Hello**, INTERalliance High School Chapter contacts** (or at least my starting points!)   Hope your school year started with a BANG!

I am excited to announce an **IMMEDIATE** contest sponsored by one of our sponsors – Vora Technologies – that I’m hoping you will help me use **to kick off the INTERalliance Chapter in your high school** in the next few weeks!  As with the summer IT Careers Camps program (testimonials attached if you missed them), we will attempt to organize this well enough that it takes the burden off of you.

**Zakta**, a Cincinnati-based Vora Technologies company -- is hosting a contest that can result in thousands of dollars in **CASH PRIZES for your school’s INTERalliance chapter**  PLUS an **“iPOD Touch” to the 10 highest scoring members of the winning chapter team**!

WHAT IS THE CONTEST:  The students will create “search guides” online using Zakta for judging and possible acceptance into the Zakta Library, each guide receiving a score of 0 to 100 from judges.  The chapter with the most points awarded will win the 1st, , 2nd, and 3rd place prize.

WHEN:  Two students from your chapter need to be trained next week, probably either Wednesday 9/10 or Thursday 9/11 evening, either in person or online at around 7pm.  They will then train the other members of your chapter. (I have copied Melissa Hutchinson of Mercy, Abhi Singh of Sycamore, and Ryan Finke of St X because they already know of this opportunity.)

THE CONTEST WINDOW will be 9/15 to 10/15/08.  All responses must be submitted online during this window.

AWARDS will be made at a huge “Night Before Halloween” party – the *“Zakta Thriller Zombie Ball”* – at Vora Technology Park, Hamilton, Ohio on October 30th, from 6:30-8:30pm, open to all contest participants.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?  Nominate two students from your INTERalliance chapter (preferably 2 prior IT Careers Camps attendees or existing chapter members) back to me by Friday 9/5/08.  I will contact them about attending the training on 9/10 or 9/11/08, and then serving as your school’s “trainers”.

The rest will happen incrementally, with INTERalliance doing the work.