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BDPA Triangle Chapter Launches SITES/HSCC Saturday Academy 2010

RTP, NC -- BDPA Triangle Chapter announced plans to launch its SITES/HSCC Saturday Academy 2010 in recognition of National Black Family Technology Awareness Week (February 14 – 20, 2010).

Student Information Technology Education & Scholarship (SITES) is a nationally recognized program developed by National BDPA designed to identify, select and foster professional and computer programming skills of 9th through 12th grade students. Classes will be held each Saturday (February 13 thru May 8, 2010) at North Carolina Central University - School of Business from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

At the conclusion of the 12-week program, students are selected to represent the Triangle area at the National High School Computer Competition (HSCC), to be held during the 2010 National BDPA Technology Conference in Philadelphia, PA. Those students selected will engage in advanced HSCC training for an additional eight weeks in preparation for regional competition as well as compete for college scholarships and prizes at the national competition.

Area Information Technology professionals employed at world-class global companies based locally such as Compuware, SAS, Yorel Integrated Solutions Inc., N2Net Security Inc., and Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC serve as instructors for the program. Student participants also have the opportunity to meet and interact with senior level executives from area fortune 1000 corporations.

The SITES/HSCC Saturday Academy is aimed at increasing the success of students who enter college and workplace by exposing them to the rigors of work life through development of their Computer, Information and Internet Technology skills to solve business problems. Last year, thirty students representing 16 different area high schools from eight cities in the Triangle region participated in BDPA Triangle Chapter's program. One Academy student participant won a new Netbook computer and another student earned a \$1250 college scholarship from the local chapter. During the 2009 National HSCC, the Triangle team (affectionately named Tri Squad) consisted of six area students to represent the region for the first time competing alongside teams from twenty-four states.

The SITES/HSCC Saturday Academy's goal is to teach students how to use software solutions to solve business problems. Students learn how to analyze a problem, as well as design and implement a solution. Additionally, students are coached on how to conduct themselves in a professional manner, along with, learn how to lead and participate as effective members of a team. There is a \$50.00 enrollment fee. Students have the opportunity to receive all expense paid trips to the regional and national competitions, earn college scholarship awards and other prizes presented by BDPA Triangle Chapter and National BDPA.

For more information about eligibility requirements and registration, please visit the BDPA Triangle Chapter web site at <http://www.bdpatriangle.org/hsc.php>

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