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Bowie/Mitchellville Alumni Chapter (BMAC) Launches Science Technology Engineering & Math (STEM) Cybersecurity Academy & NSBE Jr. Chapter

Bowie Maryland (February 3, 2024) – The Bowie/Mitchellville Alumni Chapter (BMAC) of Kappa Alpha Psi has pledged to promote and facilitate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and career readiness for pre-college students (6-12) from groups that are underrepresented in these fields. The objectives of the STEM program will be primarily achieved through the launching of the organization's STEM Cybersecurity Academy & the BMAC NSBE Jr. Programs.

On February 3rd - 9th, The BMAC STEM Committee (<https://bmacstem.org/>) hosted a Cybersecurity course and lab: Social Networking and Your Online Identity. This course helped familiarize STEM students with some of the benefits and risks of using social media, and social networking services and provided essential tools to protect their online identity. The program included both a classroom instructional component and a cybersecurity lab where (20) BMAC STEM students earned their Department of Defense (DoD) Cybersecurity Certificates.



The course and cyber lab were presented by Author, Philanthropist, and Cybersecurity expert, (BMAC) Brother Kenji Darby, CISM, PMP, M. Ed. Darby's work as a cybersecurity expert has been widely recognized. He has worked with some of the world's largest and most respected organizations (DoD), FEMA, Sony, and Target), helping them to navigate the complex and ever-changing landscape of cybersecurity. Darby is the Chairman of the BMAC STEM Program and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Omnisource Consulting, Inc. (<https://omnisource.info/>), and Award -Winning It Cybersecurity, Training & Staff Augmentation firm.



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“The mission of the BMAC STEM program is to provide diversified experiences for students in the STEM disciplines and provide them opportunities to learn from Cybersecurity Subject Matter Experts (SMEs). With the Omnisource collaboration, we are hoping to provide students in grades (6–12) with supplemental STEM curricula/activities and exposure to STEM concepts. We also believe that this collaboration will be a major step in our ongoing effort to emphasize the importance of STEM education and how it will improve employment options for high school and college graduates in an economy that is increasingly based on Science and Information Technology.”

Outcomes of our collaboration include; (1)Early Exposure: Program collaboration will broaden student participation and equip any youth who wishes to join the future STEM endeavors and workforce, (2)Cultivating Pre-College Students who have a strong interest in mathematics, the natural sciences, and technology are trained to enter the education profession and become STEM teachers, and (3) Building and strengthening the STEM workforce at the regional and national level is a major priority for life sciences companies seeking a skilled diverse workforce.

About Kappa Alpha Psi./Bowie Mitchellville Alumni Chapter (BMAC)

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.(<https://www.kappaalphapsi1911.com/>) is an international Greek Letter organization founded on January 5, 1911, on the campus of Indian University in Bloomington, Indiana. The Bowie Mitchellville Alumni Chapter (BMAC) (<https://www.bmackapsi.org/>) “The Beacon of the East” was charter on October 4, 2003, and participates in a robust set of social and community service activities such as toy drives, our Adopt-a-Highway program on Route 450 near Bowie High School, back to school “dap” days, virtual workshops and more.