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First Annual BDPA IT-oLogy Scholarship Awarded to Charlotte High School Student

COLLEGE PARK, MD (April 11, 2011) – BDPA Education and Technology Foundation (BETF) and the Consortium for Enterprise Systems Management awarded the first annual BDPA IT-oLogy scholarship to Jerron Jamerson.

Jamerson was selected based on the quality of his application, essay and letters of recommendation. In his essay, Jerron wrote, *“Continuous advances in computer science have helped to make business processes more efficient and technology more cost effective for consumers, while computer applications become more and more user-friendly.”* Jamerson, a senior at Phillip O’Berry Academy in Charlotte, North Carolina, plans use this one-time \$2,000 scholarship to study Computer Science at South Carolina State University.

The scholarship was offered to student members of National BDPA. Applicants had to excel academically, show exceptional leadership potential and make an impact on their communities through service to others. Applicants had to be high school seniors from South Carolina or North Carolina or planning to attend a college in either of these two states.

IT-oLogy is offering this scholarship to continue to encourage more young people to look into Information Technology as a career. *“Students who pick IT as their profession have the unique opportunity to pick any industry or type of business to apply their skills and help create the future,”* stated Lonnie Emard, Executive Director of IT-oLogy.

“We hope to continue to impact on the advancement of our students into science, technology, engineering or math related careers and getting a degree in information technology is one way to get it done,” said BDPA Education and Technology Foundation Executive Director Wayne Hicks.

About BETF -- Founded in 1992, BETF is a 501(c)(3) foundation with a mission to locate the funding necessary to support educational and technology programs for BDPA and others across the country.

About IT-oLogy -- IT-oLogy is the new program of the Consortium for Enterprise Systems Management, a 501 (c)(3) organization formed in 2009 as a collaborative effort between IT companies and educational institutions to advance IT talent from the classroom to the boardroom.

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