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ATLANTA — BDPA looks forward to welcoming you and your organization to Atlanta, GA for its 46th Annual BDPA Technology Conference and Career Expo. These conferences are open to both students and professionals in STEM and all digital technology fields. The Association also invites those in emerging professions and industries that increasingly rely on data technology to enhance their work to join the annual convening, which is highly immersive and transformative.

If you are a BDPA Member, contact the association at helpdesk@bdpa.org to receive special discount code(s) for BDPA Members.

To participate, speakers, presenters, panelists, BDPA Members, Student Members, and exhibitors visit: conference.bdpa.org to pre-register.

BDPACON24 will be held July 31st – August 3rd, 2024 at the Westin Peachtree Plaza in Atlanta, GA. Register today. Join BDPA this year during the 45th Annual BDPA Technology National Conference.

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For 40 years, BDPA has enabled the upward mobility of African Americans and other minorities in the Information Technology (IT) and STEM fields. Through its 40+ local community chapters in major cities across the United States, BDPA has been at the forefront of promoting the minority agenda within the IT profession since 1975. BDPA has been a leader and pioneer in technology and STEM training for IT professionals and High School students since 1986.

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• Participate in certification support groups
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A new business-technology paradigm shift was underway, shaking up the workplace and forever changing how corporations large and small would operate. Corporate computer usage skyrocketed, demand for computer programmers, analysts, operators, and managers also skyrocketed. Inspired by these emerging societal opportunities in the mid 1970's, Earl A. Pace, Jr. and David Wimberly launched BDPA — Black Data Processing Associates — expanding new opportunities for African Americans to upskill far beyond data-entry positions. And this journey begins.
BDPA™ LAUNCHES MEDTECH ROBOTICS ACADEMY FOR 2024

LARGO, Maryland—BDPA™ is excited to announce the 2024 BDPA Robotics Academy sponsored by Johnson & Johnson. This year’s Academy is a 4-week hybrid program designed to teach students the fundamentals of robotics and precision robotics, specifically with an emphasis on robotics across the industry’s medical and surgical realms. There are no costs to participate in this unique opportunity with BDPA™, and the Association currently invites interested students to join them for these and other transformative I.T. and STEM career experiences.

Program Details for 2024

Dates: June 27th – July 16th, 2024

Format: BDPA Robotics Academy is virtual on pre-scheduled dates. In-person technical training is also coordinated through participating local BDPA™ Chapters and participating STEM organizations.

Location: In-person sessions are held with BDPA Chapters selected in registration forms.

Target Audience: College Freshmen – Graduating Seniors interested in Robotics from HBCUs across the USA. Virtual components are available nationally.

BDPA™ seeks enthusiastic participants from HBCUs and other colleges or universities, especially those matriculating in the nation’s northeast region. Students from all levels in the fields of information technology, computer science, and related STEM fields are highly encouraged to join BDPA in partnership with Johnson & Johnson to participate in this Academy.

Top software junior developers (Jr. Devs) win annual BDPA Robotics Challenge awards and attend career fairs during BDPACON.

THE BDPA LEGACY™

WASHINGTON—The BDPA Legacy™ is a documentary series curated for BDPA’s Golden Anniversary engagements through 2025. This docuseries features untold stories of an association of professional “Black Computer People” founded in Philadelphia as the “Black Data Processing Associates” in 1975. This docuseries also features interviews with unsung heroes, new vignettes, and special programs covering the explosive growth of a multi-trillion dollar tech industry along with the rapid emergence of monetizing “Black Data”, and the rise of an influential “Black Digerati” voting block. Re-branded near the turn of the century as “BDPA”, the association’s mission has remained unchanged since its inception. BDPA promotes computer and data science career awareness, emphasizes tech inclusion across the industrial base, and remains committed to upskilling today’s workforce for tomorrow’s innovations. Today, through advocacy and philanthropy, BDPA’s professional networks of chapters and mission partners continue to serve their respective communities as impact centers of excellence for mentors, coaches, role models, and protégés.

“The BDPA Story” by Norman E. Mays, Kenneth L. Wilson, and Earl A. Pace, Jr.
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Kanika Tolver is no ordinary “social-preneur.” This highly decorated information technology Federal Government professional, rebel entrepreneur and Certified Professional Coach is a serial innovator who’s fueled by an extraordinary commitment to social change and helping others create their own “epic lives.” Tolver is also an advocate that promotes “people of color” becoming more involved in science and technology.

Kanika is the Founder and Career Coach of Career Rehab, LLC in Washington, DC. Career Rehab focuses on assisting career transformations for students, professionals and retirees. Her company provides career coaching programs, events, webinars, and digital resources to help people reach their career goals. Kanika is an in-demand coach, consultant, speaker and thought leader who’s often tapped as an expert source for the media, having been featured on CNN, CBS Radio, Yahoo, Glassdoor, Entrepreneur, the Washington Post and in a variety of radio interviews.

Tolver is also author of the acclaimed title, Career Rehab: Rebuild Your Personal Brand and Rethink the Way You Work. In Career Rehab, Tolver helps readers strip away what’s holding them back to create the career of their dreams. Readers learn how to create an online brand presence, market an authentic personal brand, and sell their brand-offering expertise and skills.

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“I had the pleasure of working with Kanika when she moderated a panel that I was on where we spoke about helping Women in Tech advance their careers. Kanika speaks with confidence and passion.”
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OUR VISION
To build a pipeline of diverse professionals and aspiring students in STEM, cyber, and digital technology fields

OUR BELIEFS
Our purpose is to serve and elevate students and young professionals of today for leadership tomorrow. That a talented and diverse group of people is the most creative and innovative workforce

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ABOUT US
Founded in Philadelphia, PA in 1975, BDPA is the premier organization focused on nurturing and developing diverse working professionals and future I.T. leaders in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields. For almost 50 years, BDPA has enabled the upward mobility of African American and other minority professional careers in computer science, data science, cybersecurity, and digital technologies.

What We Offer
BDPA offers a wide range of opportunities including leadership development, our annual technology conference, over 30 chapters in the U.S., various student programs, IT training and workshops, with professional networks.

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