



New York Chapter



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## President's Message

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Happy Fall! I hope you had an enjoyable summer as we look forward to another eventful program year. I want to personally thank those members, who were able to stop by on Tuesday, August 31 for our General Membership Meeting at B. Smith's Restaurant in New York City. Highlights from the meeting are as follows:

### 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual BDPA National Conference

In the words of our National President, Yvette Graham, "We did it". This year's conference was enjoyed by all. Denise Hamilton, BDPA-NY Director of Education & Community Outreach and our 2010 Chapter Delegate shared with members

highlights from the conference such as:

- New bylaws were passed moving NBDPA toward regionalization by January 2012
- Career Coaching sessions were held, and PDU credits earned for Project Management workshops
- New York's team placed 6th at the 2010 High School Computer Competition (HSCC). Their technical performance was excellent and we are very proud of them. Denise noted that they were only 2 points away from 5<sup>th</sup> place!

Carol Anthony, one of our newest members, shared her experience attending the Career Fair and IT Showcase. At the

IT Showcase, our college student from New York, Khadijah Celestine, presented her research on the topic: *Artificial Intelligence in Unmanned Aerial Vehicles*. (Go to page 5 for photos from the Conference)

### Share a Business Minute

At the meeting, we spotlighted BDPA Member and Executive Director of The Web Academy, Eric Hamilton. This month approximately 800 registered attendees will have the opportunity to learn Wordpress through The Web Academy's free fall course. Also The Web Academy is starting a Pilot Program/Study Group for experienced web developers in Ruby on Rails. **(continued on page 2)**

## 2011 National BDPA Conference Early Bird Registration



It's not too early to start making plans to attend the 2011 National BDPA Conference. Next year's conference will be held in 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 \$450 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!

Submitted by Danielle Cauthen



**NYC Primary Election  
September 14**

**NYC General Election  
November 2**

For more info on candidates, poll sites, or to register to vote visit [www.nyc.gov/html/vac/](http://www.nyc.gov/html/vac/)

## President's Message continued

(continued from page 1) If you are serious and passionate about learning web development, then please enroll at [www.thewebacademy.org](http://www.thewebacademy.org).

At the meeting I reminded members that the biggest joy in belonging to BDPA comes from what you can give back to the organization and the community. Referencing a 2004 article written in *The Network Journal* entitled "Information Technology - The State of Affairs for Blacks" ([www.tni.com/archives/2004/sepember2004/industry\\_focus.php](http://www.tni.com/archives/2004/sepember2004/industry_focus.php)), I shared with members the importance of building a pipeline of future leaders in the IT industry. Therefore, we are asking members to volunteer and participate in projects like the 60-second Mentor Program. This project allows you the opportunity to attend colleges career fairs and

share with future technologists your career path and what you are currently doing.

Also, Did you know that October 2010 marks the 7th Annual *National Cyber Security Awareness Month* (NCSAM)? Cyber security threats are some of the most serious economic and national security challenges we face. America's competitiveness and economic prosperity in the 21st century will depend on effective cyber security. Please read the article "October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month", in this newsletter, for more info.

Lastly, members are reminded to vote in the upcoming September Primary Election and November General Election within your local voting district and to come out

and vote November 18th to select BDPA New York's new leadership. Remember you have the power to affect "Change" in the BDPA Administration. An official letter regarding the elections has been sent out to all members. Please read the article on page 4 for more info on our chapter elections.

If you are interested in any information shared at the meeting, or getting involved in upcoming events/meetings, send me an email at [pres@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:pres@bdpa-ny.org) or call 212-802-5341. You are also welcome to visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=55847293240](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=55847293240)

Technically Yours,

Judaea Yarde Lane  
President, BDPA-New York

## Committee Updates



**Education/ Community Outreach**  
**Denise Hamilton, Director**

In early August, our students had the chance to attend the 2010 TeraGrid Conference in Pittsburgh, PA. TeraGrid is an open scientific discovery infrastructure combining leadership class resources at eleven partner sites to create an integrated, persistent computational resource. Using high-performance network connections. The TeraGrid integrates high-performance computers, data resources and tools, and high-end experimental facilities around the country. You can find our young technologists in this picture on the TeraGrid website: <https://www.teragrid.org/web/events/tg10/student>.

Also special acknowledgement goes to UBS, Inc. where our SITES students interned this summer. Those students gained an invaluable experience working on real projects alongside top industry professionals. If you are interested in assisting with our SITES, HSCC, or other community service initiatives, please contact Denise Hamilton at [educ@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:educ@bdpa-ny.org).

**Communications**  
**Danielle Cauthen, Director**

The committee is planning to conduct more webinars for select program meetings. If you are interested in assisting with this effort please contact [comm@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:comm@bdpa-ny.org).

**Membership Management**  
**Renetta English, VP**

Since the inception of our monthly *Meet-N-Greets*, our membership has grown to 30%. Members are also encouraged to attend the following upcoming events:

- **Deloitte 2010 New York/New Jersey Diversity Networking Event**— Attendees will have an opportunity to learn about current career opportunities in Deloitte Consulting and network with consultants at all levels. The event will be held on **September 9th**, from 6:00 pm—9:00 pm, at 25 Broadway, New York, NY. Attendees must RSVP at [www.rsvpbook.com/event.php?429939](http://www.rsvpbook.com/event.php?429939)
- **STEM Diversity Career Expo**  
The STEM Diversity Career Expo, sponsored by Equal Opportunity Publications (EOP) is a free job fair focusing on recruiting professionals in the Sciences, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) career disciplines. It will be held on **September 16**, from 10AM to 4PM at the New Yorker Hotel, 481 8th Avenue, New York, NY. If you would like to represent BDPA-NY at the career fair please send an email to [yppmm@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:yppmm@bdpa-ny.org). If you are a job seeker interested in attending please register at [www.eop.com/stemexpo](http://www.eop.com/stemexpo).



Meet-n-Greet @ B.Smith's

September 15

5:30 pm

Join BDPA-NY for an evening of networking at B. Smith's restaurant.

\*Drink and Appetizer Specials

To RSVP, email [hr@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:hr@bdpa-ny.org) or call (212) 802-5431



## October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month



Courtesy [staysafeonline.org](http://staysafeonline.org)

Join BDPA-NY this October as we recognize *National Cyber Security Awareness Month*. Since 2004, October has been designated *National Cyber Security Awareness Month* (NCSAM), as a key initiative of the National Cyber Security Alliance. According to the National Cyber Security Alliance, NCSAM is a national public awareness campaign to encourage everyone to protect their computers and our nation's critical cyber infrastructure. The Alliance notes that the Internet is a shared resource and securing it is our shared responsibility.

BDPA-NY encourages members to get involved in NCSAM 2010, and is currently planning to recognize this month by engaging the community in various cyber security awareness events this upcoming October. Community events currently planned are as follows:

- **Thursday, October 14** - Winthrop Beacon III Community Center (6:00 PM to 9:00 PM)
- **Wednesday, October 27**- Rodham Senior Citizen Council @ Cornerstone Baptist Church (10:00 AM to 12:00 PM)

Further details and additional events will be posted on our website when available. For more information on *National Cyber Security Awareness Month*, including tips on how to ensure cyber security at home, at work, etc., please visit [www.staysafeonline.org](http://www.staysafeonline.org).

## BDPA Foundation Awarded \$25000 from Honda



In August 2010, The BDPA Education and Technology Foundation (BETF), was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the American Honda Foundation (AHF). The grant will be used to fund the Student Information Technology Education & Scholarship (SITES) program as well as assist all BDPA chapters with the preparation of students for the National High School Computer Competition, held annually at the National Conference. For the full press release please visit [www.betf.org/documents/pr1008-BETF\\_AHFgrant-Q.pdf](http://www.betf.org/documents/pr1008-BETF_AHFgrant-Q.pdf)

## Membership News

BDPA-NY wishes to recognize our new and renewed members for the summer months:

### New Members

#### June

Carol Anthony  
Carlin T. Swint

#### July

Stephen Mosley  
Jasper A. Ojongtambia  
Yolanda Harvey

### Renewed Members

#### June

Vinet I. Myrie  
Khadijah Celestine  
Kiara Page  
Nicholas Reid  
Cazemba Richards  
Alan Rosales  
Antonio Codrington

#### July

Michael L. Williams  
Eric Hamilton  
Kevin Castillo  
Frantz J. Phillipe

#### August

David R. Ricks

Submitted by Renetta English

## New York Area IT/Professional Events September - November 2010

### September 16

#### The Consultant to Image Consultants

Hosted by Women in Technology International (WITI)

6:00pm—8:00pm

Thomson Reuters  
195 Broadway  
New York, NY

For more info and to register please visit: [www.witi.com/newyork/meeting.php?id=2455](http://www.witi.com/newyork/meeting.php?id=2455)

### September 16

#### STEM Diversity Career Expo

Hosted by Equal Opportunity Publications

10:00 am—4:00 pm

The New Yorker Hotel  
481 8th Avenue  
New York, NY

For more info and to register please visit [www.eop.com/stemexpo](http://www.eop.com/stemexpo)

### September 23

#### Open Hardware Summit

9:00 am—6:00 pm

New York Hall of Science  
47- 01 111th St.  
Corona, NY

For more info and to register please visit: [www.openhardwaresummit.org](http://www.openhardwaresummit.org)

### September 27-30

#### Web 2.0 Expo New York

Sheraton New York  
811 7th Avenue  
New York, NY

For more info and to register, please visit [www.web2expo.com/webexny2010](http://www.web2expo.com/webexny2010)

### September 29

#### Technology, Engineering, and Security Clearance Career Fair

Hosted by Dice.com

11:00 am—3:00 pm

Radisson Martinique  
49 West 32nd Street  
New York, NY

For more info and to register visit [www.targetedjobfairs.com/tjf/events/detail.jsp?eventid=3402](http://www.targetedjobfairs.com/tjf/events/detail.jsp?eventid=3402)

### October 13-14

#### SATCON - The Satellite & Content Delivery Conference & Expo

Jacob Javits Center  
New York, NY

For more info and to register, please visit: [www.satconexpo.com](http://www.satconexpo.com)

### November 3-4

#### Ad Tech New York

Jacob Javits Center  
New York, NY

For more info and to register please visit: [www.ad-tech.com/ny/adtech\\_new\\_york.aspx](http://www.ad-tech.com/ny/adtech_new_york.aspx)

### November 15-17

#### Future of Web Design

New World Stages  
340 West 50th Street  
New York, NY

For more info and to register please visit: [futureofwebdesign.com/new-york-2010/](http://futureofwebdesign.com/new-york-2010/)



## BDPA-NY 2010-2011 Elections



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BDPA-NY will be holding elections for the following offices for 2010-2011:

- **President**
- **Vice President of Finance**

Our country is going through some turbulent times right now and "Change" is on the horizon with our new leadership. You will have the same opportunity to affect "Change" in the BDPA-NY Administration using your votes. To maximize this opportunity, we need you to nominate the most qualified and committed individuals who will take us through the "Change" to the next level.

You also have a chance to affect the direction and charter of the organization by reviewing the current By-laws and submitting suggestions for momentous changes to assist the organization in moving to the next level.

Bylaws and Forms are located on the BDPA-NY website –

- **By-laws** - [www.bdpa-ny.org/BDPA-NY%20bylaws.doc](http://www.bdpa-ny.org/BDPA-NY%20bylaws.doc)
- **Proposed By-Law Changes** - [www.bdpa-ny.org/Proposed%20Bylaw%20Amendments%20Table.pdf](http://www.bdpa-ny.org/Proposed%20Bylaw%20Amendments%20Table.pdf)

- **Nomination Form for President or VP of Finance** - [www.bdpa-ny.org/Official\\_Elections\\_Nomination\\_%20Form%202010%5B1%5D.pdf](http://www.bdpa-ny.org/Official_Elections_Nomination_%20Form%202010%5B1%5D.pdf)

Please refer to the By-laws for descriptions of the duties of the offices of President and VP of Finance.

The deadline for the submission of Proposed National By-law changes and nominations for candidates is **Friday, November 12, 2010 by 11:59 pm**. All proposed changes and nominations must be sent to [ebc@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:ebc@bdpa-ny.org). Chapter elections will be held on **Thursday, November 18** and only active members, as of **November 1**, may participate in voting. You can confirm your membership status by logging on to the BDPA Global MAP Database at <https://map.bdpa.org>.

If there are any questions, issues, or concerns, please feel free to contact Jasmine Miller either by phone at 212-802- or by email at [ebc@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:ebc@bdpa-ny.org).

Submitted by Judaea Yarde Lane

## In the Community: September-November 2010



Courtesy hbany.org

**41st Annual African American Day Parade**

**September 19**

**1:00 pm**

Harlem  
NYC

Parade starts at 1:00 pm and can be viewed along Adam Clayton Powell Blvd from W. 111th St to W. 142nd St. in Harlem.

For more info please visit:

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

**3:30 pm**  
Meadowlands Stadium  
East Rutherford, NJ

For more information or to buy tickets visit [www.nyulfootballclassic.com](http://www.nyulfootballclassic.com)



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**Avon Walk for Breast Cancer**

**October 16-17**  
Throughout New York

For more info or to sign up please visit:

[www.avonwalk.org/new-york](http://www.avonwalk.org/new-york)

**New York Cares Day**  
**October 23**  
**9:30 am—3:00 pm**  
Various schools throughout NYC

For more info and to sign up please visit [www.newyorkcaresday.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=429206](http://www.newyorkcaresday.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=429206)

**American Diabetes Association**  
**Step Out Diabetes Walk**

**October 24**

New York, NY

For more info or to sign up please visit [main.diabetes.org/site/TR/StepOut/GreaterNewYorkCityArea?pg=entry&fr\\_id=7224](http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/StepOut/GreaterNewYorkCityArea?pg=entry&fr_id=7224)

**WBLS/WLIB Circle of Sisters Expo**  
**October 30-31**

Jacob Javits Center  
New York, NY

For more info and to buy tickets please visit [www.circleofsisters.com](http://www.circleofsisters.com)



**The Web Academy**

[webacademy.org](http://webacademy.org)

**The Web Academy**  
**Fall Semester 2010**  
**September 21—**  
**October 19**

For more info and to register visit [thewebacademy.org/registration](http://thewebacademy.org/registration)

**New York Urban League**  
**39th Annual Football Classic**  
**September 25**



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**African Diaspora**  
**Film Festival**  
**November 26- Dec 14**  
New York, NY

For more info visit

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

## Photo Gallery

### 2010 National BDPA Conference, Philadelphia, PA July 28-31



1. BDPA-NY IT Showcase participant, Khadijah Celestine (c), with other students before the National BDPA Conference Awards Gala
2. BDPA-NY President Judaea Yarde Lane (r), poses with the 29th Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Gary Roughead (l), keynote speaker at the National BDPA Conference Awards Gala.
3. National BDPA Founder Earl Pace (c) with BDPA-Hampton Roads President Joseph McMahon (l) and BDPA-NY President Judaea Yarde Lane (r)
4. 2010 BDPA-NY HSCC team: Kevin Castillo (2nd from right), Cazemba Richards (far left), Alan Rosales (2nd from left) and Nicholas Reid (far right), with BDPA-NY member Michael Williams (c).

*Photos Courtesy Wanda Jackson*



# Photo Gallery

## 2010 National BDPA Conference, Philadelphia, PA (continued)



5. National BDPA President-Elect Monique Berry (l), BDPA-NY President Judaea Yarde Lane (c), and National BDPA President Yvette Graham (r)
6. BDPA-NY President Judaea Yarde Lane (l), poses with High School Computer Competition (HSCC) founder Dr. Jesse Bemley (c), and Denise Hamilton (r), BDPA-NY Director of Education & Community Outreach
7. Khadijah Celestine presents at IT Showcase
8. HSCC team posing with Wanda Jackson, BDPA-NY VP of Finance (2nd from left), HSCC instructor Jonathan Destine (far left), BDPA-NY President Judaea Yarde Lane (c), and BDPA-NY Director of Education Denise Hamilton (2nd from right)
9. BDPA-Delaware Chapter President Karen Smith (c) with IT Showcase winners Frederick Smith (l) and Marcus Smith (r)

*Photos courtesy Wanda Jackson*





## 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 2010 scholarship is **January 10, 2011**. For more information and to apply, please visit: <http://www.gmsp.org/>.

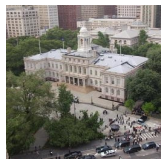
### Xerox Technical Minority Scholarships



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The *Xerox Technical Minority Scholarship Program* is an annual scholarship awarding \$1000-\$10000 to minority scholars majoring in various technical fields. Students must be already matriculated as a full time graduate or undergraduate student and have a 3.0 or better overall GPA. Students are selected for a scholarship based on financial need and overall academic achievement. The deadline to apply for the 2009 scholarship is **September 30, 2010**. Please visit [http://www.xerox.com/go/xrx/template/009.jsp?view=Feature&Xcstry=USA&Xlang=en\\_US&ed\\_name=Careers\\_Technical\\_Scholarship](http://www.xerox.com/go/xrx/template/009.jsp?view=Feature&Xcstry=USA&Xlang=en_US&ed_name=Careers_Technical_Scholarship) for more information and to download an application.

### New York City Urban Fellows Program



Nyc-architecture.com

The *Urban Fellows Program* is a paid New York City sponsored internship program aimed at introducing recent college graduates to the New York City local government. Program participants get an opportunity to gain experience in public service, through placement in various agencies throughout the city government, as well as participate in workshops and activities with other interns. To be eligible for the 2011-2012 program, applicants must have received a bachelor's degree no earlier than **Spring 2009**. The deadline to apply for the 2011-2012 internship program is **January 9, 2011**. For more information and to apply, please visit [http://home2.nyc.gov/html/dcas/html/employment/program\\_info.shtml](http://home2.nyc.gov/html/dcas/html/employment/program_info.shtml).

### 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 early deadline to apply for the 2011 scholarship is **November 1, 2010**, and the final deadline is **January 9, 2011**. For more information and to apply, please visit <http://www.ronbrown.org>.

### CUNY Graduate School Fair



City University of New York (CUNY) will be holding a Graduate School fair on **November 4, 2010** from 3:00 pm—7:00 pm. Come out to learn more about CUNY's 800+ Master's and Doctoral degree programs and over 200 Graduate Certificate programs in 150+ fields, as well as have the opportunity to speak with graduate admissions professionals from the following CUNY colleges: *Baruch College, Brooklyn College, The City College of New York, College of Staten Island, CUNY School of Law, The Graduate School & University Center, The Graduate School of Journalism, Hunter College, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Lehman College, Queens College, and the School of Professional Studies*. For more information and to register, please visit [www.cuny.edu/admissions/graduate/fair.html](http://www.cuny.edu/admissions/graduate/fair.html)



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**BDPA-New York 2010 Executive Board**

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- Immediate Past President**.....Jeffrey Kimble ([ipp@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:ipp@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.

**September-December 2010 BDPA-NY Event Calendar**

**September 15**  
**Meet-n-Greet @ B. Smith's**

**October 14**  
**National Cyber Security Awareness Month Event @ Winthrop Beacon**

**October 27**  
**National Cyber Security Awareness Month Event w/ Rodham Senior Citizen Council @ Cornerstone Baptist Church**

**November 10**  
**Scholarship Awards Banquet**

**November 18**  
**BDPA-NY Chapter Elections**  
**\*ACTIVE MEMBERS ONLY\***

**December (Date TBD)**  
**IT Holiday Mixer**

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

*Program Meetings begin at 6:30pm. Location info will be posted on our website when available.*

*To attend a meeting/event it's extremely important to RSVP to [hr@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:hr@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.*

