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**THIS MONTH'S  
FEATURED SPEAKER**



**MARCUS GENTRY**

***FEBRUARY PROGRAM MEETING - A KING’S JOURNEY***

***Bring your family, friends and even your co-workers!***

This month, BDPA Chicago Chapter will be “Celebrating Black History in a way that you have never seen before.” Marcus Gentry presents “I Have A Dream – A King’s Journey”. Hear the story of the people and events that surrounded the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as it can only be presented by this dynamic engaging speaker.

**Program Meeting Logistics & Agenda**

**Friday, February 17**  
71 S. Wacker drive, 6<sup>th</sup> floor  
Chicago, IL 60606

**Please Note:** Wacker Drive is currently under construction. Please plan accordingly to find an alternate route & ensure timely arrival to the meeting.

**Black History Month Menu:**

- Fried Chicken Wings*
- Fried Catfish Nuggets*
- Coleslaw*
- Seasoned Mixed Greens w/Smoked Turkey*
- Fried Corn*
- Corn Muffins, Dinner Rolls w/Warm Butter*
- Peach Cobbler w/Extra Crust*
- Grape / Cherry Kool-Aid & Bottled Water*

**RSVP FOR THIS EVENT IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND**  
**WE NEED AN ACCURATE HEAD COUNT FOR FOOD**

- 5:30 – 6:00 PM – Meeting Pre-Networking
- 6:00 – 7:30 PM – Program Meeting
- 7:30 – until PM – Post Networking Event

***THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW***

- Top six (6) reasons why group learning is an effective way to learn any subject [read more...](#)
- Worklight offers a mobile applications platform and tools for developing software for smartphones and tablets [read more...](#)
- BDPA Chicago Chapter Rewards Program ***Coming Soon!***

***2012 NATIONAL BDPA TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE***  
***BALTIMORE MARYLAND***

***PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IS OFFERING  
NEW SIGS!***



**Do you know the value of  
having BA Skills?**

According to Dice.com...

Everyone knows that BAs are in demand, but did you know that [the 2011 graduates](#) from North Carolina State University’s master’s program had a 97 percent job placement rate with salary offers up to \$140,000? In fact, the demand for BA skills is so great that Northwestern University has launched a similar program and Texas A&M and Louisiana State University will follow this year. Interested in joining any of the 2012 Special Interest Groups (SIGs)? We want to hear from you. The sessions will start in April so don’t hesitate! The following groups are planned:

- Business Analyst Certification Prep
- Project Management Professional Certification Prep
- Six Sigma Certification Prep
- Introduction to Java Programming
- Advanced Office Techniques

To express interest in any of the planned SIGS, send an email to Audra Anderson at [audra.anderson@hotmail.com](mailto:audra.anderson@hotmail.com). Put the name of the SIG in the subject line, your preferred meeting day in the body along with your contact information. If you’re interested in a topic not listed, let us hear from you as well.

***REGIONAL DIVERSITY JOB FAIR AT  
NAVY PIER***

**UNEMPLOYED OR INTERESTED IN A NEW  
CAREER?**

The Regional Diversity Job Fair is coming to the Chicago area and everyone is invited. This event provides a great opportunity to meet face-to-face with companies that are hiring and looking for experienced candidates just like you.

Tuesday, February 21  
10:00AM - 3:00PM

Navy Pier – Lakeview Terrace  
600 E. Grand Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60611

Employers are seeking candidates with experience and interest in sales, engineering, government, security, education, military, medical, banking, financial services and more. The Professional and Executive Diversity Job Fair is ***FREE*** and open to everyone, regardless of race ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender etc.

So tidy up your resumes, bring plenty of copies and get ready to jump into gear with a new career! For more information, visit:

<http://psijobfair.com/schedule/chicagofebruary212012.aspx>  
or call (952) 595-4496, ext. 112.