MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

**Impact**
Be part of a national movement and make a difference in the lives of African American IT professionals as we work together to create the changes needed for diverse work environments and supportive communities.

**Leadership**
Develop career advancing leadership skills from people who care about your future. Maximize the career-boosting value of your BDPA membership by participating in volunteer opportunities that match your professional goals and strengthen your existing skills.

**Networking**
Exchange ideas, explore business and career opportunities, and share common goals with IT professionals across the nation. Connect with mentors, colleagues, entrepreneurs, and senior level managers that can assist you in making the right connections to place you on an upward career path.

**Professional Development**
BDPA has face-to-face meetups on 3rd Wednesday of each month focused on IT-related topics to aid in the personal and professional development of African Americans while raising awareness of issues affecting technology professionals.

**Education & Career Enhancement**
Participate in BDPA programs and certification courses that are specifically designed to provide professional and career development opportunities. Gain access to special resources like the BDPA Career Center to advance your career or to the BDPA IT Institute to upgrade your skills or to earn certifications.

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*Presumption should never make us neglect that which appears easy to us, nor despair make us lose courage at the sight of difficulties*

Benjamin Banneker

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BDPA MISSION

BDPA is a global member focused technology organization that delivers programs and services for the professional well-being of its stakeholders.

Helping members advance from the classroom to the boardroom since 1975
Message from the President

The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) gap in the African American community is well known. BDPA aims to close that gap.

BDPA seeks to strengthen the diverse representation in STEM fields, IT in particular. In an increasingly digital society, the need for more African American technical representation is extremely high. The BDPA mission focuses on reducing this disparity by raising awareness in our youth; supporting technical growth of our young adults; providing early opportunities for exposure and employment; mentoring and network building; encouraging secondary educational pursuits; and building bridges to connect the college graduate or professional with career opportunities. BDPA aims to produce a ripple effect of positive technical influence in our communities.

BDPA attracts and retains members with a strong cadre of volunteers and strategic partnerships within our local communities.

We are a powerful organization investing in the future of our youth, our people, and our communities – focused on improving the diversity in the STEM arena. Investing a few hours a month in BDPA equals a great ROI.

Dalric Webb, president
BDPA Cincinnati Chapter
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ABOUT US

BDPA is a non-profit organization of professionals working in or having an interest in the Computer Science, Information Technology, or Technology fields.

Earl Pace and the late David Wimberly founded BDPA in May of 1975. BDPA was formed out of a concern shared by both men that minorities were not adequately represented in the information technology industry.

As technology professionals competing in a global market, we must never stop learning or growing.

The first BDPA chapter was organized in Philadelphia, PA. The second chapter was organized in 1978 in Washington, DC. Shortly thereafter, the third chapter was organized in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1979, BDPA was restructured as a national organization. Currently, there are more than forty active chapters across the United States.

BDPA has a diverse representation of information technology-related professionals. Included among the organization’s members are programmers, analysts, engineers, project managers, managers, instructors, and entrepreneurs, to name a few.

BDPA remains committed to excellence and providing a wide spectrum of resources to members, corporate sponsors, businesses, educational institutions and the community.

BDPA is a catalyst for professional growth and technical development.

Membership

Membership in BDPA is open to individuals and businesses with involvement or interests in the Information Technology industry. BDPA is open to anyone regardless of race, color or national origin.

BDPA Cincinnati is currently the fastest growing chapter in the nation! We hope you will become part of the magic!

BDPA Member Types

Full Adult Member
1 year term or 5-year term
$100.00 per year; $400.00 5 years

Full-Time Student Member
1 year for students at the K-12 level
Full-time Student Member - $25.00

College Student Member - College students currently enrolled full time in an accredited educational institution of higher learning
Full-time College Student Member - $25.00

Lifetime Member - A lifetime member of BDPA secures a full membership-in-good-standing status for his/her natural life and receives all the privileges of full membership plus special recognition as a dedicated member-supporter of BDPA. Lifetime Member - $1000.00

Corporate Member - Individuals whose membership is paid by his/her employer or by a corporate sponsor. This membership type is assigned when a corporate registration is submitted by the company.

We invite you to join BDPA!
With membership you always have access to best in class benefits and resources that will support your career from the classroom to the boardroom.