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**IT's Thursday, May 22, 2008** — Prince George's Community College (PGCC) recently celebrated the grand opening of their new High Technology Center. With a brand new facility, upgraded technology labs, and a highly motivated workforce available to faculty, students, and community organizations, what are the next logical steps for regional BDPA Chapters and community members? What can we do to leverage these new resources? How can BDPA and PGCC's programs jointly add value to both our community and corporate stakeholders? One of the first steps is active participation in the first of a series of local BDPA Chapter **Industry Days**.

Recently, the President requested a proposal to streamline security clearance processes government wide. A joint reform team comprising OMB, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, Defense Department, Office of Personnel Management and Office of the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs collaborated on the plan issued May 1, 2008. Our featured speakers from DoD, Unisys, and Perot Systems will provide an overview to help upgrade your career or prepare you for these and related IT opportunities.

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## Auburn University Expands 2008 Online Registration To IT Professionals

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### Execs Must Upgrade Skill Sets

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and provide them with the necessary tools for upward mobility in IT. Together with Auburn University, BDPA is providing this service as the next frontier of IT benefits for advancement. The program grants BDPA an opportunity to allow IT professionals a means to validate their skills in a structured certification program geared to the IT industry.

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service gives IT Professionals the ability to make career changes, brush up on their skills

The BDPA IT Institute provides the opportunity for professionals and BDPA

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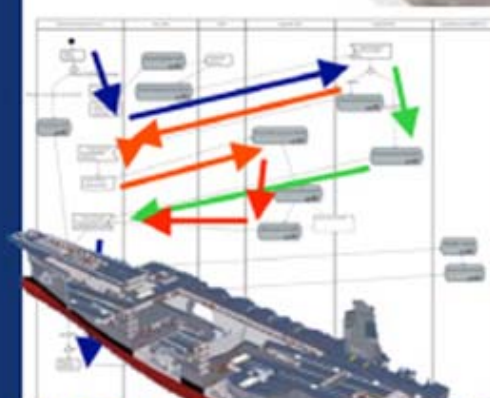
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Our next opportunity to network and interface with business leaders and hiring managers supporting BDPA in Washington, D.C., is **May 22, 2008** in the Rennie Forum auditorium, Prince George's Community College before and after the Chapter's Program Meeting. More information is available by visiting "Events" online: [www.bdpa-dc.org](http://www.bdpa-dc.org). 

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In 2008, BDPA's Washington, D.C. Chapter invites new members to celebrate with us our 30 years of service, professional development, and community outreach.

## Committees to Chair or Join:

- **Audit/Finance/Sales/Grants**  
Invest in our *trillion-dollar* industry
- **IT Programs/Chapter Events**  
Host *Interest Groups* and meetings
- **Membership/Services**  
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Track laws in our *high-tech* society
- **Communications + PR**  
Join local BDPA *multimedia* teams
- **Education/Training/Standards**  
Develop *courseware*, be a *Mentor*

## What To Look For in 2008:

- Black Engineer of The Year Awards
- BDPA-Day-On-The-Hill
- BDPA-Day @ Annapolis
- ITSMF Symposium and Gala
- FOSE 2008
- National Harbor Conventions
- Regional BDPA Golf Classic
- Regional HSCC Competition (Youth)
- Regional IT Showcase (Students)
- TeraGrid '08
- National BDPA Conference
- National IT Showcase (Students)
- National HSCC Competition (Youth)
- Legislative Conference (CBCF/ALC)
- Prince George's Football Classic
- Supercomputing 2008 (SC08)
- BDPA-DC 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala

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## SUPERCOMPUTING 2008 CONFERENCE PREVIEW

### SC08 Broader Engagement (BE) Program

SC08 is committed to broadening participation in the conference and to the engagement of individuals from around the globe, in groups and disciplines that traditionally have been underrepresented in high performance computing or at the SC Conference series. The breadth and depth of SC08 will provide unparalleled opportunities for learning about innovations in high performance computing, networking, storage and analysis. The Broader Engagement (BE) Program strives to identify and involve those individuals from underrepresented communities who have an interest in high performance computing.

### Mentorship Programs

The mentorship program that started last year at SC07 will continue at SC08. In close collaboration with the Education Program, student volunteers and SC exhibitors, BE is endeavoring to grow its mentorship program. The program plans to continue the formation of mentor/protégé pairs, and develop informal opportunities through coffee or lunch meetings with scientists and industry leaders to encourage networking bridges that benefit the participants involved in the program and hopefully beyond. JEF and BDPA-DC have additional information for local teams. Visit: [www.bdpa-dc.org](http://www.bdpa-dc.org)



[bdpa@sc08](mailto:bdpa@sc08)

Support Teams are forming for this year's high school and college student participation during featured technology expos, IT conferences, IT Showcase and BDPA HSCC events. Parents and sponsors are invited to participate and assist area students with research concepts and development projects. Contact the JEF Center at: **202.584.1898**

## An A+ For Helping Hands with Technical Careers\$

Educational institutions, training companies, not-for-profits such as BDPA and government-funded training organizations can improve services to constituencies by joining CompTIA.

### IT Career Upgrades

CompTIA is the leading association representing the international technology community. Its goal is to provide a unified voice, global advocacy and leadership, and to advance industry growth through standards, professional competence, education and business solutions.

BDPA-DC will work with CompTIA in 2008 to make certification testing more accessible with sponsored and discounted student vouchers. This upgraded member service allows BDPA members to keep their own skill sets current with industry requirements. Advanced training and free vouchers for additional CompTIA certifications will be made available for BDPA student and full members.

### CompTIA Exam Vouchers for BDPA Instructors

Qualified BDPA members of E2C member schools who are training students in any of CompTIA's current certifications are eligible to receive a voucher for one of the following CompTIA certifications: **A+, Network+, i-Net+, Server+, Linux+, HTI+, RFID+, Security+ and Project+.**



Obtaining a CompTIA certification adds to personal credentials and paves the way to more lucrative and challenging leadership positions. Top technology companies like Cisco, HP, IBM, Intel, Microsoft and Novell leverage

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## HSCC \$cholarships

**Washington**—This year, BDPA's national High School Computer Competition (HSCC) will be held in Atlanta, Georgia during the **National BDPA Technology Conference, August 6-9, 2008**. Final competition teams selected to represent Washington, DC and Northern Virginia will be made up of three to five students each. However, the other students will be eligible to participate in BDPA's annual Youth Technology Camp (YTC). The competition team also will enjoy an all expenses paid

trip to the National Conference. All students will be allowed to participate in the Student Youth Technology Camp and all other planned student activities. The competition team will compete with other BDPA chapter teams throughout the United States developing web applications, mastering computer theory, conducting oral presentations and publishing their team's deliverables during written competition. The top five teams will win college scholarships, computer hardware and software. NBDPA may extend scholarship awards to the top six

teams in 2008. BDPA student members and HSCC students will be afforded an opportunity to participate or attend this year's TeraGrid Conference and Supercomputing 2008 (SC08) Expo later this year. Student memberships also are available to area students at a very nominal annual fee of only \$15 for full time high school, community college, vocational school, 4-year college or university attendees. Join a local BDPA Chapter or start a small Chapter Interest Group (CIG) within your school today. Bowie State University will host this year's **BDPA Regional HSCC and IT Showcase, on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**. 



## House Subcommittee Approves Bill To Support Innovative Technology Development

The U.S. House Committee on Science and Technology's **Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation** recently passed legislation that supports the development of innovative technologies by small high-tech companies. Subcommittee Chairman David Wu (D-OR) introduced **H.R. 5789**, the *Science and Technology Innovation Act of 2008*, to reauthorize the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Research (STTR) program.

SBIR and STTR comprise the largest source of federal support for private-sector technological innovation, providing over \$2.3 billion annually to small, high-tech entrepreneurial companies that are creating revolutionary new technologies.

"These two programs are critical to the competitiveness of the U.S.," said Wu. "In today's economy, small businesses are where innovation happens. This subcommittee intends to promote the science and technology research that drives an innovation-based economy."

SBIR provides funds to small high-tech firms conducting innovative research that is

relevant to federal agencies' missions and may have significant commercialization potential. STTR provides similar funding for small businesses that are working cooperatively with universities or nonprofit research institutions.

"SBIR and STTR are key components of our innovation agenda," Wu said. "For more than 20 years, these programs have helped innovative ideas bring their products to market. However, much has changed in recent decades, and these programs need to be restructured to reflect the current global innovation environment." The Technology and Innovation Subcommittee held hearings last year on the SBIR and STTR programs to analyze their place in an innovation agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Witnesses suggested ways that the programs could be strengthened to operate more successfully in today's innovation economy.

The full text of amendments to this bill and further information regarding its markup can be found on the House's website at: [www.house.gov/science](http://www.house.gov/science)



## 06.21.08 – Growing *IT* Special Interest Groups



In June 2008, during the Chapter's Regional Conference, new BDPA-DC members and community leaders will continue to develop industry-specific Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and neighborhood Chapter Interest Groups (CIGs) to expand committee services and chapter programs to emerging communities within the National Capital Region (NCR).

New SIGs should include growth areas such as Standards, High Performance Computing, Modeling & Simulation, Intelligent Transportation Systems, Robotics (Unmanned Vehicle) software, Serious Games (beyond Xbox, Wii, and PSP), or Web 2.0 technologies.

New BDPA CIGs are forming within this region to provide services to Anne Arundel, Charles, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties in Maryland. To schedule a BDPA CIG event near you, visit our website at [www.bdpa-dc.org](http://www.bdpa-dc.org) for the latest details, meeting locations, and contact information.



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### Student Member Graduates With \$100K Scholarship

Christian Loggins (second from the right), of Eastern High School, and other area students, received scholarships from the **Posse Foundation** to enter Iowa's Grinnell College Class of 2012. Christian is a BDPA-DC student member who attended 2007's International Conference for High Performance Computing (SC07) and BDPA's IT Showcase with District-based Joint Education Facilities (JEF.) Bowie State University is hosting this year's IT Showcase on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. For sponsorships and registration information, visit: [www.bdpa-dc.org](http://www.bdpa-dc.org).

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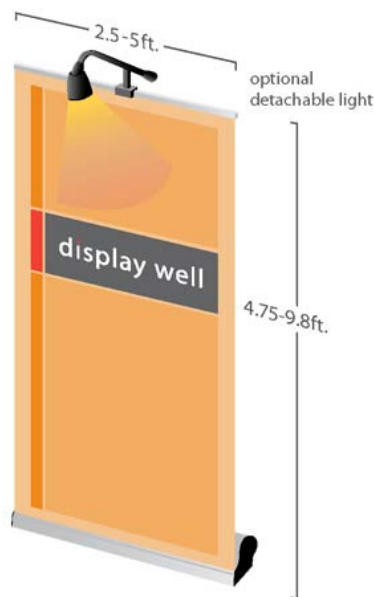
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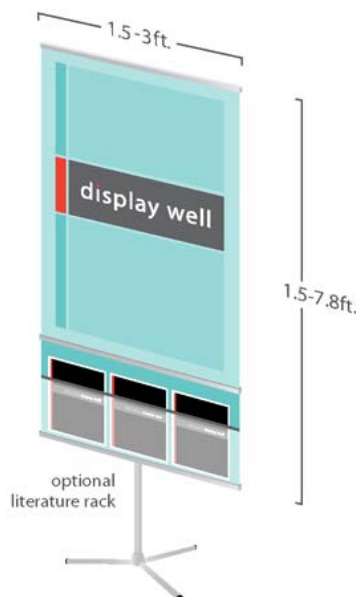
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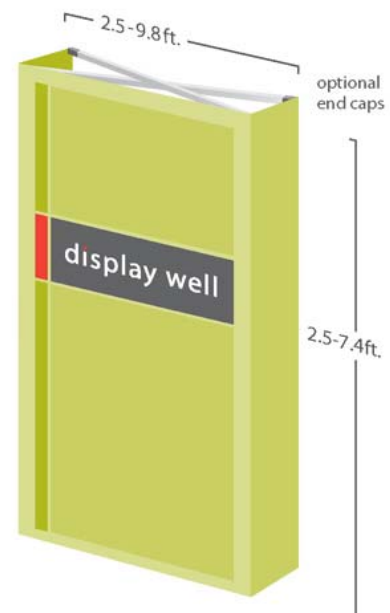
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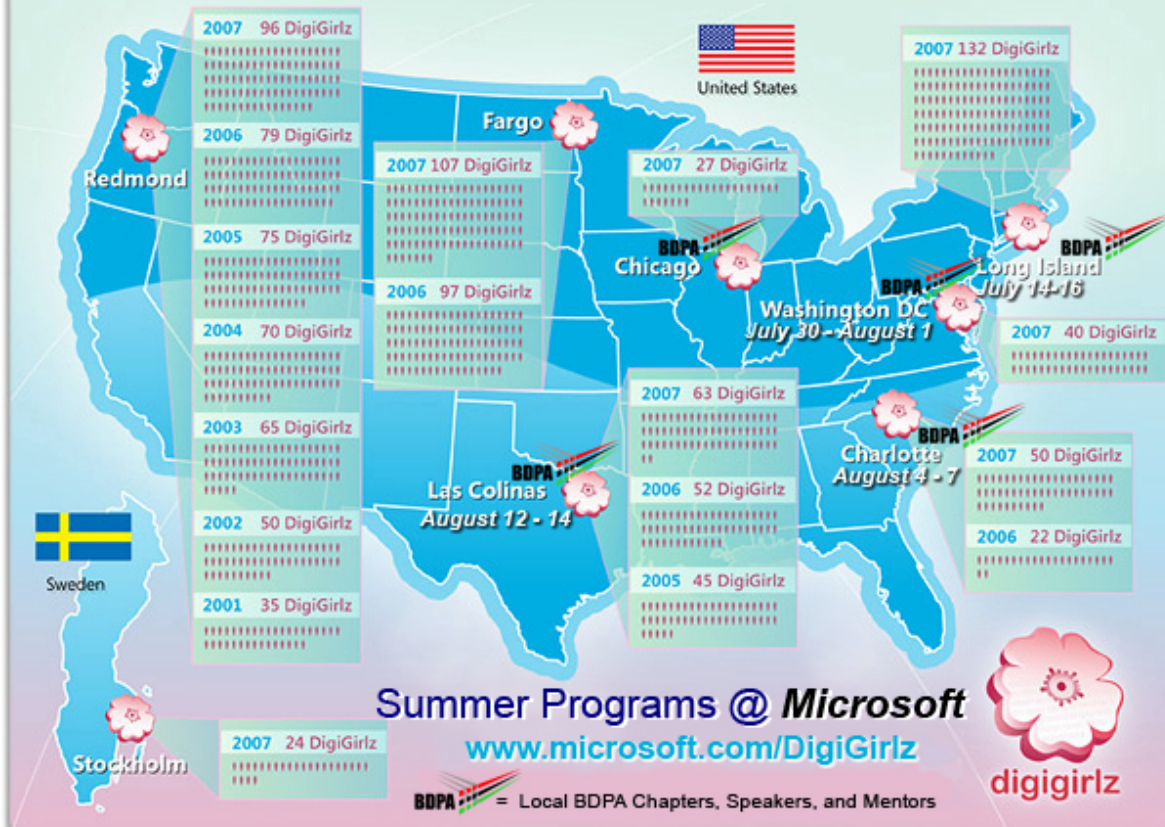
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