



# BDPA Northern Delaware Chapter

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### Delaware Chapter Represented at Regional BDPA IT Showcase



#### BDPA NDC Student awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Place in 2009 IT Showcase

by Karen L. Smith

**Whitney Wilson** (pictured left), BDPA Northern Delaware student secures 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 2009 Regional IT Showcase competition. Bowie State University in partnership with BDPA Washington DC chapter hosts the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual High School Computer Competition (HSCC) and Regional Information Technology Showcase (ITSC) on June 20<sup>th</sup> 2009. Four students from the Northern Delaware Chapter competed in the 2009 Regional IT Showcase competition. Students competing in the High School category included Whitney Wilson, a rising junior at Charter School of Wilmington and Marcus Smith, a rising junior at Pencader Charter High School. Two undergraduate students participated in the competition this year, Naaman Cephas, graduating Senior Hodgson High School, **Frederick Smith III** rising sophomore; California University of Pennsylvania. Frederick Smith was awarded 1st place in the 2008 IT Showcase Regional and National IT Showcase High School division and placed second in the Undergraduate category this year. **Naaman Cephas** was awarded third place in the Undergraduate category. The regional IT Showcase included students from New York, North Carolina, and Washington D.C. The Delaware contingency is currently preparing to present at the National IT Showcase competition to be held in Raleigh North Carolina August 4<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> 2009.



Frederick Smith III along with Dr. Jesse Bemley, Program Creator and Perry Carter, President of Washington DC chapter.



Naaman Cephas (Below) along with Dr. Jesse Bemley, Program Creator and Perry Carter, President of Washington DC chapter.

### ***BDPA NDC Seeks Leaders for Open Board of Directors Positions!*** ***By Angie Waterman***

In October BDPA NDC will be holding elections for the 2010-2012 term. Open positions include President Elect, VP of Communications, VP of Membership, VP of Member Services, VP of Finance, and VP of Strategy. In preparation for the elections come join us for an Open Board meeting on July 18th, 2009 at 1pm at the Delaware Technology Center; 1 Innovation Way, Suite 301 in Newark, DE 19711. The President Elect works closely with the current President to provide leadership to the BOD as well as for our members. The Vice President of Communications provides communications to our members in the form of Program Meeting announcements, Newsletter Editor as well as communications to the DE community. The Vice President of Programs, leads the effort with the board to identify exciting topics for our Program Meetings as well as coordinating our annual IT Scholarship Banquet. Vice President of Member Management recruits and retains our members. The Vice President of Finance, ensures full disclosure of BDPA NDC financials, and facilitates fundraising events. The Vice President of Strategy provides annual strategic direction and ensures we are aligned with the National BDPA. So come join us and learn how to leverage your leadership skills on the as a Board member.





Karen Smith, BDPA NDC President, Ray Davila June Program Meeting Speaker and Brenda Roselle, BDPA NDC Member.

**Program Meetings are located at Delaware Technology Park  
15 Innovation Way #103  
Newark, DE 19711**

**Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm**

Directions: Take I-95 to Exit 3 (Route 273 West). Continue on Route 273 West approximately 3 miles, and then turn left onto Marrows Road. Continue one-half mile and turn right onto Wyoming Road. The Park will be on your left. Look for Innovation Way #103.



Advancing Careers from the Classroom to the Boardroom



BDPA NDC members at our June Program Meeting: Fred Smith (National VP Strategy & Planning), Kolette Johnson, George Waterman, Brenda Roselle, Dexter Dean. Front. Estelle Cephas, Karen Smith, Ray Davilla (speaker), Lovis Daniels and John Munghee.

## Upcoming Program Meetings and Events

**July 8th, 2009**

**The Rewards of Volunteering**

**Panel Discussion on the professional benefits associated with service related activity!**

**August 4th - 9th, 2009**

**BDPA National Conference & Career Fair**

**Raleigh, North Carolina**

**August 14th, 2009**

**Informational Session about the**

**Delaware Alliance with Aberdeen Proving Ground**

**September 9th, 2009**

**High Performance Computing**

**Technology of the Past of the Future**

**October 13th, 2009**

**Entrepreneurs Workshop - Part II**

**November 10th, 2009**

**Business Intelligence**

**December 8th, 2009**

**BDPA NDC Member Appreciation**

**November 21st, 2009  
BDPA Northern Delaware  
2nd Annual  
IT Educational Showcase  
& Scholarship Banquet  
Sheraton, Wilmington  
Delaware**



BDPA NDC Regional IT Showcase participants: Marcus Smith, Fred Smith III, Whitney Wilson and Naaman Cephas. Frederick Smith Jr. (Not Shown) BDPA NDC IT Showcase Advisor.

## 2009 BDPA National Conference Aug. 4th—9th, Speakers

Vish Sankaran, Director, Federal Health Architecture

Charles E. Phillips, President at Oracle Corporation

The Honorable B. J. Penn, Assistant Secretary, United States Navy

Vice Admiral Harry Harris, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Communications Networks,

Grammy Award-winning Singer Jennifer Holliday will perform during an "Evening of Laughter & Soul", a benefit concert Friday, August 7, 2009.

Davis, EVP, Technology & Operations Group at Wachovia

LaVerne Council, VP & CIO at Johnson and Johnson 2009.

Honorable Charles Meeker, Mayor of Raleigh

Gail Roper, CIO at City of Austin, TX

Marc Di Francisco, CIO Forum & Executive IT Summit

Dr. Lenny Superville, CEO at Infosys Architecture (former CIO, State of North Carolina - Auditors Office)

John Leaston, Director of Procurement - NC Office of Economic Recovery & Investment

Joe Fredesso, CEO, Microelectronics Center of North Carolina leads distinguished panel of five during a Town Hall meeting on the Impact of the Stimulus Spending.

Dr. Shannon Tufts, Director, UNC Center for Public Technology serves as the moderator.

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