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HSCC Students from Regional Chapters Explore Applications for Unmanned Autonomous Systems



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Bowie, MD | June 5, 2010—Industry Day, the Regional High School Computer Competition (HSCC), JEF Robotics, IT Showcase, and local 35th Anniversary Kick-Off events were held Friday, June 4th and 5th at the Washington, D.C. Navy Yard and Bowie State University. BDPA's Baltimore, Northern Virginia, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. Chapters co-hosted Regional events. DC Teams captured their fourth consecutive Regional Title during regional competitions at Bowie State University and will head to Philadelphia next month for an opportunity to pursue a National HSCC Title and another round of scholarships during the NBDPA Technology Conference and Career Fair.

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2010 Community Awards

DISA's Vice Director
Keynotes Local Chapter
35th Anniversary Kick-Off



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Washington, DC—Major General Ronnie D. Hawkins, Jr., Vice Director, Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), fielded questions from a diverse and professional audience during BDPA's Community Awards Luncheon on June 5th, 2010. DISA is one of several agencies relocating due to BRAC requirements. As one of the organizations moving to Ft. Meade, Maryland, General Hawkins outlined significant career opportunities for BDPA's professional and student members at DISA projected over the next several months. He also listed immediate Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) scholarships for qualified HSCC or BDPA student members participating in **See DISA, page 5**



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Washington, D.C.—BDPA's Industry Day, Regional High School Computer Competition (HSCC), IT/Robotics Showcase and local 35th anniversary Kick-Off events for the National Capital Region (NCR) were held June 4th and 5th at the Washington, D.C. Navy Yard and Bowie State University. BDPA's Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Northern Virginia Chapters co-hosted local events. Washington, D.C. Chapter's HSCC team (above) receives awards after successfully defending their fourth consecutive Regional HSCC Title on June 5th during regional competitions at Bowie State University. Teams head to Philadelphia next month, July 28-31, to pursue a National HSCC Title with another round of available scholarships from BETF (BDPA Education and Technology Foundation) awarded to the top five teams. Pictured (L-R) are Mr. Louis Shack, HSCC Program Manager and 2010 Member of the Year; Ms. TurKenya Herring, HSCC Team Captain and 2009 BDPA-DC Oracle Scholar; Mr. Christian Thornton, Mr. Emanuel Taylor, and Ms. Sarah Radwan.

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Our Next MBE & IT Legislative Event

The Washington, D.C. Chapter of BPDA (BDPA-DC) is participating in the annual **Tech Latino 2030 Legislative Forum** June 22 and 23rd, 2010 on Capitol Hill. Hosted by LISTA (Latinos in Information Sciences and Technology Association), our industry partner leverages this powerful forum to help accomplish its mission. Latinos in Information Sciences and Technology Association is a national organization geared toward the advancement and development of Hispanics in the information sciences, technology, and the telecommunications industry

BDPA members and stakeholders continue to network during these legislative events to form special interest groups (SIGs) within their respective regions. BDPA Chapters provide technical and professional support along with professional development services while cultivating strategic industry partnerships. Visit our national Groupsite and other local chapter sites for events and related industry announcements. For more details or to find other local BDPA events in the National Capital Region (NCR), visit your chapter's website at www.ncr-bdpa.org for event locations or call our national office at 800.727.BDPA (2372).

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Washington, D.C. – The journey in 2010 to the National BDPA Technology Conference in Philadelphia, PA July 28-31, 2010, continued early this month with regional BDPA Chapters co-hosting local NBDPA 35th Anniversary kick-off events. Immediately following the host chapter's Community STEM Awards Luncheon, an Executive Plenary Session convened to discuss emerging STEM workforce challenges, requirements, and fostering stronger HBCU/MSI partnerships. This year's panel was moderated by **Dr. Daryl Stone** (left), Professor of Computer Science, Bowie State University. The executive panel (l-r) featured **Dr. Brian Dennis**, Principal Investigator, Lockheed Martin Advanced Technology Laboratories (ATL); **Rear Admiral Cecil Haney**, Director Naval Warfare Information Group, U.S. Navy; **Ms. Cynthia Miller** (SES), Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI); and **Dr. Caesar Jackson**, Acting Division Director for Human Resource Development (HRD) Division of Education and Human Resources (EHR) at The National Science Foundation (NSF). Follow NBDPA's 35th Anniversary, local BDPA events, and more photo galleries on:    

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Dr. Jesse L. Bemley | 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Jesse Bemley (above left), Joint Educational Facilities (JEF) founder, is this year's recipient of the Washington, D.C. Chapter's **Lifetime Achievement Award** for his selfless contributions to NBDPA, BDPA-DC, and his mentoring of hundreds of minority youth from traditionally underserved communities he enrolled in advanced CS-STEM programs within the national capital region (NCR) and throughout the country. Dr. Bemley's contributions to NBDPA include national high school computer competition (HSCC) programs, IT Showcase for high school and college students, and active participation for BDPA and JEF student members with TeraGrid and Super Computing events. Dr. Bemley has been a member of NBDPA for over 30 years and will retire from the U.S. government this fall.

Mr. Louis Shack | 2010 Chapter Member of the Year

Mr. Louis Shack (above center), Technology Education Manager for DC Courts, combines his passion for computers with his passion to see youth reach their fullest potential. These passions have led him to volunteer with NBDPA and local BDPA Chapters for the past five years. As a mentor, teacher and coordinator in this program, Louis has coached youth to achieve second and third place consistently in the BDPA National HSCC competitions.

Through his efforts and the efforts of his co-volunteers they have seen the program expand from a hand full of interested applicants to thirty youths annually. For his selfless efforts and dedication to the Chapter's Mission, the BDPA Chapter of Washington, D.C. proudly presented this year's **Chapter Member of the Year** award to Mr. Louis Shack and **Sponsor of the Year Award** to the District of Columbia Court System.

Dr. Charles Worrell | 2010 HSCC & IT Showcase Keynote

Dr. Charles Worrell (above right), of The MITRE Corporation, provided opening remarks to parents, students, and participating BDPA members attending this year's Regional High School Computer Competition, IT Showcase, and the JEF Robotics Showcase at Bowie State University. Dr. Worrell.

Dr. Worrell has worked in MITRE's Center for Enterprise Modernization since 2005. He serves as the Chief Engineer for the Financial Intelligence Portfolio, and supports the MITRE Innovation Program as Investment Area Lead for the Financial System Oversight Investment Area. Dr. Worrell conducts his own research on automated techniques for detecting financial crimes, and modeling group decision making. He is the principal inventor of the patent-pending DAP-E Method for Decomposing Human Behavior into Quantified Layers of Perception and has developed systems based on Bayesian Inference Networks to detect events such as disease outbreaks, accounting fraud, and other illicit activities for customers that range from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to the nation's Intelligence Community.

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DISA Vice Director Keynotes local 35th Anniversary Kick-Off

DISA, from Cover Page

this year's NBDPA Technology Conference and interested in attending an AFROTC host institution this fall. Students should rank in the top 40% of their graduating high school class, have at least an SAT composite of 1100 or an ACT composite of 24 with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. To research, visit www.AFROTC.com **bt**



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For his keynote presentation, Major General Ronnie D. Hawkins, Jr. (right), Vice Director for the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) receives a token of appreciation from host Chapter President, Perry Carter (center), and Ms. Sharrarne Morton, Mistress of Ceremony.

As Vice Director, Maj Gen Hawkins helps lead a worldwide organization of more than 6,600 military and civilian personnel responsible for planning, developing, and providing interoperable, global net-centric solutions that serve the needs of the president, secretary of defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, the combatant commanders, and other Department of Defense (DoD) components.

Maj Gen Hawkins received his commission as a distinguished graduate of the ROTC program at Angelo State University in 1977. He has held a variety of communications positions, including an assignment on the Joint Staff as support manager for command, control, communications and computer systems, and he later served as Director of C4 Systems for Joint Task Force - Southwest Asia.

The general has commanded Cadet Squadron 24 at the U.S. Air Force Academy; Air Combat Command's Computer Systems Squadron and Communications Group; and Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. He has served as the Director of Communications and Information, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, and Director of Communications Operations, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics, Headquarters U.S. Air Force. Maj Gen Hawkins has also been Deputy Chief of Staff, Communications and Information Systems, Multi-National Force-Iraq.

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Dr. Jesse L. Bemley | **2010 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient**

Making Moves For a Healthier Generation



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In February, President Barack Obama signed a memorandum on childhood obesity in the Oval Office (above). From left are, Education Secretary Arne Duncan, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, First Lady Michelle Obama, and Interior Secretary Ken Salazar.

"It's done, honey," President Obama said to The First Lady as he signed a Presidential Memorandum establishing a task force on childhood obesity to address the growing health epidemic. "Now we work," she responded.

The new task force is charged with developing an interagency action plan to solve the problem of obesity among our Nation's children as part of the First Lady's **Let's Move** campaign. The campaign will take a comprehensive approach to engage both public and private sectors to help children become more active and eat healthier within a generation, so that children born today will reach adulthood at a healthy weight.

Within 90 days, the task force will develop and submit to the President a comprehensive interagency plan that details a coordinated strategy, identifies key benchmarks, and outlines an action plan. Members of the task force include: the Secretary of the Interior; the Secretary of Agriculture; Secretary of Health and Human Services; Secretary of Education; Director of the Office of Management and Budget; Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to the First Lady; Assistant to the President for Economic Policy; and heads of other executive departments, agencies, or offices as the Chair may designate.

Speaking at an event later, the First Lady explained what motivated her to take this on: "These words – 'overweight' and 'obese' – they don't tell the full story. This isn't just about inches and pounds or how our kids look. It's about how our kids feel, and how they feel about themselves. It's about the impact we're seeing on every aspect of their lives." [Source: White House Blog]

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APPS For Healthy Kids



Coaches and Dads, Create Apps For Healthy Kids!

The **Apps For Healthy Kids** competition is a part of First Lady Michelle Obama's **Let's Move!** campaign to end childhood obesity within a generation. **Apps for Healthy Kids** challenges software developers, game designers, students, and other innovators to develop fun and engaging software tools and games that drive children, especially "tweens" (ages 9-12) – directly or through their parents – to eat better and be more physically active.

Childhood obesity or excess weight threatens the healthy future of one third of American children. America spends approximately \$150 billion every year to treat obesity-related conditions, and that number is growing. Obesity rates tripled in the past 30 years, a trend that means, for the first time in our history, American children may face a shorter expected lifespan than their parents. **We need to get moving!**

For BDPA Members, Coaches, and Team Moms

Contact local BDPA Chapters or **Donnie Shaw**, YMCA of Metropolitan Washington, to get started. Tools and games should be built using USDA's nutrition dataset recently made available to the public through the Open Government Initiative. This dataset provides information on total calories, calories from "extras" (solid fats and added sugars), and **MyPyramid** food groups for over 1,000 commonly eaten foods. USDA is seeking new, innovative, creative tools or games which use USDA's dataset to deliver nutrition and health concepts in fun and engaging ways. Send BDPA your **APPS for Fitness** stories.



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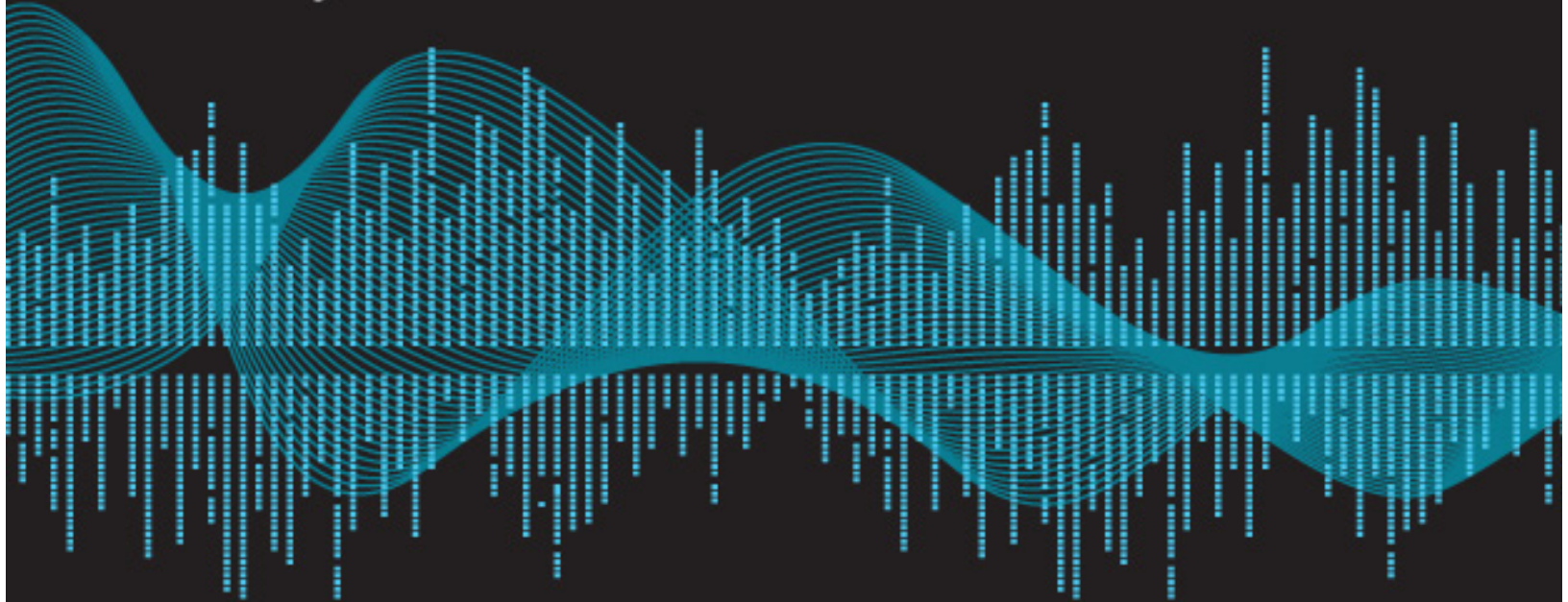
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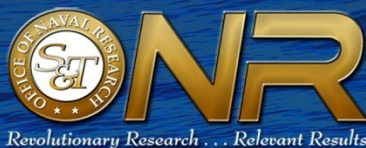
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this issue's success story

HBCU/MSI's, local governments and Industry leaders continue to provide venues and inspirational messages to young men and women interested in Computer Science-STEM (CS-STEM) careers or entering technical fields. Regional HSCC and ITSC participants are headed to Philadelphia for next month's National BDPA Technology Conference contests, Youth Technology Camp, and Career Fair.

Inside our
next issue:

National HSCC

**Career Fair, 2010 National High
School Computer Competition
title, and IT Showcase**

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student programs: GET THEM INVOLVED!

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