Message from Chapter President

*Rising towards greatness.....*

Greetings to all our BDPA Cincinnati Chapter member!

Your chapter has had an INCREDIBLE first 3 quarters of 2015! We started the year with our kickoff of the 2016 Student Information Technology Education & Scholarships (SITES) program with over 20 students committed to the 28 week STEM based program EVERY Saturday from 8 am to 2 pm. We took our championship team “TEAM CHAOS” to the 37th Annual BDPA National Convention in Washington, DC where the team placed 7th out of 46 chapters! We will be recognizing the students, instructors, and volunteers who have invested so much of their time into improving the number of diverse candidates in the field of STEM and in particular, Information Technology, at our 19th Annual Awards Banquet on October 24th at Receptions. You can register for the event by following this link – [http://educationbanquet-cincinnati.eventbrite.com/](http://educationbanquet-cincinnati.eventbrite.com/) - please come out and show your support as we continue to advance diverse careers “from the classroom to the boardroom”.

Lastly, let me applaud ALL of our members as the BDPA Cincinnati Chapter continues to hold the top spot as the LARGEST CHAPTER IN THE NATION of all 46 BDPA Chapters nationwide! This growth and sustained ranking for going on 7 months now, is a testament to the value our members see and receive from engaging in and with the chapter. There are over 20 volunteers who work to make this chapter successful and each member of the chapter has something to contribute.

From our regular monthly program meetings held on the 3rd Wednesday each month, to our annual Awards Luncheon (Q1) and Education Banquet (Q4) to our quarterly social events, the BDPA Cincinnati Chapter is alive and vibrant!

The 2016 year, like the 2015 year, promises inspirational opportunities for growth, community engagement, and an even greater impact in improving the lives and opportunities of the students and members in our communities. Our Corporate Advisory Council (CAC) lead by Derian Green of Centurylink, continues to inspire and support the chapter’s growth and development. We are VERY excited about ongoing conversations with Cincinnati State, UC Health, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, UC, NKY, Delta Gateway Foundation, Smart IT, Cincinnati Bell, LAND SLS, P&G, Western Southern Life, General Electric, First Financial Bank, parents, supporters, and ALL of our volunteer leaders!

I encourage you to get engage with the BDPA Cincinnati Chapter, it is an investment in our future.

Sincerely,
Dr. Dalric Webb, president
BDPA Cincinnati Chapter
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Greetings,

I am Tammy Koontz your newly elected Director, Communications Department. I am an Educator for the State of Ohio, (Lebanon Corrections). I teach Administrative Professional Services to incarcerated adults. I have been teaching for 28 years. I am the mother of two and grandmother of 6. I look forward to sharing information with you as well as receiving information from. Let us continue to be the great chapter we are and continue to do the good works.

Congratulations Hadiya Harrigan

Hadiya is the recipient of the Girl Scout Gold Award. She has also been selected as a National Young Woman of Distinction (NYWOD). Hadiya is amongst nine young ladies selected from the thousands of Girl Scout Gold Award Recipients across the country.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is earned by high school students across the nation each year, and is the highest achievement awarded in Girl Scouting. Exceptional young women take it upon themselves to make a measurable and sustainable difference in their lo-
UPCOMING EVENTS

19th Annual BDPA Cincinnati Education Banquet
“Evolution of IT: Embracing the Digital Future”

Saturday, October 24, 2015
Receptions Conference Center
5975 Boymel Drive
Fairfield, OH 45014

Keynote Speaker: Rodney Williams (CEO, Lisnr)

We would like to personally invite you to join us on October 24th to celebrate the accomplishments and generosity of our members and supporters.

We also recognize our corporate sponsors for the financial and volunteer resources provided to us, even during the economic challenging times we've faced over the past couple of years.

4:30 pm - VIP Reception
About BDPA
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. Our National High School Computer Competition (HSCC) program which is a hands-on training program, has introduced tens of thousands of high school students to coding and application development while also presenting opportunities for students to obtain college scholarships due to the generosity of our sponsors and partners. Because of BDPA’s focus on students and professional members alike, we continue to support and lead the upward success of our members “from the classroom to the boardroom”.

The BDPA Cincinnati Chapter, THE LARGEST CHAPTER IN THE NATION, is a non-profit organization dedicated to developing and increasing STEM and digital technology fields skills and knowledge in the community through seminars, workshops, training programs, networking opportunities, and mentorship. The BDPA Cincinnati Chapter does not discriminate nor limit its membership or volunteer services by race, creed, religion or national origin.

Our Mission
To build a pipeline of diverse professionals and aspiring students in the STEM and digital technology fields through innovative professional and technical development programs and activities.

Our Vision

Our Goal
To help strengthen the expertise of minority members in the STEM and digital technology fields, offer this expertise to those minorities evaluating STEM and digital technology fields for career or business potential, and increase the minority representation in the STEM and digital technology fields knowledge of the Greater Cincinnati community as a whole.

BDPA - in 40 Words or Less
"We are a service organization that advances STEM and digital technology professionals’, entrepreneurs’ and students’ careers from the classroom to the boardroom through education, mentoring and business networking that enhance innovation, technical skills, business savvy and personal growth."

What We Believe

That our purpose is to serve and elevate others
That preparing students and young professionals today for leadership

“The Tongue has no bones but is strong enough to break a heart. Be careful with your words...”