

# By the Numbers

Youth in program:  
494



## Summer of Virtual Connections Bi-Weekly Newsletter | Issue 2 (Week 3 & 4)

### Last Week of Summer Job Connection

As this year's program winds down, we hope you have enjoyed taking part in the 2020 Summer Job Connection CXP program. It was a summer of many firsts, however we couldn't be happier with how the youth embraced the Career Exploration model! We quickly created and developed the program to be able to offer an innovative opportunity to motivated youth who were committed to participate.

This generation is dealing with a lot of challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic, from graduations being canceled to not being able to interact with your friends in person. The Summer Job Connection team wants to say THANK YOU for taking on the challenge, working through these issues, and turning them into a positive story.

We are proud to share with you we had an overall satisfaction of the youth who have openly spoken out about their experience this summer, and have expressed how the program has provided them the tools to grow professionally and personally. It has been great to see how excited participants were to be involved in the challenging modules and the "Lunch & Learns"

sessions.

We introduced the "Lunch and Learns" sessions this program year as a way to allow participants to meet with industry experts. Over the past 4 weeks we have had industry experts provide you with some valuable insights into a day of their life at work. Hopefully, these sessions have provided a meaningful and enjoyable learning experience something that you can take with you throughout your life. (Continued on back)

### Kenneth Ortiz

"I am 16 and a junior currently attending Riverview High School. I'm enrolled in the Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training (NJROTC) because I have inspirations of being part of the Navy. The program meets twice a week and go over the basic trainings such as marching, walking with a straight posture, respect and how to better ourselves. In the next 5 years I see myself part of the Navy."

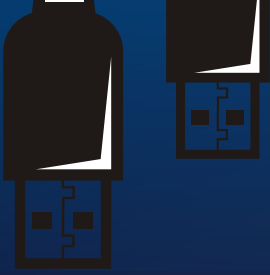


### Hear What the Participants Learned This Week

- Noel-Lisa Smith - anything you put your mind to you can achieve and always remember determination is the key to anything in life....
- Anayzia McNeal - if you do things right the first time then you don't have to go back and re do it.
- Jayleiana Perez - I must believe in myself and not compare myself to others to become successful.
- Sandy Del Angel - I learned that it is better not to stress over something until there is a reason to stress over it.
- Keyona Jones - I learned ways to stop and avoid procrastination and new skills and techniques to help put a stop to procrastinating.
- Sebastian Torrales - The most important thing I learned I believe would be how to make a Cover letter.
- Xavier Randolph - this week I learned about soft and hard skills in a workplace and then I learned about how to dress for an interview.
- Zakiya Rigby - I learned that it is best to apply for a job before quitting your current job to always have a source of income.
- Joanillis Soto - I have learned a lot thanks to this work on how to organize the payments I have in the future, how to dress for an interview and even things about me that I did not know.
- Gia Prado - I learned the wages of the jobs I want to pursue and a few colleges I could attend.

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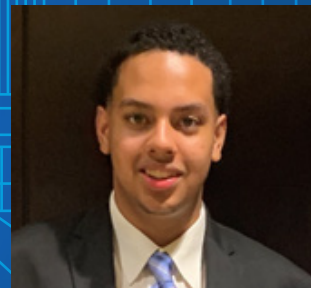
## Last Week of Summer Job Connections (Continued)

“This is outstanding during these unusual times,” said former CSTB Board Chair Sean Butler. “This is the most important thing we do. I’m glad we’re doing this virtually as much as we can.”

Week 4 of the Summer Job Connection will be a culmination of the research that has been done during the first three weeks. We’ll be looking for youth who will develop presentations on what they’ve learned during this year’s program. We look forward to seeing your creativity!

## Hannah Psiaki

"I am recent high school graduate from Howard W. Blake High School. During my time at HWB I battled with dyslexia but still managed to get higher than a 4.0 GPA upon graduating. I'll be attending Valdosta State University to obtain my bachelor's degree in Computer Science within Coding. Over the years and during middle school I became extremely good at math, but this was only accomplished because I was attending math tutoring every day of the week in order to overcompensate for my dyslexia. When I started high school, I was known as the go-to-person for all math problems."



(Left) Joel Fernandez and (Right) Iris Little, 2 more participants in the SJC Program

## Active Listening Tips

- Look at the speaker
- Give your full attention to the speaker
- Be quiet and concentrate on what is being said
- Allow the speaker to complete his or her thoughts without interrupting
- Listen with your eyes as well as your ears
- Act interested even when you may not be
- Take notes if possible

## How to Have a Good Attitude

- Find reasons to smile
- Have faith in yourself
- Read inspiring stories and quotes
- Practice smiling
- Choose to be happy
- Associate with happy people
- Have a can-do attitude
- Don't spend time complaining
- Look at the bright side of things
- Choose to be and stay optimistic
- Visualize only your dreams and goals - look ahead to the future

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