pdf

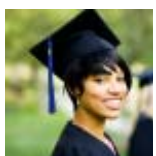
Ron Brown Scholarship Program



RonBrown.org

The *Ron Brown Scholarship Program* was established in 1996 in memory of the late Ronald H. Brown, the first African American Secretary of Commerce. This annual scholarship program seeks out high achieving African-American graduating seniors, who have demonstrated leadership, academic achievement, community service, and financial need, pursuing any academic field. This is a highly competitive scholarship, with up to only 20 students selected as scholars annually, out of hundreds of applications. The final deadline is **January 9, 2011**. For more information and to apply, please visit <http://www.ronbrown.org>.

Google Anita Borg Memorial Scholarship



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The *Google Anita Borg Memorial Scholarship*, established in memory of the late Anita Borg, founder of the Institute of Women in Technology and leader in technology, is aimed at encouraging women to pursue careers in computing and technology. The scholarship is awarded to outstanding female students who will be graduating seniors or in a graduate program in the 2011-2012 academic year. All scholarship recipients and finalists are invited to attend the annual Google Scholars' Retreat in Mountain View, CA, home of the Google headquarters. The deadline to apply is **February 1, 2011**. For more information and to apply, please visit groups.google.com/anitaborg/.



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About BDPA

Founded in 1975 by Earl Pace and the late David Wimberly, BDPA (formerly Black Data Processing Associates) is a premier networking organization for minorities and IT professionals alike. BDPA is a global, member focused organization that positions its members at the forefront of the IT industry. We are committed to delivering value to our members strategic partners, and to the community. BDPA-NY aspires to be a leading chapter in the national BDPA organization. Our members include individuals who are employed with corporations, government agencies, educational institutions, entrepreneurs, as well as high school and college students.

The New York Chapter is the 5th largest chapter of BDPA. Chartered in September 1982, our chapter has successfully reached out to our community through networking, education programs, seminars, workshops, and the annual conferences. Also, we serve as community partner for the Community Technology Centers and engage everyone to learn about technology, careers, and higher education.

2010–2011 BDPA-New York Event Calendar

December	May	December
December 17: Holiday Party & SITES Fund-raiser	Date TBD: Program Meeting-CIO/CTO Forum	Date TBD: Holiday Party & SITES Fundraiser
January	Date TBD: Meet & Greet	<i>Program Meeting topics are tentative and subject to change based on speaker availability.</i>
January 20: Meet & Greet the New Executive Board	June	
February	June 6–13: Internet Week NY	<i>Program Meetings begin at 6:30pm. Location/Date info will be posted on our website when available.</i>
February 13-19: Black Family Technology Awareness Week	Date TBD: Meet & Greet	
March	Date TBD: Program Meeting:-Employment & Branding Forum	
Date TBD: Program Meeting- IT and Emergency Management Forum	August	<i>To attend a meeting/event it's extremely important to RSVP to info@bdpa-ny.org. Please visit www.bdpa-ny.org/events.htm for up-to-date information on all our events.</i>
April	August 3 –6: National BDPA Conference, Chicago, IL	
Date TBD: Program Meeting- Role of IT in US Census	October	
	National Cyber Security Awareness Month	
	November	
	Date TBD: Program Meeting–Mobile Technology	

