

Black Engineers Week Event A Success



From left to right: Bill McDainel of URS Corporation, Event Chairwoman Lakisha Clark, and Paul Curtis of Curtoom Companies, Inc.

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The National Society of Black Engineers Tampa Bay Area Alumni Extension (NSBE-AE) recently hosted the 1st Annual Black Family Technology Awareness Week. The theme for the event was "Technology: The Link Between Today's Challenges and Tomorrow's Dreams."

Throughout the week, over 300 families, parents, grandparents, mothers, fathers, friends, organizations, churches, children, non-technology professionals, and at-risk students throughout the Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater area came together to participate in the events that support and encourage diversity in technology.

Visit the web site at www.tbansbe.com, for a detailed list of all activities.

The week ended with an Awards Gala and Scholarship Fundraiser, "Excellence Exemplified", at the Embassy Suites USF, followed by a free technology conference at the TECO Energy Technology Resource Center located in Tech Center II on the campus of

the University of South Florida.

The conference was a huge success and featured various technology seminars and computer classes taught by professional engineers representing companies and organizations such as Verizon, Price-Waterhouse-Coopers, LLP, Black Data Processing Association (BDPA), USF Engineering Students, and many more, an exhibitor showcase area, and a mini-robotics competition for students.

Special thanks to URS Corporation, Curtoom Companies, TECO Energy Technology Resource Center, Lockheed Martin, Concurrent Technologies Corporation, and the many STAR Center employees who volunteered to participate in the event.

If you are interested in being involved in next year's event, mark your calendars for February 9th through the 15th, 2003, and contact **Lakisha Clark**, founding chair of the National Society of Black Engineers Tampa Bay Area Alumni Extension (NSBE-AE) by calling (727) 538-5779 or visit their web-site at www.tbansbe.org to sign up on line.

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