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Cyber Security Awareness Month

Fort Meade, MD—October is a dedicated period of time to focus on communications and best practices to ensure networks remain safe and secured.

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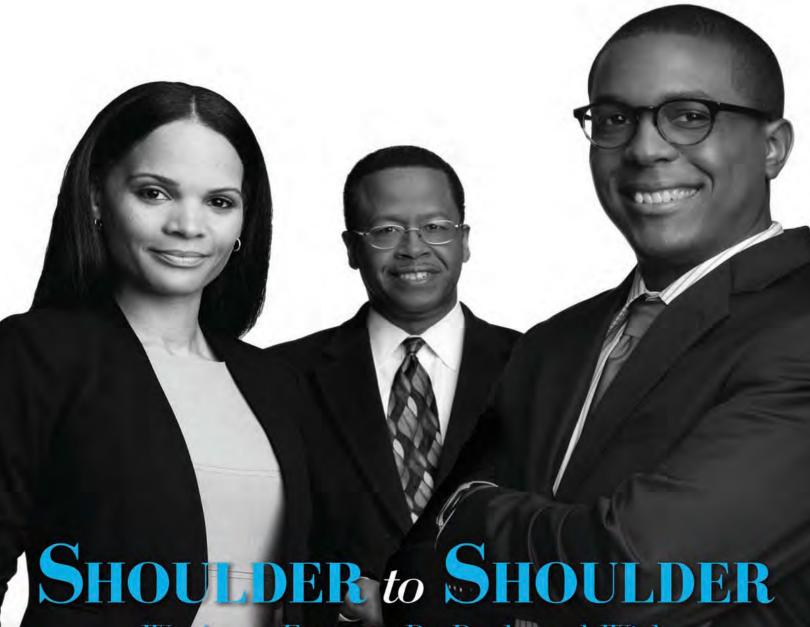
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October: National Cyber Security Awareness Month

The Internet is part of everyone's life, every day. We use the Internet at work, home, for enjoyment, and to connect with those close to us.

However, being constantly connected brings increased risk of theft, fraud, and abuse. No country, industry, community, or individual is immune to cyber risks. As a nation, we face constant cyber threats against our critical infrastructure and economy. As individuals, cybersecurity risks can threaten our finances, identity, and privacy. Since our way of life depends on critical infrastructure and the digital technology that operates it, cybersecurity is one of our country's most important national security priorities, and we each have a role to play—cybersecurity is a *shared responsibility*.

National Cyber Security Awareness Month is designed to engage and educate public and private sector partners through events and initiatives with the goal of raising awareness about cybersecurity and increasing the resiliency of the nation in the event of a cyber incident. October 2014 marks the 11th Annual National Cyber Security Awareness Month sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in cooperation with the National Cyber Security Alliance and the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center.

Through a series of events and initiatives across the country, DHS engages public and private sector partners to raise awareness and educate Americans about cybersecurity and increase the resiliency of the nation and its cyber infrastructure.

This year, it's easy to take part in National Cyber Security Awareness Month by participating in any or all of the following weeks. Monitor DHS' web landing page for more information about specific events and resources for each week, including social media resources to help your chapter or organization promote each week's theme.

- Week One
- Promoting Online Safety with the Stop. Think. Connect.™ Campaign
- Week Two
- Secure Development of IT Products
- Week Three
- Critical Infrastructure and the Internet of Things
- Week Four
- Cybersecurity for Small and Medium-Sized Businesses and Entrepreneurs
- Week Five
- Cyber Crime and Law Enforcement

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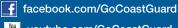
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▲ The Department of Homeland Security's United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) leads efforts to improve the nation's cybersecurity posture, coordinate cyber information sharing, and proactively manage cyber risks to the Nation while protecting the constitutional rights of Americans. US-CERT strives to be a trusted global leader in cybersecurity - collaborative, agile, and responsive in a dynamic and complex environment.

Why Should We Care About Computer Security

Our computers help us stay connected to the modern world. We use them for banking and bill paying, shopping, connecting with our friends and family through email and social networking sites, surfing the internet, and so much more. We rely so heavily on our computers to provide these services that we sometimes overlook their security. Because our computers have such critical roles in our lives and we trust them with so much personal information, it's important to improve their security so we can continue to rely on them and keep our information safe.

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The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requested \$38.2 billion for fiscal year 2015 (FY 2015) which began October 1, 2014. USCERT cyber acquisition adjustments were made to program acquisition budgets with the agency's current lifecycle cost estimates.

- DHS Small Business Opportunities Small Business Innovation Research #SBIR Small Business Technology Transfer #STTR http://www.dhs.gov/st-sbir
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This October marks the 11th anniversary of "National Cyber Security Awareness Month." Advances in technology have led to a more interconnected world, which leads to increased risk of theft, fraud, and abuse. Protecting our information in cyber space – cyber security - is vital to our economy and our way of life, and ultimately to the security of our nation.

One way to improve our nation's cyber security is to educate ourselves on the simple steps we can follow to keep us safe online. Every time we connect to the Internet – at home, at school, at work, or at play – we make decisions that affect our cyber security. Emerging cyber threats require engagement from the entire community to create a safer cyber environment – from government and law enforcement to the private sector and, most importantly, individual users.

Throughout National Cyber Security Awareness Month, I urge you to help improve the Nation's cyber resilience and take the following simple steps to secure your information online:

- Set strong passwords, and don't share them with anyone;
- Keep your operating system, browser, and other critical software optimized by installing updates regularly;
- Maintain an open dialogue with your family, friends, and community about Internet safety;
- Limit the amount of personal information you share online, and use privacy settings to avoid sharing information widely; and,



DOD Photo

Navy Admiral Mike Rogers, commander of U.S. Cyber Command and director of the National Security Agency, speaks with a DoD News reporter during an interview at the NSA headquarters building at Fort Meade, Maryland.

Be cautious about what you receive or read online – if
it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is.

Cyber security is a shared responsibility. Visit DHS' website at www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect to learn more about their cyber security "Stop. Think. Connect." campaign.

Commander, U.S. Cyber Command Director, National Security Agency Chief, Central Security Service

NSA.gov October 10, 2014





▲ Certified Secure Software Lifecycle Professionals (CSSLPs) -- National BDPA will host its 2015 International Technology Conference, Career Expo, IT Showcase, Mobile App Showcase, and the National High School Computer Competition (HSCC) at the Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C. from August 17-23, 2015. Save the date!

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Attackers can infect your computer with malicious software, or malware, in many different ways. They can take advantage of unsafe user practices and flaws in your computer's programs (flaws including vulnerabilities and unsecured services and features) and use social engineering (in which an attacker convinces someone to perform an action such as opening a malicious email attachment or following a malicious link). Once your computer is infected, intruders can use the malware to access your computer without your knowledge to perform unwanted actions. They can steal your personal information, change computer configurations, cause your computer to perform unreliably, and install even more malware they can use to leverage attacks or spread malware to others.

One of the most well-known attacks was the Conficker malware detected in late 2008. This malware grew to become one of the largest malware infections, affecting millions of computers and causing billions of dollars in damage across the world. The Conficker

malware had the ability to steal and relay personal information to attackers, disable existing security measures like Windows Automatic Updates and antivirus software, and block internet access to popular security websites. Attackers could use infected computers as part of a botnet, or a collection of compromised computers connected to the internet, to leverage additional attacks against other computers. The Conficker malware took advantage of three separate security flaws on Microsoft Windows computers: the enabled file sharing service, the default AutoRun setting, and a vulnerability in the Windows Server network service. If people had used the following ten practices, the risk of infection of Conficker would have been significantly reduced.

How Do We Improve the Security of Our Home Computers?

Following are ten important things you can do to make your home computer more secure. While no individual step will completely eliminate your risk, together these practices will make your home computer's defense strong and minimize the threat of malicious activity.

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National Hispanic Heritage Month







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Advance Planning Briefing for Interns (APBi)

MARYLAND, USA— The National Security Agency (NSA) is now accepting applications directly from High School Seniors for their coveted Summer 2015 - Gifted and Talented STEM Program (G&T). The Agency's G&T



Program is a 10-12 week summer internship designed to introduce current graduating students high school who possess outstanding academic credentials in the areas of science, technology, engineering,

and mathematics (STEM) to support the Agency's missions. This program provides a tremendous opportunity to gain valuable work experience in the area of STEM. Students will be given meaningful and engaging opportunities to utilize and enhance their technical skills. They will work closely with mentors and coworkers on projects that truly make an impact to our country. Students will be placed in an office related to their areas of interest and aptitude and will also have the chance to experience very unique tours of the Agency's ultra-high tech facilities. The program's full description is available on the Agency's career website. BDPA Members, if you know students interested in this wonderful opportunity, share this information and ask students to apply no later than October **Applications** are accepted online www.nsa.gov/careers, select Job Search/Apply Online and keyword search for Gifted and Talented program, use Job ID #1050288. (iii)

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CALIFORNIA, USA—What better way to get into the game industry than by working as an intern or co-op for Electronic Arts, Inc. (EA?) EA offers paid internships or co-op positions (pay ranges vary depending on location, experience and skills), so you can actually get paid for working on games. EA will also include your name in the game credits - how cool is that? Better yet, an EA internship or co-op just might lead to a career with EA after upon graduation.

An EA internship/co-op is a great way to get real-world



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experience in our rapidly evolving gaming industry. You get hands-on experience working on actual projects, and the team you're working with benefits from your fresh perspective. EA is very confident that once you've sampled life at EA you'll want to come back after graduation.

EA operates its global headquarters in Redwood Shores, CA, with other US studio locations in Los Angeles, CA (BDPA LA), Orlando, FL (BDPA Orlando), Fairfax, VA (BDPA NoVA/BDPA-DC), and Salt Lake City, UT.

Regardless of where you work in the EA World, you're sure to be working with passionate, creative co-workers driven by the same goal - to make the world's best games. BDPA Student Members are invited to contact local BDPA chapters via BDPA.org for additional details. Discover more by visiting https://careers.ea.com.

BDPA Student Memberships and ICT Industry Co-Op Forecasts* | Calendar Year 2014 BDPA Student Memberships | Scholarships | Internships

| Organization or Agency | STEM Focus | Projected Deadlines | *Established BDPA Relationships |
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| U.S. Coast Guard | All Majors; ask BDPA about the U.S. Coast Guard's CSPI Program | Spring 2015 | BDPA-DC, BDPA Hampton Roads, BDPA Hartford, NBDPA CONUS, USCGA, OCS, & CSPI |
| csc | Computer Science, STEM-IC (Intelligence & Cyber), C5ISR | Spring 2015 | BDPA Cincinnati, BDPA-DC, BDPA Northern Virginia, BDPA Hartford |
| EA Sports | Software Engineering, Application Development, Marketing internships | Spring 2015 | BDPA Bay Area, BDPA DC, BDPA LA, BDPA Orlando, National BDPA West Region |
| General Motors | Information Technology and Communications internships | Now Open (since August 2014) | BDPA Atlanta, BDPA Austin, BDPA Detroit and BDPA Phoenix (CIG) |
| HBCU/MI Project Office | CS-STEM or STEM-IC; able to obtain security clearances | Fall, Spring, & Summer | BDPA Atlanta, BDPA-DC, BDPA Huntsville, BDPA Orlando, BDPA San Diego (CIG) |
| HCSC** | Associate Intern(s) | March 2015 | National BDPA Platinum Sponsor Illinois, Oklahoma, New Mexico & Texas |
| HP** | STEM | Winter 2015 | National BDPA Platinum Sponsor BDPA-DC, BDPA NoVA with 3.2 GPA |
| IBM | STEM "Extreme Blue" | Fall, Spring, & Summer | BDPA-DC, BDPA Greater Columbia, BDPA Southern Minnesota, BDPA Triangle |
| Johnson & Johnson** | All Majors | Winter/Spring 2015 | National BDPA Platinum Sponsor Speak with J&J reps at Regional Events |
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| NASA | Undergraduate Student Research Program | Spring 2015 | BDPA Cleveland, BDPA DC, BDPA Houston, BDPA Huntsville, |
| Department of the Navy | All Majors | Fall 2014 | NBDPA, CONUS, or NROTC |
| Northrop Grumman | C4ISR, Engineering, Health IT, Manufacturing, STEM-IC (Intel/Cyber) | Fall, Spring, & Summer | BDPA-DC & BDPA Northern Virginia; Interns must have strong GPAs |
| NEW NSA | STEM-IC (Intelligence and Cyber) | OCT 31st 2014 | BDPA Baltimore, BDPA-DC and BDPA Northern Virginia |
| Raytheon | C4ISR, STEM-IC, Systems Engineering, Communications | Fall, Spring, & Summer | BDPA Huntsville, BDPA Los Angeles, BDPA Mass-Metro West (Boston) |
| SiriusXM Satellite Radio | Communications, Marketing, Multimedia, SATCOM and STEM | Fall & Spring | BDPA-DC & BDPA-NY |
| TASC | Analytical, Computer Science, STEM-IC | Spring 2015 | BDPA-DC & BDPA Northern Virginia |

^{**}BOLD text indicates National BDPA Platinum Sponsors now accepting BDPA Student applications with strong GPAs and updated resumes.

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BDPA and Local ICT Industry Events

Information & Communications Technology (ICT)

► HBCU Innovation Conference

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► CBC Foundation Annual Legislative Conference (ALC)

September 24-27, 2014 – Washington Convention Center, Washington, D.C.

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▶ BDPA Northern Delaware 2014 STEM Summit

September 27, 2014 - Wilmington University

New Castle, DE | Host Chapter: BDPA Northern Delaware

▶ BDPA Education Banquet & Fundraiser

October 4, 2014 – Receptions Conference Centers, Fairfield, OH

Cincinnati, OH | Host Chapter: BDPA Cincinnati

▶ BDPA National HSCC Championship Awards Gala

November 12, 2014 – Bowie State University Student Union Ballroom Washington, D.C. | Host Chapters: BDPA Washington, D.C./BDPA NoVA

► SC14 – 2014 Super Computing Conference

November 16-21, 2014 – New Orleans Convention Center New Orleans, LA | Host Region: BDPA South Region

► I/ITSEC 2014 – World's Largest Modeling, Simulation, and Training Conference

December 1-5, 2014 – Orange County Convention Center Orlando, FL | Host Chapter: BDPA Orlando

► CES 2015 - International CES

January 6-9 – Las Vegas Convention Center and Hotels Las Vegas, NV | Host Region: BDPA West Region

▶ 2015 ACM/Richard Tapia Conference

February 18-21, 2015 – The Westin Copley Place-Boston
Boston, MA | Host Chapter: BDPA Mass-Metrowest (Boston)

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BDPA Sponsors and Exhibitors leverage opportunities to enhance their visibility across STEM, ICT, Cloud, Big Data, and Cybersecurity special interest groups (SIGs) to identify and recruit new hires directly from top talent pools available from national BDPA Chapters and chapter cities.

Our National High School Computer Competition (HSCC) and collegiate IT Showcase (ITSC) programs also provide opportunities for industry and academia to directly connect with students from local BDPA chapters, including qualified HSCC and ITSC student pipelines, to close digital divides and develop tomorrow's IT workforce. BDPA has added a National Mobile App Development Showcase to its portfolio to increase student participation. Whether you are in the job market or not, in 2015, don't miss National BDPA's 40th Anniversary celebrations, Technology Conferences, new Career Expos, industry reunions, and local BDPA Chapter 40th Anniversary events.

November 16-21, 2014



SC14: High Performance Computing (HPC) Matters

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Louisiana, USA

New Orleans, LA—HPC is helping to solve our hardest problems in the world. Innovations from our community have far reaching impact in every corner of science, all the way to investment banking, in the discovery of new drugs, to the precise prediction of the next superstorm. For more than two decades, the SC Conference has been the place to build and share the innovations that are making these life-changing discoveries possible.

In November of 2014, SC is going back to New Orleans with new ideas and a fresh take on HPC. Spotlighting the most original and fascinating scientific and technical applications from around the world, SC14 will once again bring together the HPC community – an unprecedented array of scientists, engineers, researchers, educators, students, programmers, system administrators, and developers – for an exceptional program of technical papers, tutorials, timely research posters, and Birds-of-a-Feather (BOF) sessions.

The SC14 Exhibition Hall will feature exhibits of the latest and greatest technologies from industry, academia and government research organizations; many of these technologies will be seen for the first time in New Orleans. Mark your calendar and make your way to New Orleans. No city offers the same extraordinary mix of food, music, culture, and history; and no conference offers a better opportunity to view the why HPC matters.

Join the community in November to share our collective accomplishments and to engage in important conversations of how we make HPC Matter to our lives, our future, our communities and our world.

- 1. Only Connect to a Secure Networks
- 2. Enable and Configure Firewalls
- 3. Install, Use, and always Upgrade Antivirus Software
- 4. Remove Unnecessary Software
- 5. Disable Nonessential Services
- 6. Modify Unnecessary Default Features
- 7. Operate Under the Principle of Least Privilege
- 8. Secure all of our Web Browsers
- Apply Software Updates from trusted vendors and Enable Future Automatic Updates
- 10. Continue to Use Good Security Practices

Implementing the practices in this paper will significantly improve your computer's security. The more you can implement, the more secure your computer will be. Even after implementing all ten of these practices, you still may not be protected from all of the risks you and your computer may encounter. It's important to continue investigating and implementing new ways to secure your computer because new risks will arise and old risks evolve.

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health outcomes in a variety settings, including medicine, public health, nursing, and academia. Students graduate with an extensive understanding of both information systems and healthcare that complements their prior education and experiences.

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Source: Drexel University





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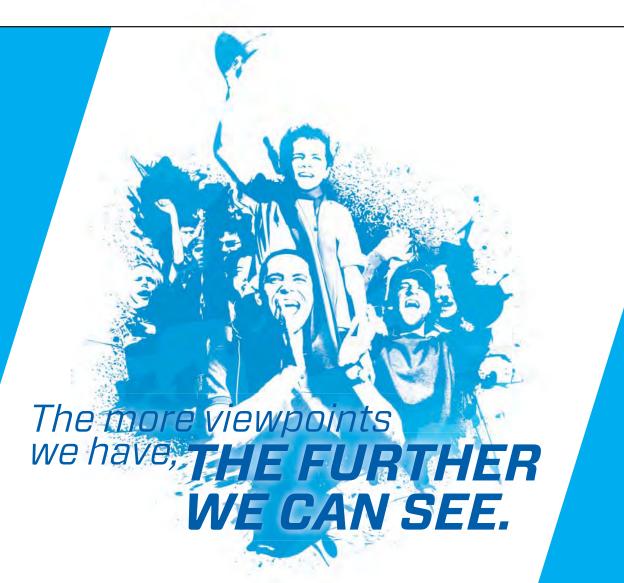
Both of my parents come from large families that migrated to the mainland U.S. from Puerto Rico when they were very young. They watched their parents struggle and never get ahead. But, they were determined that one day their own children could realize a better future.

Growing up in a close, extended family exposed me to a variety of challenges. We depended on one another, and for me that meant taking on huge responsibilities, even at a young age. At times, this could be emotionally draining, but it taught me how strong I really was. With the support of my family, I learned that problems are really opportunities to reshape the things we're not happy with. Anything is possible with persistence and focus.

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BDPA Annual 2014 Scholarship & Leadership Awards November 12, 2014, 6 pm – 9 pm

Bowie State University Student Union Ball Room

















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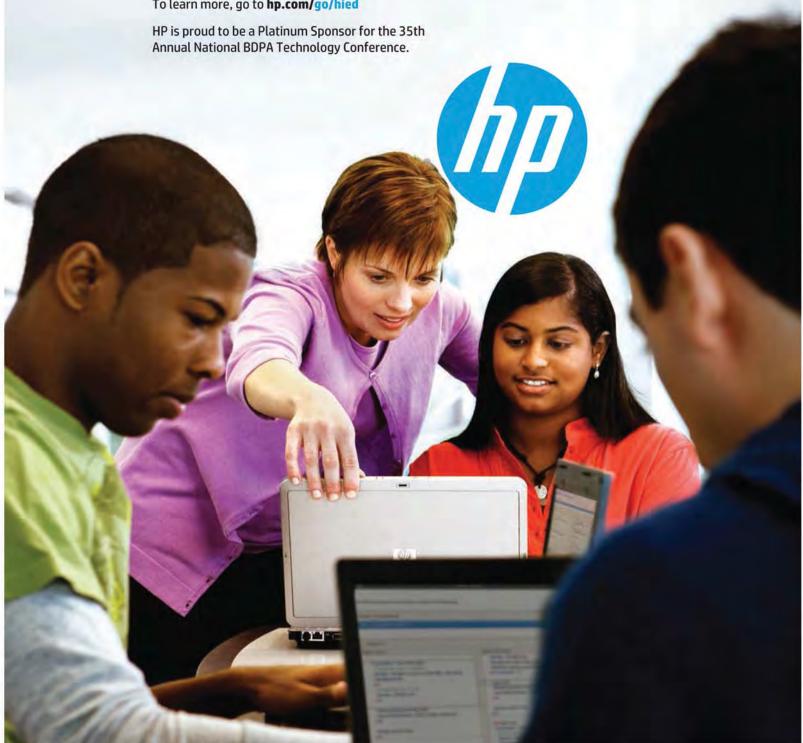
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