

BDPA Chicago Chapter 2009 Education Banquet

Featuring The CIO Circle Awards

Cultivating Relationships from the
BOARDROOM to the **CLASSROOM**





Background: About BDPA Chicago Chapter Educational Programs

For over 20 years, BDPA Chicago has been working to build a feeder pool of the next generation of African-American IT professionals while fostering the continuing professional development of its BDPA members.

BDPA Chicago Chapter offers community outreach programs at the elementary school and high school levels. This includes the Adopt-a-School, Adopt-a-Class, High School Computer Club and High School Computer Competition programs.



About BDPA Chicago Chapter Educational Programs

The highlight initiative is the High School Computer Competition where a team of students undergoes intensive training and is sent to the National BDPA Conference where they compete for scholarship funds with teams from over 50 BDPA Chapters nationwide.

In 2006, the BDPA Chicago Chapter won 1st place in this prestigious competition!



The BDPA Chicago Chapter Education Banquet

The Education Banquet is a major networking event for members, students, educators, community leaders, corporate supporters, corporate sponsors, dignitaries and celebrities to meet and fellowship.

The purpose of the banquet is to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of our student members, supporting and sponsoring corporations and community volunteers. This is the main fund raising event to support the chapter's education program budget for the year.



Benefits to Corporations who Invest & Partner with BDPA

BDPA Corporate Sponsorship programs are designed to offer corporations a standard way to invest in BDPA and they are predicated on the notion that corporations invest in BDPA as a means to meet their own corporate objectives.

Some of the reasons that corporations invest in BDPA are:

- Technical Development and Skill Enhancement
- Opportunities for Employee Development
- Recruiting Mechanism
- Community Recognition and Public Relations
- Networking Opportunities and Technology Exchanges
- Assist in Closing the Digital Divide



The CIO Circle

- Recognizing that our youth, from all walks of life and diverse backgrounds, aspire careers and opportunities in Information Technology, it is important that our industry's top, (C-Level) executives, have a part in raising awareness of growth potential to our next generation IT professionals and leaders.
- Providing our BDPA student honorees with visibility and direct accessibility through this networking event will enable them to learn more about, and better envision for themselves, the infinite possibilities within an IT career path.



CIO Circle Overview of Roles

- We are asking CIO's to honor local community-based organizations for their various programs and services that provide IT development or IT enhancement opportunities for youth.
- CIOs are requested to:
 - Attend the BDPA Chicago Chapter Education Banquet and present awards to students **and/or** :
 - Sponsor student honorees to attend.
 - Host students at your corporate table for warm chat, exposure and to cultivate a relatable experience.
 - Provide no more than 2-minutes of speaking points for personal remarks for presentation of awards, as a brief testimonial to encourage the students to pursue careers in Information Technology.



Community Organization Overview of Roles

- We are asking Community Program Partners and Administrators to attend the Education Banquet with their student honorees.
- Program Administrators are requested to:
 - Secure transportation and confirm logistics with students.
 - Prepare no more than a two-minute thank you on behalf of your group at award acceptance. One Administrator and or student will provide the acknowledgement remarks to the CIO and BDPA.
 - Occasionally monitor students if needed, to ensure they are having a positive experience at their table.



Participating Companies (*)

- Accenture: Robert Kress
- Allstate Insurance: Anthony Abbattista
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of IL: Brian Hedberg
- Chicago Public Schools: Arshele Stevens
- CNA Financial: Donny Lippard
- Hewitt Associates: Pushpendu Pal
- McDonald's: Dave Weick/Terrence Tapley
- Walgreen Company: Denise Wong

(*) confirmed companies, additional names to be included



CIO Circle Award Criteria

- Community-based organizations and youth programs with established qualitative and quantitative success metrics for creating IT awareness, exposure, and development and/or enhancement opportunities.
- Community organizations and programs that engage, cultivate, and maintain corporate relationships to better understand best practices and current trends in business and technology.
- Programs leveraging the benefits and partnership of executives, entrepreneurs and industry professionals to create accessibility and/or mentoring support to a diverse representation of community based youth groups, high-schools and grass roots programs.



2009 CAC CIO Circle Award Recipients

Make A Difference Youth Foundation

Johnnie Jones III Founder

Cristo Rey Jesuit High School

Jose Rodriguez, Program Administrator

i.c. Stars

Sandy Kastrul, President & Founder

Barrington H.S. Project Lead the Way Engineering Program

Bonnie Bjorkman, Department Chair

BDPA Chicago High School Computer Competition Group

Deborah DeVaughn, Education Director
Pamela Norfleet, Program Coordinator



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Make A Difference Youth Foundation

Johnnie Jones III Founder

Serving the Chicago Community Since: 1992

MADYF offers The Internet cafe combines three technology components utilizing laptops provided by BCBS of Illinois. Each evening students sign out laptops to use or research, to contact e-mentors (MADYF eMentoring program), or to contact eTutors (MADYF eTutoring program) and complete school assignments.

Historical Technology Program/Service Highlights:

Programs and Initiatives include: the PowerUp!Digital Heroes, (eMentoring with civic leaders and celebrities) ; Summer Technology Camp, Virtual College Tour Video Satellite Conferencing

Primary Target Group: College Bound H.S. Students

Sponsors:

Past and present include City of Chicago, Morgan Stanley, Blue Cross Blue Shield of IL, Polk Bros. Foundation, Gen. Colin Powell, People Magazine, Springboard Foundation and others.



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Cristo Rey Jesuit High School

Jose Rodriguez, Program Administrator

Serving the Community Since: 1996

Program Highlights: The Cristo Rey Work Study Programs enable all students to work five days a month in entry-level jobs in Chicago firms to fund 65% of the cost of their education. Currently, 106 corporations participate in the *Cristo Rey Corporate Internship Program (CIP)*. CIP combines two commonly used business concepts, employee leasing and job sharing.

Information Technology Exposure:

Work Study Placement within Information Technology departments, students work among IT professionals, participate in project activity and are inspired to pursue careers in IT from this early interaction and visibility.



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i.c. Stars

Sandy Kastrul, President & Founder

Serving the community since: 1999

Technology/Program Service Highlights:

A non-profit organization in Chicago for adults with a high school diploma or GED. Using project-based learning and full immersion teaching, i.c. stars provides an opportunity for change-driven, future leaders to develop skills in business and technology.

The group focuses on helping young parents trying to provide for their families, people with limited financial resources, those with a difficult background seeking a second chance in life, and those who have a passion to give back to their communities and positively impact the lives of others.

i.c. Stars' goal is to develop 1,000 Community Leaders by 2020.



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Barrington H.S. Engineering Program - PLTW

Bonnie Bjorkman, Department Chair

Project Lead The Way (PLTW) offers a dynamic high school program that provides students with real-world learning and hands-on experience. Students interested in engineering, biomechanics, aeronautics, and other applied math and science arenas will discover PLTW is an exciting portal into these industries.

Pathway To Engineering™, is a four-year course of study integrated into the students' core curriculum. The combination of traditional math and science courses with innovative courses prepares students for college majors in engineering and E/T fields and offers them the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school.



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BDPA H.S. Computer Competition Group

Deborah DeVaughn,
Chicago Chapter Education Director

Serving the community since: 1986

Program Objective:

HSCC is designed to introduce our youth to the field of Information Technology, encourage them to seek higher levels of education, and groom many of them to become our next generation of IT professionals.



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BDPA Chicago H.S. Computer Competition Group

Deborah DeVaughn, Education Director

Pamela Norfleet, Program Coordinator

Overview:

The BDPA National High School Computer Competition, (HSCC), was founded in 1986 by Dr. Jesse Bemley, of Washington, D.C.

What started as a two-team event between Washington, D.C. and Atlanta, Ga. has grown to over 20 teams of various high school students from chapters throughout the nation. It's all designed to introduce our Youth to the field of Information Technology, encourage them to seek higher levels of education, and groom many of them to become our next generation of IT professionals.

National BDPA Computer Competition Winner: CHICAGO!



2006 was the year for the HSCC team trained by BDPA Chicago chapter to finally break through for the gold medal. It was a remarkable effort by four truly remarkable young people (Joseph Huggins, Lee Reed, Andreaus Robinson and Maurice Shelton), their coach (Gibran Adejele) and chapter president (Yvette Graham).

Top Three Ranking:

Chicago (\$2500 Bemley Scholarship)

Southern Minnesota (\$1500 Bemley Scholarship)

Washington DC (\$500 Bemley Scholarship)

National BDPA Computer Competition 2007 Top Three



The 2007 National BDPA High School Computer Competition (HSCC) championships were held in Washington DC. A total of 21 teams competed in 2007 ... highest chapter participation since the 2004 competition.

The crowds gathered around these 21 teams to see if the team trained by BDPA Chicago could defend their 2006 title. As it turned out the the young men and women from Rochester, MN took the championship. **BDPA Southern Minnesota earned 774 points to win the 2007 National HSCC championship**

Top Three Ranking:

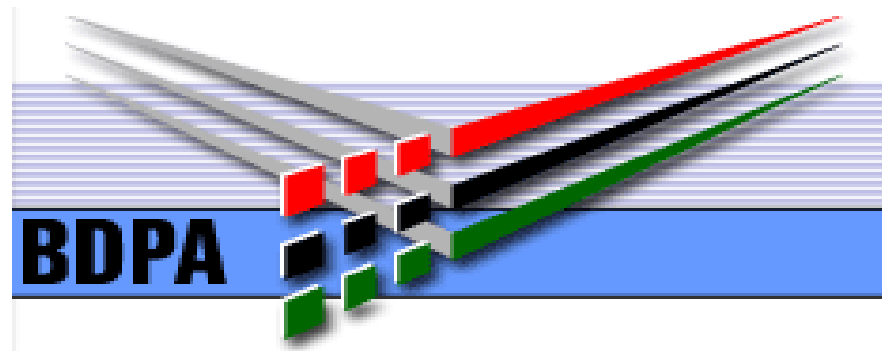
1. **Southern Minnesota** (\$3,000 Bemley Scholarship for each student)
2. **Washington DC** (\$2,000 each)
3. **Chicago** (\$1,500 each)

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About BDPA

Black Data processing Associates (BDPA) is a non-profit professional association founded in 1975, in Philadelphia, PA.

BDPA has grown into a national organization with over 4,000 members and 50 chapters chartered throughout the United States. BDPA is the premier organization for African Americans in IT.

Organization membership is open to all with expressed interest in the Information Technology industry regardless of race, sex, religious beliefs or national origin.

www.BDPA.org



About BDPA Chicago Chapter

The Chicago Chapter of the National Black Data Processing Associates was chartered on March 15, 1986 as the 14th Chapter nationwide. The first monthly program meeting was held April 18, 1986. Since that time, the Chicago Chapter has consecutively sponsored a monthly program meeting, designed to assist membership in meeting their professional and personal goals. Since its inception, the Chicago Chapter has continued to deliver programs that are innovative, relevant, and informative to its membership.

<http://www.bdpa-chicago.org>