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An "All-HU" Team Wins *Bison Hacks 2018* during annual HBCU Hackathon



► **WASHINGTON, DC // BDPA DC //** — On March 30th and 31st, I experienced firsthand that Diversity and Inclusion are indeed one of the best ways to produce some of the most creative and innovative ideas!

We are happy to say that we are the winners of Bison Hacks 2018! **Sara Rufael**, Howard University; **Shondace Thomas**, Howard University; **Elizabeth-Yvonne Sanders**, Hampton University; and I formed a group at Bison Hacks by fate! Because of our diverse majors, universities, experience, background, and different points of views we had

to agree and compromise on many things!

We agreed on two innovative ideas; however, we realized that the ideas were not feasible based on the hackathon's time constraints! In synopsis, I loved how this experience tested my mental agility, teamwork skills, and my adaptability. Also, I learned that engineers should definitely collaborate with individuals from other majors! Thank you Simeon Kakpovi for being our mentor! Thanks a million, Zuri Hunter and Bison Hacks team for hosting this event so that students can collaborate and present innovative ideas with realistic business models!

Also thank you to Mapbox, Howard University, Howard University School of Business, Johnson & Johnson, Major League Hacking, Optoro, Spotify, Google, and all of our sponsors who made this event a reality (Swag was great!) **bt**

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Schedule of Events

Friday	APRIL 20, 5:30 PM	Registration & Check In
Friday	APRIL 20, 6:00 PM	"What is Watson?" an IBM Workshop
Friday	APRIL 20, 6:30 PM	Tech Summit Reception & Industry Panel
Saturday	APRIL 21, 9:00 AM	Earth Day Industry Keynote & Breakfast
Saturday	APRIL 21, 10 am - 1130 am	Earth Day Workshop: "AWS 101"
Saturday	APRIL 21, 10am - 1130 am	Tech & Career Exhibits
Saturday	APRIL 21, 12:00 PM Lunch	Social Media OPSEC Lunch & Learn
Saturday	APRIL 21, 1:30 PM	Student Transportation to Dave & Busters
Sunday	APRIL 22, 12:01 AM	Earth Day 2018



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**Celebrating National BDPA's 40th Conference
and BDPA-DC's 40th Anniversary in 2018**

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Founded in 1975 as *Black Data Processing Associates* by Earl A. Pace, Jr. and the late David Wimberly, BDPA was created to bring underrepresented communities together whose members were employed in information technology, programming, operations, and related computer science fields for the purpose of professional development and academic enrichment. Today, BDPA remains an international organization with its diverse membership of professionals and students engaged at every level across all industry verticals. BDPA and its Mission Partners continue to develop community engagement programs in support of a stronger technical workforce for America's information and communications technology (ICT) pipelines.

Student Information Technology Education and Scholarship (SITES)

Throughout the year, local BDPA chapters conduct SITES training programs for the youth in their communities. These programs are designed to expose our youth to new information technology (IT) and cybersecurity (CS) concepts of computer and data science giving them the expertise to develop applications. Some chapters will participate in regional competitions throughout the country to further prepare their students. Each BDPA chapter is able to send one team of 3 to 5 students to the National BDPA Technology Conference to compete for scholarships and internships against teams from other BDPA chapter cities in the United States.

National High School Coding Competition (HSCC) and Mobile App Showcase

Our HSCC Program 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 local BDPA chapters throughout the nation. Local HSCC and Jr. Dev programs, such as our Mobile App Showcase, are uniquely designed to introduce our Youth to the field of Information Technology to encourage them to seek higher levels of education, and groom many of them to become our next generation of IT and Cyber professionals. Industry mission-partners provide funding and support.

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Starting Something? Seeking federal contract or grant opportunities? Visit the District of Columbia's Small Business Development Centers (DC SBDC)

The District of Columbia SBDC network is the only Districtwide, nationally accredited program that provides high quality one-on-one consulting, training and information resources to empower new and existing businesses. DC SBDC consultants work with entrepreneurs in confidential, individualized sessions to help them with a range of business issues including testing a new business proposition, shaping a business plan, investigating funding opportunities, and much more.

The DC SBDC program is a public/private partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and Howard University. Howard University is the Lead center, Anacostia Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) is a full service sub-center, and the Greater Washington Urban League is a full service sub-center.

Additionally, DC SBDC owns strategic partnerships with the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), District of Columbia Chamber of Commerce and American University, Washington College of Law. For additional information and resources, visit: dcsbdc.org. **bt**



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