



New York Chapter

Summer 2008



June Program Meeting Summary

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The BDPA June program meeting was held jointly with the NY Chapter of NSBE (National Society of Black Engineers). The topic was Project Management and was hosted by NSBE member D'Sunte L. Wilson, CCNA, PMP. D'Sunte is a certified Project Manager who travels extensively providing training for such high profile clients as Boeing, Unisys, and Xerox. He resides in LA and was here on business and was able to find the time to present to the combined NSBE / BDPA NY chapter members. The content of D'Sunte's presentation was both informative and relevant for all present.

D'Sunte's presentation focused on the many benefits

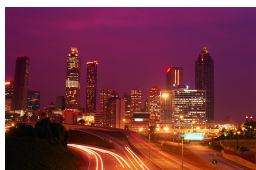
of PM certification, namely that certified PMs demand and often receive a higher salary than those not certified. He also highlighted that many companies are requiring that their PMs become certified and that hiring managers are increasing only looking for PMs with the certification. He was also able to identify many resources that are available to those that were interested in becoming certified. Most importantly, the Project Management Institute, or PMI, is the organization that offers the certification exam and has several chapters across the US that hold meetings and forums for project managers. D'Sunte also mentioned that PM certification is atypical in that you

have to maintain your certification by attending courses and seminars to earn credits. Attending the local chapter meeting of PMI is one of the ways to earn the credits needed to maintain your certification. D'Sunte walked us through his web site which has information on obtaining a PM certification and recommended several books that were useful for anyone seeking certification.



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2008 National BDPA Conference - August 6 - 9, Atlanta, GA July Program Meeting



Atlanta, GA skyline

The 2008 National BDPA Conference is fast approaching! This year's conference will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, from

August 6 through August 9, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

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 early registration deadline has passed. However you may still register up to the start of the conference.

Please visit <https://map.bdpa.org/events/EV04EventDetail.aspx?eventID=1252> for more information on the 2008 National Conference and to register. See you in Atlanta!

Network with Wachovia Leadership Team

Thursday, July 24, 6:30 pm

Presentation by Jason Sydney

Q&A session with Wachovia Senior Management will follow presentation



375 Park Ave
New York NY 10152
 (E, V, or 6 train to 51st St)
 Please RSVP to hr@bdpa-ny.org to attend

HSCC/SITES Corner

BDPA New Jersey HSCC Regional Competition



HSCC Team pose with Denise Hamilton (l), BDPA-NY Director of Education

The BDPA-NY HSCC (High School Computer Camp) team competed in the BDPA New Jersey HSCC Regional Competition, at the Newark, NJ campus of New Jersey Institute of Technology, on May 31, 2008. The team came in 2nd place and was awarded 4 laptops from the BDPA New Jersey Chapter. HSCC Team Member Cazemba Richards provides a testimonial of his experience at the event: **(Continued on Page 3)**

BDPA Mid Atlantic HSCC Competition

The Mid-Atlantic HSCC Competition was held on June 21, 2008 at Bowie State University in Bowie, MD. The team came in 3rd place. Below is a summary of the event from HSCC team member Kiara Page:

"My name is Kiara Page and I am a proud member of the BDPA-NY chapter. I am part of the computer club in my school Medgar Evers College Preparatory School, and in this club we train for wonderful events like the Mid-Atlantic HSCC Competition held in Bowie, Maryland. After hard training, I was blessed to make the team that would go to Bowie and represent the NY chapter of BDPA. This was a great learning experience as well as an enjoyable one.

*The competition consisted of 3 sections. First, we had an oral competition in which my teammates and I answered questions about computer technology and BDPA history. Next, we had an individualized written (computerized) competition similar to the oral, **(Continued on Page 3)***



Students talk with Dr. Jesse Bemley (l), founder of BDPA HSCC

SITES Trip to UBS

The BDPA-NY SITES (Student Information Technology Education & Scholarship) Program took a very informative trip to UBS's Stamford, CT location on June 23, 2008. Below is a summary from SITES student Frantzy Jean Philippe regarding his experience at UBS:

The UBS trip was a wonderful experience. Meeting someone that used to be part of the BDPA-NY chapter has really showed me how lucky I am to be part of the BDPA and HSCC family. Furthermore, I was able to see how a company like UBS operates. The trading floor was definitely different from what I originally pictured it to be. It was relatively quiet compared to what I used to see in the movies.

The panelists that we had a chance to speak with really gave me some ideas on how to make sure that I get to where they are. I will certainly watch out for those organizations, like BDPA, that they had chance to be part of.

The UBS trip to Stamford, Connecticut gave me some real insight and some ideas on what I want to do with my life. I know up to this point that I want a major that will lead to an IT based kind of career, but now I am also considering



Students listening to presentation at UBS



HSCC/SITES Corner (continued)

BDPA New Jersey HSCC Regional Competition (continued)



HSCC team pose with laptops awarded to them

(continued from Page 2) "The BDPA-NJ Regional was a fun and learning experience for me. Even though I have experienced a similar event before such as the BDPA-DC National, I still have learned many new things and experienced new situations with another group of people. For example, I have learned teamwork strategies that can help a team win, such as listening to everyone's input and to keep the team integrity high at all times.

Another example, some of the fun experiences were meeting new people from my own chapter and the NJ chapter. Yet another example, I have built strong connections with the team members from my own chapter which can help for a good future. All in all my experience at the BDPA-NJ Regional has molded me for the future things to come."

BDPA Mid Atlantic HSCC Competition (continued)



HSCC Team on the Bowie State University campus

(continued from Page 2) where we continued to answer questions about IT and BPA history. Finally, we had to create a web application. My team used languages like HTML, MYSQL, JAVASCRIPT, and PHP.

In this competition, my team came in third place. We were happy that we won, but I was even happier that I learned so much about myself and my teammates. I learned that my team has good chemistry and that we really work well together. The most important thing I learned was that there is always room for improvement.

Aside from the competition, I had fun with the little downtime I had. During this time, I got a chance to meet and mingle with peers from other BDPA chapters. I would like to thank my trainers and coordinators, Ms. Denise Hamilton and Mr. Jonathan Destine for making this trip an enjoyable one."

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Student & Youth Opportunities

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BlackStudents.com is an online destination for African-American students providing a streamlined experience when locating and applying for scholarships and internships online. Each week the latest opportunities are posted on the site with links to apply directly to the program.

Some other features on the site include a free student loan calculator, PSAT/SAT secrets, a directory of Historically Black College/University profiles, and various articles answering student FAQs.

Dante Lee created the website back in 2003. He states, "Having put myself through college on scholarships and financial aid, I know how important it is for students to have access to this information. My personal search would have been that much easier if I had a tool like this when I was in high school."

BlackStudents.com also offers a weekly newsletter with scholarship and internship information that parents and students can receive in their email.

ITSMF Executive Protégé Program



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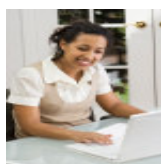
If you are looking for a way to build your leadership skills, seriously consider the *Executive Protégé Program (EPP)*. This program is the brainchild of the *Information Technology Senior Management Forum (ITSMF)*. ITSMF's mission is to fill the executive pipeline with the next generation of African American executives. One way that the mission is accomplished is through the *Executive Protégé Program*.

EPP is the only national mentoring program focused on cultivating executive talent among IT Professionals of color. 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

For additional information you can visit the ITSMF website at http://www.itsmfonline.org/mentoring_program/overview.php or call (630) 406-1918.

FAMU African-American Women in Computer Science (AAWCS) Scholarship



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The *African-American Women in Computer Science (AAWCS) Scholarship* is a four-year scholarship program, created by Jason Black, PhD, an Assistant Professor in the Computer Information Sciences program, and Edward Jones, PhD, Chair of the CIS program at Florida A&M University (FAMU). AAWCS provides scholarships and other assistance to African-American women with financial need and expressing great interest in Computer Science or IT, with a mission to increase the number of African-American females pursuing degrees in Computer Science and IT fields. The scholarship is between \$3000–\$5000 per semester, and will run from July 2008 - July 2012. For more information and to apply please contact Dr. Black at (850) 412-

7354 or jblack@cis.famu.edu. To read the complete article on the FAMU website please visit this link: <http://www.famu.edu/?a=headlines&p=display&news=602>



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About BDPA

Founded in 1975 by Earl Pace and the late David Wimberly, BDPA 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, 501(c)(6), is the 2nd largest chapter of 56 Chapters across the United States. 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.



Advancing Careers from the Classroom to the Boardroom

BDPA-NY Event Calendar: July–December 2008

July 24
Program Meeting
 Network with Wachovia Leadership Team Hosted by Wachovia
 375 Park Ave
 New York, NY 10152

August 6-9
National BDPA Conference
 Atlanta, GA

August 21
BDPA-NY Social Mixer

September 18
Program Meeting
 The Role of IT in Voting Machines

October 18
Program Meeting
 Social Software Web 2.0

November 20
Program Meeting
 Topic TBD

December (Date TBD)
BDPA-NY Holiday Mixer

Program Meetings begin at 6:30pm and are held (unless otherwise specified) at

National Urban League
 120 Wall St, 8th Floor
 New York, NY 10005

To attend a meeting/event it's extremely important to RSVP to hr@bdpa-ny.org

Please visit <http://www.bdpa-ny.org/events.htm> for up-to-date information on all our events.

