



New York Chapter



Summer 2011



**Inside this issue:**

- 15th Annual Scholarship & Awards Dinner **1**
- 2011 National Conference **1**
- B. Smith Accepts Community Award **1**
- President's Message **2**
- Free Summer Events **3**
- Professional /Tech Events **4**
- In the Community **4**
- 2011 Best Companies for Blacks in Technology **5**
- BDPA NY President Honored at 2011 Salute to Professional Women **6**
- Student/Youth Opportunities **6**
- Upcoming Events **7**

**BDPA New York to Host 15th Annual Scholarship & Awards Dinner**



*istockphoto.com*

The New York Chapter of BDPA is excited to invite members and supporters to our 15th Annual Scholarship & Awards Dinner, to be held on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm, at UBS, 299 Park Ave, New York, NY.

The purpose of the dinner, sponsored by UBS, is to recognize the outstanding contributions of our 2010-2011 corporate sponsors as well as award scholarships to our BDPA Student Information Technology Education Scholarship (SITES) students. SITES is a program designed to develop the next generation of IT Professionals,

and encourage African American youths to explore careers in such traditionally underrepresented fields as Computer Science and Information Technology. To date, the New York Chapter has awarded over \$50,000 to deserving New York City area students to pursue their college educations. The chapter will also honor the first recipients of the newly created Small Business Innovator (SBI) and Outstanding Member awards. The honorees are as follows:

- Corporate Sponsor of the Year**  
UBS
- Corporate Sponsor**  
JP Morgan Chase
- Small Business Innovators**  
Eric Hamilton, *CEO/Founder*, AdSmoke, *Founder*, The Web

- Academy**  
Sabrina Lamb, *CEO/Founder*, WorldofMoney.org
- Outstanding Member**  
Bilal Muhammed, PhD, *The McGraw Hill Companies*
- BDPA New York Scholarship Awardees**  
BDPA New York SITES Students

The keynote address will be delivered by Carla Taylor-Ogunrinde, Information Technology VP, Met Life, incorporating the event theme of "Innovating our Future". For ticket and/or journal ad purchase and for more information please visit [2011bdpanyawards.eventbrite.com/](http://2011bdpanyawards.eventbrite.com/), email [pres@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:pres@bdpa-ny.org), or call 212-802-5341.

**Last Call for 2011 National Conference**



In less than two months, the "Windy City", a.k.a. Chicago, IL, is set to be host for the 2011 National BDPA Conference, to be held from Aug 3-6, 2011, at the Hilton Chicago. 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 official conference agenda can be accessed at [http://www.bdpa.org/?page=2011\\_Agenda](http://www.bdpa.org/?page=2011_Agenda)

It is not too late to register for the conference. Pre-registration rates are \$450 for members and \$550 for nonmembers. Please visit <http://www.bdpa.org/?page=Conference2011> to register. See you in Chicago!

*Submitted by Danielle Cauthen*

**B. Smith Accepts Community Award from BDPA-NY**



In April, BDPA NY was pleased to present B. Smith with a Community Award for the support the New York City location of her namesake restaurant, *B. Smith's*, has provided the chapter. Pictured from left-to-right: Jasmine Crosby-Miller, Renetta English, B. Smith, Cheryl Nedwell, and Andrew Carr



## President's Message



Dear BDPA Members and Supporters,

Can you believe it!! It is already June and I have enjoyed, for the past six months, being the President of the BDPA New York Chapter.

In January, I ran on an 8-point platform that focused on our professional members, small business owners and students. As you know, we are a volunteer organization; I along with the Executive board are passionate about BDPA and have spent many, many hours planning programs to ensure that in the New York area, BDPA remains the premiere organization for Information Technology professionals.

The following are BDPA New York's Accomplishments for mid-year 2011 :

### Membership

- Sponsored very successful monthly Meet and Greet / Networking/ Membership Drives in January, February and March
- Participated in 3 career fairs (College and Professional) to recruit new members

### Community Service

- Coordinated and participated in activities to celebrate 2011 Black Family Technology Awareness Week at Abundant Life Christian Center in Brooklyn, NY Week, including providing workshops on Cyber Security / Cyber Bullying, Careers in Gaming, Communication Skills, Military Careers, and Financial Literacy
- Presented B. Smith of B. Smith's Restaurant the Community Supporter Award
- Provided speakers for Computers for Youth, No Limit Career Day, NPower, Blacks at Microsoft Minority Day, Access for Women, Abundant Life Ministries, and panels for Social Media Week and Career Fairs.

### Communication

- Created the BDPA New York YouTube Channel - [www.youtube.com/user/bdpanewyork](http://www.youtube.com/user/bdpanewyork)
- Interviewed by BlackSciFi, Caribbean Classroom and Bric Arts Media – Brooklyn Independent Television
- Article Published in *Diversity Careers in Engineering & Information Technology* magazine

### Fundraising/Scholarships

- Awarded \$2,500 dollars in scholarships and \$5,000 for the SITES / IT Showcase program from our Corporate Sponsor of the Year UBS
- Collected over \$500.00 from Meet and Greet
- Received \$2000 Grant from J.P Morgan Chase
- Received \$500 Grant from the Honda Foundation, via BETF
- Received \$500 Grant from Career Communications Group for BFTAW as well as the following in kind donations: Best Buy, Palo Alto Software, Trader Joe's, Costco, Abundant Life Christian Center and Microsoft, CUNY, HSBC, IT Interop, and Web 2.0 Expo
- Several BDPA members and supporters donated to the chapter through Crowdwise: [www.crowdwise.com](http://www.crowdwise.com)

### Education

- Coordinated Technology Exposition of our IT Showcase Program during BFTAW
- Sponsored SITES IT Showcase students to present at the upcoming BDPA Regional Conference in Bowie State, MD
- HSCC Alumni received 2011 summer internships from UBS and will receive scholarships from BDPA and UBS at the 15th Annual Awards Dinner
- Met with New York College of Technology, CUNY John Jay, Metropolitan College, and Pace University to discuss meeting space and developing a membership pipeline for the SITES program

### Professional Services

- Sponsored successful program meeting in March on "Obtaining Federal and City Contracts for Small Business Own-

ers"

- Submitted 2010 Chapter of the Yearbook for the 2011 National BDPA Conference Chapter of the Yearbook Award

### Partnerships

- Continued partnerships with SmallBiz Technology, Wall Street Project, In-Wem, NAAHR, NABA and Black MBAs
- Contributed over \$400 to Non-Profit or Community Service Organizations

BDPA New York members, I would like you to ask yourself the following questions:

- Are you truly an active member?
- Have you renewed your membership if currently inactive?
- What committees are you willing to share your gifts and talents?
- Are you attending our monthly networking events and program meetings?
- Have you volunteered to be a speaker at one of our meetings?
- Have you volunteered as a mentor for our SITES program?
- Are you supporting our fundraisers?
- Have you applied for jobs received via email or on [BDPA.org](http://BDPA.org)?
- Have you registered for the conference in Chicago?

After answering those questions, you should have all of the answers to the famous question: What is in it for me?

Please contact me at [pres@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:pres@bdpa-ny.org) or (212) 802-5341 so we can discuss how you can play an active role in the success of our chapter, and if you have any other questions or concerns.

Lastly, I look forward to seeing you at our June 29<sup>th</sup> Scholarship and Awards Dinner at UBS. Have a great summer.

*Renetta English*  
President, BDPA New York



## Summer in the City: Free Summer Events

**June 17-September 2**

**Good Morning America Summer Concert Series**

7:00 am—9:00 am

**Various Performers**

Rumsey Playfield

Central Park

New York, NY

For more info visit

[abcnews.go.com/GMA/SummerConcert/](http://abcnews.go.com/GMA/SummerConcert/)

**June —September**

**Central Park's 2011 SummerStage**

Various Performers, Locations, and Dates/Times

For more info visit [www.summerstage.org](http://www.summerstage.org)

**June—August**

**River to River Summer 2011 Festival**

Various events, dates, and times

Throughout Lower Manhattan

For more info visit

[www.rivertorivernyc.com/events/index.php](http://www.rivertorivernyc.com/events/index.php)

**July -August**

**Martin Luther King Jr Concert Series**

Various performers and dates/times

Wingate Field

Brooklyn, NY

For more info visit

[www.brooklynconcerts.com/mlk.html](http://www.brooklynconcerts.com/mlk.html)

**June—August**

**BAM R&B Festival**

Various Performers, dates, times

MetroTech Center

Brooklyn, NY

For more info visit <http://www.bam.org/view.aspx?pid=283>

**Shakespeare in the Park**

Central Park

**Measure for Measure**

June 6-July 30

All's Well that Ends Well

**June 11-July 27**

**Performances by Public Theater**

Delacorte Theater

Central Park

New York, NY

For more info visit

[www.shakespeareinthepark.org/](http://www.shakespeareinthepark.org/)

**Riverside Park**

**The Merry Wives of Windsor**

June 5-June 26

6:30 pm

**Performances by Hudson Warehouse**

Riverside Park

West 89th and Riverside Drive

New York, NY

For more info visit

[www.riversideparkfund.org/calendar/](http://www.riversideparkfund.org/calendar/)

**July 11-28**

**Metropolitan Opera Recital Series**

Various Parks, Dates, & Times

New York, NY

For more info visit [www.metoperafamily.org/](http://www.metoperafamily.org/metopera/news/features/detail.aspx?id=8590)

[metopera/news/features/detail.aspx?id=8590](http://www.metoperafamily.org/metopera/news/features/detail.aspx?id=8590)

**Sep. 2-5**

**2011 West Indian Day Parade & Carnival**

Various Events leading up to Parade on Labor Day

(Sep. 5)

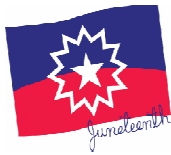
Brooklyn, NY

For more info visit [www.wiadca.com](http://www.wiadca.com)





## In the Community: June-August 2011



**June 18**  
**Juneteenth Celebration**  
 12:00pm-5:00pm  
 Free admission  
 Langston Hughes Community Li-

brary  
 100-01 Northern Blvd  
 Corona, NY  
 For more info visit  
[www.libraryactioncommittee.org/cultural-arts-program/upcoming-events/](http://www.libraryactioncommittee.org/cultural-arts-program/upcoming-events/)



**June 21**  
**Caribbean-American Heritage Month Celebration**  
 5:30pm-7:30pm  
 Free admission  
 Hosted by NYC Comptroller John Liu

Surrogate's Courthouse  
 31 Chambers St  
 New York, NY  
 For more info and to RSVP visit  
[comptroller.nyc.gov/bureaus/pla/events.shtm](http://comptroller.nyc.gov/bureaus/pla/events.shtm)



**July 31-August 30**  
**Harlem Week**  
 Various events throughout Harlem  
 New York, NY

For more info visit [harlemweek.com](http://harlemweek.com)

## No Limits Career Day



Renetta English (c) with BDPA members Glen Greene (l), and Bilal Muhammad, PhD (r) at the BDPA table at *No Limits Career Day*, held April 9 at the Thurgood Marshall Academy, in Harlem.

## Professional/IT Events: June–August 2011

**June 23**  
 6:00 pm  
**NYTECH Summer Networking Party**  
 Local West  
 1 Penn Plaza  
 New York, NY

For more info and to register visit [www.nytech.org/2011-summer-networking-party](http://www.nytech.org/2011-summer-networking-party)

**July 27-28**  
**DevCon5**  
 HTML5 Development Confer-

ence  
 Kimmel Center  
 New York University  
 For more info and to register visit [html5.tmcnet.com/conference/newyork/](http://html5.tmcnet.com/conference/newyork/)

**Aug 2-4**  
**SpeechTek 2011**  
 Marriott Marquis  
 New York, NY  
 For more info and to register visit  
[www.speechtek.com/2011](http://www.speechtek.com/2011)

## BDPA NY Wishes SITES Students Good Luck at the Regional Conference



The chapter wishes the SITES students, pictured here in a practice session, good luck in the Regional IT Showcase Competition in Bowie, MD on June 18!

## BDPA Member Guest Lectures at NPower



BDPA member Terence Hall guest lectures at NPower, a non-profit organization bringing IT services to other non-profits, and training young adults in technology, on the topic of Unified Communications




  
 cordially invites you to celebrate our

**15th Annual  
Scholarship & Awards Dinner**  
 "Innovating our Future"

**Wednesday, June 29, 2011**  
 5:30 pm - Wine Reception  
 6:30 pm - Awards Dinner

UBS  
 299 Park Ave  
 New York, NY

**Tickets: \$60\***  
 \*plus \$2.49 Eventbrite Fee

**Keynote Address by Carla Taylor-Ogunrinde, VP, Met Life**

**Honoring**  
 UBS  
 JPMorgan Chase  
 Eric Hamilton, Founder, *The Web Academy*, CEO/Founder, *AdSmoke*  
 Sabrina Lamb, CEO/Founder, *World of Money*  
 Bilal Muhammed, *The McGraw Hill Companies*  
 BDPA New York Scholarship Awardees

**Business Attire**

RSVP and purchase tickets at  
[2011bdpanyawards.eventbrite.com](http://2011bdpanyawards.eventbrite.com)

## 2011 Best Companies for Black in Technology



In early June, National BDPA, along with *WorkforceDiversity.com*, announced the 2011 Best Companies for Blacks In Technology Awards.

The winners for 2011 are:

- Allstate Insurance
- American Airlines,
- BlueCross BlueShield of IL, NM, OK, & TX
- Intel
- Johnson & Johnson
- Merck
- Northrop Grumman
- State Farm Insurance
- Wal-Mart Stores
- WellPoint
- Wells Fargo

These companies will receive the prestigious BDPA Epsilon Award, an award presented annually by National BDPA to those companies that most promote a work environment supporting the advancement of African-Americans in IT. The awards will be presented at the 33rd Annual NBDPA Conference in Chicago, IL from Aug 3-6. According to National BDPA president, Yvette Graham, "These companies deserve special recognition for promoting a significant number of African Americans into their IT management ranks and for their outstanding community outreach and minority vendor programs."

To read the official press release visit <http://www.tnj.com/press-releases/national-bdpa-and-workplacediversitycom-announce-winners-2011-best-companies-blacks-t>

## BDPA NY Chapter President Honored at Salute to Professional Women



In celebration of Women's History Month, BDPA NY President Renetta English, was awarded the *Chairman's Organizational Leadership Award*, as one of the honorees at The Professional Network's 10th Annual Salute to Professional Women, on March 24, 2011. This award program, first implemented in 2001, is held annually by The Professional Network to recognize those role models working for a better quality of life in the New York City community.

*Pictured from left to right: Moira Jack, Carol Anthony, Judea Yarde Lane, Bilal Muhammad, Renetta English, Danielle Cauthen, Denise Hamilton, and Jasmine Crosby-Miller*



## Student & Youth Opportunities

### 2011 Free Summer Meals for Children in New York City



iStockPhoto

The New York City Department of Education provides free breakfast and lunch throughout summer vacation (from June 29–September 2, 2011) for all New York and non-New York residents aged 18 and under. Meals are served at various public schools, parks, and pools in all five boroughs. No id or registration is required. For more information visit [www.opt-osfns.org/osfns/default.aspx](http://www.opt-osfns.org/osfns/default.aspx).

### New York Film Academy 3 Week 3D Animation Academy



The 3D Animation Academy is a hands-on, intensive 3D Animation Camp for students ages 14-17. 3D Animation is the fastest growing creative technology in the world. Students in the 3-D Computer Animation High School camp program will write, animate, direct and edit their own computer animated short films. The camp program is designed for students with little or no experience in animation. The 2011 camp runs from Jul 24, 2011–August 13, 2011. For more info and to register visit [http://www.nyfa.edu/summer\\_camp/programs/animation/3week\\_animation.html](http://www.nyfa.edu/summer_camp/programs/animation/3week_animation.html)

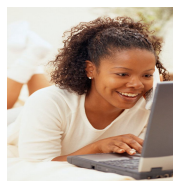
### New York Summer Internal Drive (iD) Tech Camps



iStockPhoto

iD Tech Camps offers summer computer camps for kids and teens (ages 7-17) at 60 universities in the United States and Canada. In the New York City area, the colleges offering these camps are Adelphi University, in Garden City, NY, Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, NY, and Fordham, Columbia, and New York Universities, in New York City. Depending on the location, iD Tech Camps offers 2D & 3D Video Game Camps, Programming Camps, Robotics Camps, Web Design Camps, Flash Animation Camps, and Movie Editing Camps. To learn more and sign up for a camp, visit <http://www.internaldrive.com/courses-programs/>

### CUNY 2011 College Now Summer Programs



iStockPhoto

College Now, a free program designed to prepare New York City's public high school students for college, offers over 30 summer programs in a range of subjects, including math and science. Eligibility/academic requirements vary per program, however all students must be enrolled in a New York City public high school. All summer programs are free and metrocards/lunch vouchers are usually provided. For more information visit [http://collegenow.cuny.edu/courses\\_events/summer/](http://collegenow.cuny.edu/courses_events/summer/)



**BDPA-NY Contact Information BDPA-New York 2011 Executive Board**

**BDPA NY Chapter**  
**PO Box 808**  
**Murray Hill Station**  
**New York, NY 10156-0808**

Phone: 212-802-5431  
 Fax: 212-591-6093  
 Email: [info@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:info@bdpa-ny.org)  
 Website: [www.bdpa-ny.org](http://www.bdpa-ny.org)



*Advancing Careers from the Classroom to the Boardroom*

- President.....Renetta English ([pres@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:pres@bdpa-ny.org))
- VP of Finance.....Wanda Jackson ([vpf@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:vpf@bdpa-ny.org))
- VP of Strategy & Planning.....Alain Leroy ([vsp@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:vsp@bdpa-ny.org))
- VP of Communications.....Danielle Cauthen ([comm@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:comm@bdpa-ny.org))
- Director of Professional/Tech Development....Damon Holmes ([profdev@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:profdev@bdpa-ny.org))
- Director of Education/Community Outreach.....Denise Hamilton ([educ@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:educ@bdpa-ny.org))
- Director of IT Showcase.....Carol Anthony ([itshowcase@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:itshowcase@bdpa-ny.org))
- Director of External Support .....Evelyn Poole
- Immediate Past President.....Judaea Yarde Lane ([pastpres@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:pastpres@bdpa-ny.org))
- Black Family Technology Awareness Week**
- Chair.....Cheryl Nedwell ([bftaw@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:bftaw@bdpa-ny.org))
- Co-Chair.....Damon Holmes ([bftaw@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:bftaw@bdpa-ny.org))

**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.

**BDPA-New York Upcoming Events**

**June 18**  
**BDPA Regional Conference**  
 Bowie, MD

*Program Meeting topics are tentative and subject to change based on speaker availability.*

**June 29**  
**Annual Scholarship & Awards Banquet**  
 UBS  
 299 Park Ave  
 New York, NY

*Program Meetings begin at 6:00pm. Location info will be posted on our website when available.*

**August 3-6**  
**National BDPA Conference**  
 Chicago, IL

*To attend a meeting/event it's extremely important to RSVP to [pres@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:pres@bdpa-ny.org). Please visit [www.bdpa-ny.org/events.htm](http://www.bdpa-ny.org/events.htm) for up-to-date information on all our events.*



**October**  
**National Cyber Security Awareness Month**