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BDPA NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2025 - ATLANTA, GA

A Major Thank You

FROM THE BDPACON25 CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS!



On behalf of Judaea 'Judy' Lane & Akil Bektemba, we extend heartfelt gratitude to everyone who made BDPACON25 — The National BDPA Conference & Career Fair: 50th Anniversary Celebration — an extraordinary success. Together the theme **#FromTheClassroomToTheBoardroom** honored our legacy while inspiring our future. This milestone was only possible because of the incredible contributions of so many:

Attendees: *who brought energy, curiosity, & commitment*

Lifetime Members & Legacy Members: *whose dedication continues to carry National BDPA forward*

Conference Team & Volunteers: *who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make it all come together*

Speakers & Panelists: *who shared insight to power thought leadership*

Sponsors & Partners: *whose generous support fueled this celebration and expanded opportunities for students, entrepreneurs & all attendees*

Competition Participants & Coaches: *who embodied innovation and achievement by going beyond the status quo with confidence*

Chapter Presidents: *who invest and expand the vision of National BDPA in their communities*

SITES Coordinators: *for guiding the next generation of talent forward*

Photographers, Videographers & Media Partners: *for capturing and amplifying the unforgettable moments*

Most importantly — we thank each of ***YOU*** for being part of National BDPA's 50-year journey. We look ahead to the next 50 years with renewed purpose, vision and unity to build bridges, break barriers and lead the way **#FromtheClassroomtoTheBoardroom !**

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A Letter of Commendation

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August 13, 2025

National BDPA Conference and Career Fair
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Friends,

Congratulations on organizing this year's BDPA Conference, celebrating 50 years of advocacy and leadership, and welcome to the State of Georgia!

This opportunity for fellowship is a testament to your dedication and the bonds of your community, and I am glad you are able to join together.

Protecting Georgians in business, technology, and commerce applications remain a top priority. I continue to deliver targeted investments in local chambers of commerce, small business incubators, and tech hubs across our state so they can continue helping entrepreneurs access capital, markets, mentorship, and our cyber industry to strengthen our cyber workforce.

Here in Georgia, we are proving to be a national capital for cyber workforce development.

HBCUs in Georgia, and across the country, are rapidly scaling cyber workforce curricula and training programs. These and other efforts across the country to strengthen our cyber workforce are not just creating good paying jobs, they're bolstering industries that are essential to our national security.

While I regret that I could not be there with you to celebrate these accomplishments and those still to come, know that you are all in my thoughts, and I am appreciative of the work you all continue to do.

Please feel free to reach out to my office if we can ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Jon Ossoff
United States Senator

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From the desk of...

PERRY CARTER

National BDPA President 2024-2025



August 14, 2025

BDPACON25
Westin Peachtree Plaza Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Members and BDPACON Attendees,

Welcome to this year's Annual Technology Conference! On behalf of our National BDPA, Inc. Board of Directors and our dedicated planning committees, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome all of you to this year's annual assembly—***BDPACON25***. As we gather to celebrate an extraordinary journey BDPA has made since its founding in 1975, we pay homage to the legacies of our late co-founders, Earl A. Pace, Jr. and David Wimberly, whose collective visions remain a source of inspiration for all that we undertake.

Our theme for this year is ***"A Legacy of PACEsetting Innovation"***—a powerful tribute to our Association's 50-year journey of driving progress, empowering communities, and shaping the future of technology. This week is more than just a conference or tech industry reunion, it is our tribute to countless sponsors, professionals, students, and volunteers who are instrumental in shaping our legacy while advancing new mission goals in aerospace, banking, health, manufacturing, telecommunications, and transportation.

As we embark upon ***BDPACON25***, we invite you to engage fully in this year's transformative digital workforce sessions, networking opportunities, and Golden Anniversary celebrations that make this event so special. Join our career reception and tech expo at the Mimms Museum of Technology and Art, formerly "***Computer Museum of America***", where BDPA celebrates its shared history with Industry and looks ahead to what is next.

We extend a heartfelt thanks to our sponsors, mission partners, and members whose support has powered BDPA's programs and success stories for five decades. Your commitment has helped thousands of students and professionals thrive, and we remain deeply grateful for your partnership.

This year, we welcome our new leadership teams for 2026 and 2027, and we are thrilled to have you support them—here's to a very powerful and inspiring week with BDPA! Thank you for being a part of our 50-year milestone.

Warm regards,

Perry Carter
President, National BDPA, Inc.

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WELCOME TO BDPACON '25

ATLANTA

08.14.25 • 08.16.25

National BDPA's Conference & Career Fair transcends the norm when it comes to definitions of traditional technology conventions, carrying forward a legacy to shape students & professionals that began in the classroom and has reached the boardroom.

Today, this legacy continues as a very intimate industrial reunion and a nexus of new ideas, driven by the power of togetherness to revolutionize excellence. For our members, alumni, partners, and industry leaders, this movement represents more than history — it signifies half a century of PACEsetting innovation, fueling bold collaborations and empowering the next generation for their post-quantum era futures. Together, we honor the legacy of Black excellence in computing while charting greater trajectories for the next 50 years!



WHO IS BDPA?

National BDPA is the premier organization focused on nurturing and developing diverse working professionals and future IT leaders in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) and all digital technology fields. For more than 40 years, BDPA has enabled the upward mobility of African Americans and other minorities in the Information Technology (IT) and STEM fields. Through its 30+ local community chapters in major cities across the United States, **National BDPA** has been at the forefront of promoting the minority agenda within the IT profession since 1975.

We continue to bridge the gap
"From the Classroom to Boardroom"

1200+
MEMBERSHIP BASE



YEARS OF EXISTENCE

30+
CHAPTERS

$100,000+
YEARLY SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

65%
PROFESSIONALS

35%
STUDENTS

58%
MALE

42%
FEMALE

HISTORY

Origin Story & Founders

Founded in 1975 in Philadelphia, PA, Black Data Processing Associates (BDPA) was established by two visionaries, Earl A. Pace, Jr. and David Wimberly, to create pathways for Black professionals in data processing and address the lack of representation in IT leadership roles. Despite systemic barriers—low recruitment, limited access to management, and inadequate preparation pipelines—BDPA pushed forward. Its mission to open doors and create opportunity continues through professional development, networking, and career mobility in the emerging tech industry.

MISSION

To build a pipeline of diverse professionals and aspiring students in the STEM and digital technology fields through innovative technical development programs.

VISION

To be the leading and most recognized organization in enabling digital leadership preparedness for aspiring diverse professionals throughout the United States.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Over five decades, BDPA has nurtured thousands of technical professionals and students, advancing countless careers “from the classroom to the boardroom.” The HSCC, SITES camps, and scholarships opened doors for minority youth in tech and fostered entrepreneurship, leadership, and professional networks!

THE MILESTONES

1975-2025

1975

THE BEGINNING

National BDPA founded with 35 members; hosted skill presentations and launched job announcement services

1986

LAUNCH OF HSCC

Launch of National High School Computer Competition (HSCC) by Dr. Jesse Bemley; BDPA becomes leader in youth coding exposure

LATE 1990S / EARLY 2000S

THE RE-BRAND

Rebranding to BDPA, signaling expanded reach beyond "data processing" to digital technology and STEM

2018

DECADES WELL DONE

Celebrated 40th Anniversary with industry partners; co-hosted high-level events including holiday soirée with Samsung and public sector leaders

2020

THE DIGITAL SHIFT

Pivoted to virtual youth tech camps, STEM mentorship during COVID; expanded electronics donations and digital inclusion efforts

2024

COMMEMORATION

Commemorating 50 Years with BDPACON25 in Atlanta; launching docuseries The BDPA Legacy™ across PTTV and media channels

2025

THE LEGACY

Lives have been transformed by bridging access gaps and empowering underrepresented talent through education, mentorship, and community. Our legacy stands as a testament to what dedication, innovation, and inclusive vision can accomplish!



WE GIVE A MAJOR *Thank You*

TO OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

*You all have immensely contributed to the **excellence & impact** of National BDPA!*



EARL A PACE JR.
1976–1980

NORMAN MAYS
1981–1984

GERALD ANDERSON
1985–1988

VIVIAN WILSON
1989 – 1992

DIANE DAVIS
1993 – 1994

OLLIE MORGAN
1995

GEORGE WILLIAMS
1995 – 1999

RENEE MCCLURE
1999 – 2001

MILT HAYNES
2002 – 2003

WAYNE HICKS
2004 – 2005

GINA BILLINGS
2006 – 2007

DR. DENISE HOLLAND
2008 – 2009

YVETTE GRAHAM
2010 – 2011

MONIQUE BERRY
2012 – 2013

DR. CRAIG BROWN
2014

PAMELA MATTHEWS
2015

MICHAEL WILLIAMS
2016 – 2017

TERRY MORRIS
2018 – 2021

TIMOTHY BROWN
2022 – 2023

WE GIVE A MAJOR *Thank You*

TO OUR CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

*Your hard **work & dedication** continues to advance the mission of National BDPA!*

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NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY - NCCU

VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY - VSU

FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY - FAMU

BDPACON '25

WHAT TO EXPECT ?

13-16 AUGUST | **ATLANTA, GA**

WELCOME

Welcome to the iconic National BDPA Conference & Career Fair **#BDPACON25** !
We greatly value your attendance and celebration of National BDPA's 50-year legacy —highlighted through competitions, career opportunities, networking receptions, and our Golden Anniversary #BDPA50 Awards Ceremony Gala 'Black Tie' Event.
Cheers to unforgettable days of innovation, connection, and community!

A Legacy of Pace-setting Innovation

THE SESSIONS

KEYNOTE INSIGHTS | **PANEL DISCUSSIONS** | **WORKSHOPS**

TRACK 1	TRACK 2	TRACK 3
TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION	ENTREPRENEURIAL	LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONALISM

STUDENT IT EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIPS (SITES)

From Idea to Launch (FI2L) Pitch Competition
IT Showcase
Robotic Arm Challenge
Youth Tech Expo (STEAM Blitz & Spatial Grow)
eSports
High School Computer Competition (HSCC)

THE EVENTS

THURS. AUG 14
HIVE RESTAURANT
SITES Reception 5-8P
(Youth & Chaperones)
8-11:30P
BDPA Hospitality (21+)

THURS. AUG 14
PARK BAR
MCBC Happy Hour
Reception (21+)
6-9P
RSVP! LIMITED SLOTS

FRI. AUG 15
MIMMS MUSEUM
The Reunion 2-8P
Fireside Chat
<>Code.Sip.Repeat.
(18 to code. 21 to sip.)

SAT. AUG 16
WESTIN PEACHTREE PLAZA HOTEL
Lifetime Members Reception 5-6P
Awards Ceremony Gala 6-9P
Youth Celebration 9-11P
Adult Celebration 9-11P

BDPACON '25
NAVIGATION GUIDE

CHECK-IN

Registration and Cyber Cafe is open THURS 14 AUG - SAT 16 AUG from 7A - 3P ! Please ensure to check-in and grab your badge at the desk. It is essential for access to the sessions, Mimms Museum Events, Awards Ceremony, Shuttle Bus Rides +MORE!

CHECK IN on the Whova App below using the email registered for this event to mark your attendance and navigate this event to your best capacity !

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DOWNLOAD THE WHOVA APP IN YOUR PHONE APP STORE (ICON PICTURED ON LEFT) - This is the powerhouse of your conference navigation! Use it to:

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- ✓ Quick Access to Floor Map of Westin Hotel
- ✓ Find, Message & Connect with Attendees
- ✓ Increase Your Scoreboard Ranking by Interacting with 'Leaderboard' Prompts

LOCATIONS

WESTIN PEACHTREE PLAZA HOTEL

210 Peachtree St NW, Atlanta, GA 30303

6TH FLOOR

CHASTAIN: 1, 2, D, E, F, G

8TH FLOOR

PEACHTREE: BALLROOM, TERRACE

9TH FLOOR

SAVANNAH E

12TH FLOOR

PIEDMONT: 1, 4, 5, 6, 7

HIVE RESTAURANT

1845 Peachtree Rd NW, Atlanta, GA 30309

PARK BAR

150 Walton St NW, Atlanta, GA 30303

MIMMS MUSEUM

5000 Commerce Pkwy, Roswell, GA 30076

Shuttles from Westin to Hive Restaurant & Park Bar depart/return on 30min intervals 4:30-11:15p

Buses from Westin to MIMMS will depart at 2p & 2:30p - return at 7p, 8p, 9:15p

THE REUNION

15TH AUG | 2-9PM | 5000 COMMERCE PKWY. ROSWELL, GA 30076

FIRESIDE CHAT

A dialogue with past AND present presidents — bridging legacy & leadership

PERRY CARTER

DR. CRAIG BROWN

TIMOTHY BROWN

YVETTE GRAHAM

TERRY MORRIS

NORMAN MAYS

MICHAEL WILLIAMS

Code.Sip.Repeat.

REDEFINING TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS

Come for lots of fun conducting a LIVE CODING PROJECT for ALL SKILL LEVELS!

BYOL (BRING YOUR OWN LAPTOP)
18 TO ENTER
21 TO SIP

MIMMS
MUSEUM OF TECHNOLOGY AND ART
FORMERLY KNOWN AS COMPUTER MUSEUM OF AMERICA

THE MUSEUM WILL BE OPEN TO VIEW FOR THE DURATION OF THE AFTERNOON & EVENING!

BEVERAGES
SMALL APPETIZERS
GAMES
+ A GREAT TIME

AWARD CEREMONY

Gala

KEYNOTE: DR. JEANETTE (WIGGINS) JAMES

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

BETF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

INDIVIDUAL OF THE YEAR

ENTREPRENEURAL EXCELLENCE IN TECHNOLOGY

IT SHOWCASE WINNERS

FI2L PITCH COMPETITION WINNERS

CLOSING REMARKS

EMCEE: DEJA LINDSEY

YOUTH CELEBRATION
PEACHTREE ROOM

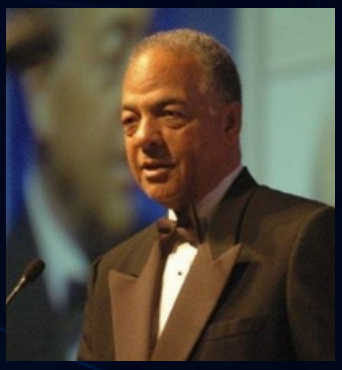
ADULT CELEBRATION
PEACHTREE BALLROOM

16TH AUG 6PM ATLANTA, GA

HONORING THE YEARS



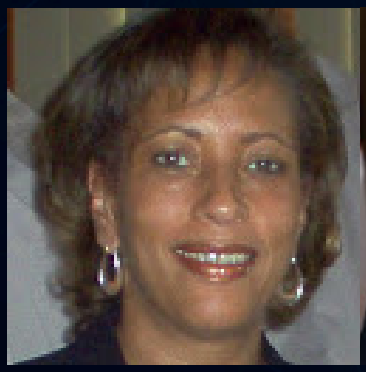
HONORING THE YEARS



Earl A. Pace



David Wimberly



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Will Bundy



Ollie Morgan



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Jesse Matthews III



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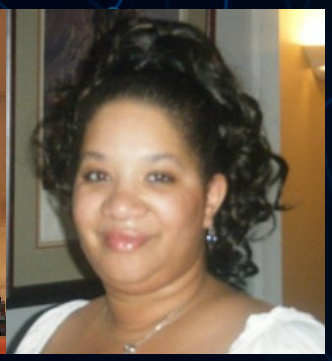


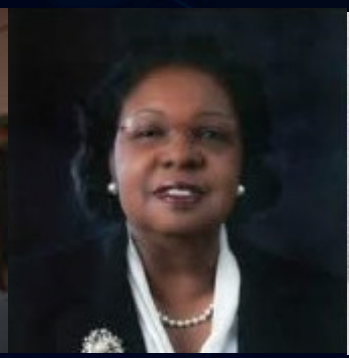
Monica Ellis-Gorham



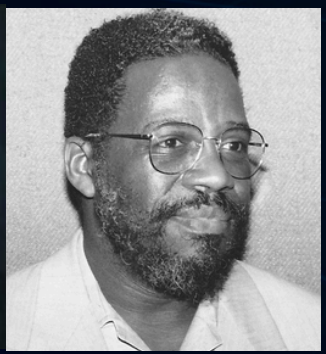
Malcom Mathis



Julius Clark Sr.



Dorothy Richburg



Roger Dunne

Remembering our dedicate volunteers whose legacy of service, mentorship, & passion will continue to inspire and guide future generations.

HONORING THE YEARS



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HONORING THE YEARS



Congratulations to the many awardees who accelerated the Pace with excellence!

HONORING THE YEARS



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HONORING THE YEARS



Cheers to 50 more years of Pace-setting !

5 REASONS
TO SEIZE OPPORTUNITIES WITH US

CONNECT to a network of IT professionals and executives in the Commercial, Government, Academic AND Non-Profit Sectors.

PARTICIPATE actively in an organization that is ***Setting Trends In Emerging Technology***.

EMPOWER your endeavors with authentic support that ***Speaks & Moves Louder Than Words***.

OBTAIN EXPOSURE through prime advertising and marketing to expand influence.

SUPPORT AND EXPEDITE the goals and directions of this leading-edge technical organization through the contribution of your own professional expertise.

WHY JOIN BDPA

ENABLING DIGITAL THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

WE ENABLE DIGITAL THOUGHT LEADERS



LOCAL + NATIONAL

- *Mentoring*
- *Job Placement*
- *Certified Training*
- *Professional Coaching*
- *Network Expansion*
- *Career Advancement*

POTENTIAL FOR

- *Buyers*
- *Business Partners*
- *Investors*
- *Employees*
- *Product Advocates*
- *Plan Refinement*

STUDENTS GET

- *Scholarships*
- *Internships*
- *Career Preparation*
- *Tech Skill Development*
- *Professional Development*
- *Role Model Introductions*

BDPA can help you advance your career in the IT profession. We give professionals, executives, entrepreneurs and students an IT career pathway from the "Classroom to the Boardroom". Through education, mentoring, services and business networking, BDPA promotes innovation, technical skills, business savvy and personal growth. Join the thousands of BDPA members who are making a difference for themselves and for others!

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Acknowledging the individuals 'Setting the Pace' for the internal framework—
a heartfelt thank you to all who help move the mission forward with integrity & innovation!

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A heartfelt thank you to all the founders, past and present chapter volunteers, sponsors, educators, corporate partners, and alumni whose unwavering dedication built this remarkable journey. Your contributions have made BDPA a beacon of community, access, and transformation in tech. As we celebrate 50 years, we deeply appreciate those who have returned to support, mentor, and elevate the next generation.

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