

What BDPA asks of you



BDPA's potential for success rests squarely on the shoulders of member volunteers. Our ability to give back is limited only by our creativity and the willingness of good people to do great things. You will find rewarding opportunities to improve your leadership and management skills by volunteering for one of the following:

- Recruit members
- Support technical skills development
- Become a mentor or career coach
- Recruit, train and motivate high school and college students
- Take on a leadership role in your chapter
- Volunteer for a national project

Life is what you make it, and so is BDPA. When you join BDPA, we have two questions for you:

- 1) What can BDPA do to help advance your career?
- 2) How can you help make BDPA a stronger organization?

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

1 Year Student	\$25
1 Year Full	\$100
5 Year Membership	\$400
Lifetime Membership	\$1,000

BDPA SHIFTS YOUR CAREER INTO OVERDRIVE

Ultimately, you control your professional destiny. BDPA can help you advance your career in the IT profession.

BDPA gives professionals, executives, entrepreneurs and students an IT career pathway from the classroom to the boardroom. Through education, mentoring, business networking and services, BDPA promotes innovation, technical skills, business savvy and personal growth. Join the thousands in BDPA who are making a difference for themselves and for others.

Professionals and Executives

Get access to mentoring, professional coaching, certified training, job placement and other valuable resources. Maximize networking opportunities locally and nationally to build the connections you need to advance your career.

Entrepreneurs

If you provide IT-related services and products, BDPA helps your bottom line. We introduce your business to individuals with purchasing power, or influence the decision to purchase your product.

High School and College Students

If you are considering a future in IT, or want to learn more about technology, BDPA helps you develop technical skills, introduce you to role models, and open doors leading to that important internship and first job.

HELPING MEMBERS ADVANCE FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE BOARDROOM SINCE 1975

BDPA was founded in 1975 by Earl A. Pace, Jr and the late David Wimberly after the two met in Philadelphia to discuss their concerns about minorities in the data processing field. There was a lack of minorities in middle and upper management, low recruitment and poor preparation of minorities for these positions, and an overall lack of career mobility.

Through ceaseless drive and personal networking, the founders built an organization of 35 members, hosted presentations to improve data processing skills and launched a job opportunities announcement service. This nucleus has grown to over 55 chapters throughout the United States and thousands of members.

Today, BDPA is a global member focused organization that serves the professional wellbeing of its stakeholders. BDPA remains committed to excellence and providing a wide spectrum of resources to members, corporate sponsors, businesses, educational institutions and the community. The organization is a catalyst for professional growth and technical development for those in the IT industry.

The National BDPA headquarters is located in Largo, Maryland. For more information about BDPA, write:

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PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Peer Support

Join BDPA and you are immediately plugged into a nation-wide network of IT professionals and executives in the commercial, government and non-profit sectors. Use our web-based communications to post technical or business questions, and get assistance from industry experts.

Career Advancement

A wealth of resources put you on a fast-track to a rewarding career. BDPA offers its members:

- Online resume service
- Online access to job postings
- Access to BDPA Career Coaches
- Career fairs
- Top-quality instructor-led and online courses
- Professional workshops and seminars
- Executive Protégé Program

Business Networking

Fortune 500 companies and other forward thinking firms, actively participate in chapter events and the conference. Key executives and managers are there, ready and waiting to build a professional relationship with you.

ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES

The scariest day of your career was probably the day you went out on your own to become your own boss. Now you have different challenges and require different types of opportunities. BDPA strives to address your unique needs.

BDPA is a bridge between IT service or product companies, and potential buyers. Many of our members can make or influence decisions to buy from companies such as yours. By being active in BDPA's online communities and local chapters, you strengthen profitable relationships.

Members who are just starting their business can join our Entrepreneur Special Interest Group, as well as work with our career coaches who will give you tips and pointers to help you step off on the right foot. Entrepreneurs can rely on BDPA's online knowledge resources to help meet the demands of client projects.

It's your future
Join BDPA today!
www.bdpa.org

STUDENTS OF TECHNOLOGY, STUDENTS OF BUSINESS

Members and sponsors are fully committed to developing, nurturing and expanding student technical skills in ways that are engaging and educational.

The Student Information Technology Education & Scholarship (SITES) Program for high school members is a series of hands-on training, computer camps and mentoring. Students from across the country match IT skills, competing for college scholarships.

Our College Student Internship Program partners corporate sponsors with members majoring in Computer Science, Computer Engineering, or an IT-related curriculum. Academic courses are combined with practical on-the-job experience to help prepare for immediate employment and advancement.

BDPA offers many positive role models who are willing to help you become the next generation of IT professionals and executives, as well as make some great new friends. Additionally, you will acquire important business skills that add to your potential to advance, such as:

- effective speaking and writing
- delivering impressive presentations
- setting and meeting goals
- team building
- time management

OTHER BDPA STAKEHOLDERS

Sponsors

Generous support from our corporate sponsors helps us maintain a superior level of programs and services. Representing the vanguard of commerce, over 100 national and global companies provide financial and in-kind contributions to our many programs.

BDPA in turn helps our sponsors recruit and retain quality professionals, access important IT services, meet supplier diversity objectives.

The Community

One of our major stakeholders is the community we serve. BDPA establishes local Community Technology Centers to give socially or economically disadvantaged constituents hands-on technology experience.

Each year, BDPA hosts the Black Family Technology Awareness Week. This week long program introduces the African American community to the latest technology.

