BDPA Student Wins National Women in Technology Award

Cincinnati, OH (February 11, 2014): Hadiya Harrigan, senior at Seven Hills Upper School, has been selected as one of 35 high school students in the United States to receive the 2014 Aspirations in Computing award. The National Center for Women and Information Technology (NCWIT) selected Hadiya from a diverse applicant pool of more than 2,300 students. She has been very active in the BDPA Cincinnati chapter for several years. She participated in our High School Computer Camp, national competitions, and most recently received a BDPA sponsored internship with Luxottica. She recently earned an Oracle Scholarship for BDPA Students as well. We are extremely excited about this achievement and wait anxiously for what is next to come.

“Congratulations to our very own Hadiya Harrigan on her being awarded the NCWIT Aspirations in Computing award! Hadiya represents the all that is valuable for those volunteers and corporate sponsors who invest in BDPA programs that take our students from the classroom to the boardroom”, said BDPA Cincinnati chapter president Dalric Webb. “Hadiya’s personal drive, ambition, and talent are a perfect complement for the BDPA SITES and STEM based initiatives. As a chapter, we endeavor to continue to support Hadiya and all of our students and members in reaching their full potential and advancing their personal careers in the technology space”.

Since 2007, the Award for Aspirations in Computing has recognized more than 2,200 young women; more than 71 percent of the recipients currently in college report majoring or minoring in a traditionally male-dominated STEM field. The Award for Aspirations in Computing is a component of NCWIT Aspirations in Computing, a talent development initiative designed to increase female participation in technology by providing structured, long-term engagement and support from middle school through high school and from college into the workforce. The Aspirations in Computing Award is supported nationally by AT&T, Bank of America, Bloomberg, and Microsoft.

About BDPA Cincinnati:
BDPA (www.bdpa.org/group/CI) is the premier organization for African American professionals in the information technology industry. For more than 25 years, BDPA has fulfilled its mission and worked to bridge the digital divide by providing career growth opportunities for its members. BDPA Cincinnati is the 5th largest of the 46 BDPA chapters nationwide.

About NCWIT:
The National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) is a non-profit community of more than 450 universities, companies, non-profits, and government organizations nationwide working to increase women’s participation in computing and technology. NCWIT helps organizations more effectively recruit, retain, and advance girls and women in K-12 through college education, and from academic to corporate and startup careers.