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Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to everyone gathered at the BDPA-New York Chapter's *Scholarship & Recognition Award Ceremony*.

Since 1982, BDPA-New York has been a vital and versatile resource to the metropolitan community, empowering minorities, youth, and those in the IT field toward professional advancement and development. Through networking, education programs, seminars, workshops, and annual conferences, BDPA-NY members gain the skills, confidence, support, and opportunities they need to thrive in an increasingly technological world.

BDPA-NY has long been a leader in youth development, inspiring and preparing high school and college students for success through its brilliant Student Information Technology Education and Scholarship (SITES) Program. Tonight's event acknowledges the great work of those students and announces this year's BDPA-NY scholarship recipients, who have distinguished themselves through exceptional drive and leadership.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, I applaud this year's scholarship recipients and SITES students for your commitment to excellence, and commend BDPA-NY as well its many dedicated volunteers, community partners, and sponsors for your leadership and many valuable contributions to the Empire State.

With warmest regards, and best wishes for a wonderful evening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David A. Paterson".

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