

Industry Welcome Reception

Honoring Dr. Aminta H. Breaux
10th President, Bowie State University

Community Outreach Lecture Series **Transcript**



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Shawna Watley:

Introduction of BDPA Washington by Ms. Watley

Perry Carter:

Good evening, Everyone!

Dr. Breaux, Honored Guests, I am here this evening with Ms. LaToya Staten of BDPA Baltimore.

We want to thank our gracious hosts and Mistress of Ceremonies, Ms. Shawna Watley and the law firm of *Holland & Knight LLP*, for its hospitality this evening. We also want to thank Mr. Ronald Parker of *The Executive Leadership Council* and Ms. Terry Lawlah of *The Maryland Center at Bowie State University* for co-hosting this evening's special reception.

Dr. Breaux, welcome to our Nation's Capital—I am deeply honored to share with you that along with *bdpatoday*, our publication's tenth anniversary,

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this year also marks BDPA's tenth anniversary in partnership with Bowie State University.

What is B.D.P.A.? BDPA was founded in 1975 as Black Data Processing Associates. Rebranded in the mid-1990s to "BDPA", our organization continues to successfully advance technical careers and bridge information technology gaps in African American and underserved communities.

Today, our industries still process data—lots of data, more than ever before! When approached or asked 'What does B.D.P.A. stand for?', I simply state B.D.P.A. stands for "Big Data and Predictive Analytics" [smile]. And for those of us providing technical services and cyber solutions in pursuit of new federal I.T. contracts and STEM grants, I mention that within our multi-trillion-dollar tech industry, B.D.P.A. also stands for "Billion-Dollar Programs Available" [smile]. So, before you leave for home this evening, pick either one of these swim lanes to support our community as we engage renewed partnerships with Bowie State University.

Ms. Staten will now share a few words about upcoming activities and new events during October, National Cybersecurity Awareness month along with the annual Technology Awards Gala later this fall.

LaToya Staten:

Thank you, Perry.

Good evening, Everyone.

Dr. Breaux and Honored Guests, this year also marks the 30th Anniversary of National BDPA's Baltimore Chapter. Events we are co-hosting with BDPA-DC include small business participation activities in town during this year's CyberMaryland Conference along with new workshops during BDPA Meet-Ups in Maryland's Chesapeake Innovation Center, an incubator near Fort Meade, Maryland.

We are very excited to announce that anniversary events will honorably be featured during this year's annual awards gala with Industry this November at Bowie State University—thank you. Perry?

LaToya Staten:

Yields the floor and lectern back to Perry

Perry Carter:

Thank you, LaToya.

Back in the day, our Regional High School Computer Competition (HSCC) teams from D.C., Maryland, Virginia, and across the Mid-Atlantic competed at the University's Wiseman [Student] Center. Professor Daryl Stone, now



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Dr. Stone, has been our Computer Science Principal Investigator and “I.T. Champion” since inception.

Over the years, our young Industry ‘Rock Stars’ have matriculated to Bowie State University and other universities. Our HSCC Alumni, who no longer appear on Facebook or other Social Media channels, more than likely support Defense agencies or develop applications for Prime Contractors [smile]. During this same decade, other regional STEM and Robotics organizations subsequently were invited to the University to join us and participate with Host BDPA Chapter Regional Innovation Summits and BDPA’s Regional I.T. Showcase.

Our collegiate and high school I.T. Showcase students advance to BDPA’s National I.T. Showcase where their research of technologies transcend all vertical markets, are presented to Industry Judges, and their white papers are published in our National BDPA Technology Conference proceedings for scholarship awards.

Earlier this month, Mr. Keith Scott [in audience] who leads our Cybersecurity programs and I met with Dr. Lethia Jackson [in audience] to discuss increased BDPA Student Member involvement and matriculation with HBCUs, scholarships at the University, and funded internships with BDPA’s Department of Defense and Intelligence Community (DoD/IC) mission-partners.

Dr. Breaux, BDPA looks forward to our continued partnership with the University for another great decade of professional growth; and again, we cordially welcome you to Washington, D.C.!

Perry Carter:

Yields the floor and lectern back to Ms. Watley.



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