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SERVICE LEARNING

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF NEW YORK

Junior Achievement of New York (JA New York) is a non-profit organization that connects volunteers with students in grades K—12. Through in-class activities, after-school programs, and workplace experiences, students acquire the confidence they need to succeed in their future careers and in life. Junior Achievement strives to give young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their future, and make smart academic and economic choices.

Kingsborough Community College and the Office of Career Development and Service Learning have partnered with JA New York and PS 206, located in Gravesend Brooklyn, to offer KCC students the opportunity to be a part of meaningful service. It also allows our students to make a clear connection with our community and apparent difference, using the materials and guidance provided by JA New York.

KCC students participate in a series of workshops that help prepare them for the day of the event. These workshops include etiquette, effective communication, communicating with children, material overview and group practice allowing students to deliver relevant, hands-on experiences that give elementary school students knowledge and skills in a number of areas that will help them succeed in a global economy. KCC students also participate in reflection discussions to build their own skills. During the Fall our students worked with the third grade, using interactive materials to discuss the importance of things like community and teamwork. In Spring, we worked with the first grade talking about education and careers. Coming from the Career

Development office and holding service as an important part of our office, our Career Counselors and the Associate Director of Career Services joined in this meaningful service opportunity with our students in becoming role models to the first grade classes of PS206. Our students and counselors were able to use their experience and background to show the relevance of the work and make strong connections between the classroom the real world.



Ms. Marisa Joseph with students

SERVICE LEARNING

REFLECTION: ALL EYES ON ME BY: RAVEN HOLDIP

I stepped foot into the small classroom that reminded me of a familiar place years ago. Immediately I saw all eyes were on us. My partner and I took one glance at each other and I realized I was not in this alone. I swallowed any indication of nervousness and we began introducing ourselves. The rest of the day went by way too quickly. From the moment I saw their eyes light up, I was excited about what the day had in store for us. Despite a stern warning from their teacher about their "chattiness," I was eager to hear what every student had to say. I made sure and took advantage of any chance I had to get to know the students better. I walked around the classroom and spoke to each student individually. Although they were young, the students' intelligence surprised me. Many were able to quickly identify and connect what they we were teaching in the classroom with their lives outside.

What I was very proud to witness was so many different faces that were happy to work together and solve any of their disagreements on their own. In fact, watching my students for the day helped me become a student myself, because I saw what it truly meant to work together as a team. As the students set their own examples, my partner and I continued to do our part as teachers. I don't think my day would have been possible if I did not have some patience. It reminded me of what I was like at that age. With so much energy just bundled up, I could see when they got a little bit too excited. Whenever that occurred my partner and I kept our cool and proved how much patience we had while still maintain-

ing a classroom full of progress. At the end of that day I walked away with more than some experience; I walked away with a new outlook. Having all eyes on me forced me to be the best person I could be. I tried to be patient and helpful, but most of all I am beyond thankful for having the chance to give someone joy while learning in the classroom.



Junior Achievement NY

The Real World of Work

Kingsborough Students tour Trump Soho, New York Methodist Hospital and Huge Inc.

This spring, the Office of Career Development helped students explore diverse work environments through its Real World Visits. In April, students met with the Assistant Director of Public Relations at New York Methodist Hospital, where they were able to tour and meet with hospital staff within the Laboratory, Pharmacy, and Physical therapy departments. In early May, students visited Huge Inc., where they learned about an expanding company that leverages the artistic, technological, and business talents of its staff to help other compa-

nies build their brand. Students had an opportunity to meet with the Training and Development Manager, Visual Designer, Interaction Designer, and a Developer. To end the spring season of Real World Visits, students visited Trump SoHo Hotel and had the opportunity to view the hotel facilities and met with the Director of Train-



Trump Soho Visit

ing and Quality, Human Resources Manager, Director of Owner Relations, and Director of Culinary who contribute to the hotel in diverse ways. At Trump SoHo, students also had an opportunity to receive staff feedback on their resumes. Through the Real World Visits, students have been able to network with diverse staff and gain real world in-

sights about working in different industries. We thank New York Methodist Hospital, Huge



Huge Inc. Visit

Inc., and Trump SoHo Hotel for being gracious hosts and providing time and invaluable information to our students.

Please visit C-102 to learn about upcoming visits!



A Message from the Student President, Yasalenny Peralta

Within one year of being a member of The National Society of

Leadership and Success I've gained friendship, leadership skills, inspiration from other people around me, public speaking skills, committing to short term goals set in success networking team meetings, and being able to help students. When I look back, prior to joining the society, I see a completely different person. Currently, I see a person with more passion to be successful and the drive to commit to long-term goals. As I take up the role as Student President of the Kingsborough Community College chapter of the society, the experience I've gained as a member and secretary is my asset to being successful as the new leader.

The society creates possibilities for leadership growth and I want to encourage students to take full advantage of the resources they provide. I took advantage of what the society had to offer, and it has brought me to where I am today. I want the same for every member of the society.

By: Yasalenny Peralta
Student President
National Society of Leadership
and Success

What is the National Society of Leadership and Success?

Sigma Alpha Pi is a leadership honor society (not a fraternity/sorority) with more than 200 college chapters, with the mission to build leaders who make a better world. Local chapters offer in-person leadership development and peer-to-peer networking for students around the world. To be invited or nominated, you must reach an academic accomplishment of a 3.0 or higher GPA and possess leadership potential. Candidacy for the Society is a nationally recognized achievement of honorable distinction.

Member benefits:

www.societyleadership.org/ memberinfo/benefits.php

Pre-Induction benefits:

<u>www.societyleadership.org/</u> <u>memberinfo/benefits.php</u>

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A Student's View by Gjylfidan Dzemaili, Inducted Society Member

Personally, I believe that everyone needs an occasional confidence boost. Someone or something that can inspire them to do the best

they can and be the best they can. My name is Jill Dzemaili and I am graduating June 2013 with an Associates of Science Degree in Biology. In Fall 2013, I plan to attend Brooklyn College to attain a Bachelors of Science Degree in Biology. I am an aspiring Physical Therapist, and my future goal is to attend a Doctorate Program of Physical Therapy at LIU or NYU. Upon graduating high school, attending a community college and transferring to a four-year school was not my original plan. At this moment, I can proudly state I will be graduating from one of the top four community colleges in the nation!

Being a student at Kingsborough has granted me many opportunities. I became involved in activities promoted by the honors program; I am a Presidential Scholar, an Honors Representative, a REEO Rising Star, and a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. I worked hard to make it this far and I am thankful for the staff and my classmates that made the road to graduation possible for me.

Transitioning to my second year here at Kingsborough, I received an invitation to join The National Society of Leadership and Success (Sigma Alpha Pi). I was honored to be a part of such a wonderful society because I heard there were many benefits in doing so. I learned that several of my friends were also joining the society, making it much easier to decide to join. I wanted to become involved in something new.

Listening to the Speaker Broadcasts throughout the academic year opened up my soul. I honestly felt connected and important. I felt that they were a voice for me. Because of that, I was encouraged to speak up and be heard. I made many new friends in this society. We shared goals and dreams, as well as hardships and successes. We understood each other, where we came from and where we are headed. This is not an easy thing to do, especially when it comes to meeting new people and speaking to them about life. But, this society made me feel comfortable and welcome.

I believe that leaders are made, not born. We must strive for greatness and help others on our way up. Greed should be erased from our mental thoughts. We should encourage others to do great and to try again when they fail. Failure is an option, fear is a choice. Sometime we just need someone to tell us that we can do anything we set our mind to. Anything is possible; if we want it bad enough we WILL get it. Be heard and tell your stories- there are people out there who are afraid to speak up and you have the power to be a voice for them, give them a guidance to achieve greatness.



You're Invited: Be a part of the Executive Board

The Executive Board works alongside the Advisor and Student President to support members, plan events, recruit, encourage community service and a variety of other roles and tasks involved in successfully running a chapter.

Executive Board members are encouraged to form committees as needed to help connect the members of the chapter, increase creative involvement, and provide a vehicle for enhancing the leadership skills of members. As a community of leaders it is typically very easy to find many members interested in taking a very active role.

Members interested in holding a position within the chapter can reach out to the Student President or Advisor for information about the process, they are located in C-102 (Career Development and Transfer Office). The most common Board Officers and a list of general duties are as follows:

I. PRESIDENT: The primary role of the President is recruiting new Executive Board members as needed, along with ensuring the Executive Board members have everything they need to fulfill their roles and support the chapter and members. Duties include:

Helping conduct Society meetings.

Initiating and coordinating contact with new members to welcome them into the chapter.

Participating in monthly Student President conference calls. If unable to attend, designating another board member to represent the chapter.

Work with Advisor to gather invitation materials to send to the National Office prior to the start of the semester

Engaging in a monthly Success Coaching session with the National Office.

Recruiting and leading the Executive Board.

Filling in for various positions as needed.

II. VICE PRESIDENT: The primary role of the Vice President is to assist the President with all duties necessary to successfully run the chapter. Duties include:

Overseeing special projects and holding others accountable for goals and timetables.

Convening special meetings of committees, and coordinating communication between committees and the rest of the Executive Board.

Acting for the President upon his/her absence, upon his/her request, or in the event the President is temporarily unable to serve.

Participating in Student President conference calls when the President is unavailable.

Other duties as needed/desired.

III. SECRETARY: The primary role of the Secretary is to handle all administrative tasks needed to successfully run a chapter. Duties include:

Taking attendance at events and entering it online.

Creating minutes from Executive Board meetings and emailing those minutes to the Executive Board within 24 hours of the meeting.

Reminding members about upcoming scholarship and award deadlines, as well as other relevant deadlines.



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IV. SUCCESS NETWORKING TEAM COORDINATOR: The primary role of the SNT Coordinator is to manage all pieces needed to successfully run Success Networking Teams. Duties include:

Acting as the contact person for all members with SNT related questions.

Collecting SNT sheets during orientation and making copies to be filed

Organizing database of all teams and members within them.

Assisting members in creating new teams or joining existing teams.

Send friendly email reminders to SNT group members that did not submit an SNT reflection (must be submitted online in the Members Area within 24 hours of each meeting)

Create schedule for Executive Board to assist at 1st SNT Meetings

Help facilitate first SNT meetings for all groups

Ensure the teams have assigned roles

Collecting attendance sheets from each team for SNT meetings.

V. PUBLICITY CHAIR: The primary role of the Publicity Chair is to promote the Society and specific events as they occur throughout the academic year. Duties include:

Filling in specific location and time details on posters and flyers from the National Office.

Distributing flyers and posters for specific events, and ensuring they are posted across campus.

Sending press releases promoting upcoming events to the student newspaper and Facebook Securing location, equipment, props and materials needed to hold events.

Ensuring photocopies of handouts are available to participants at all Society events.

Time Requirements:

Each Executive Board member will have to **meet with the Advisor once a month**, and will meet as an **Eboard once a month**.

You will be expected **to attend most or all of the events** held on campus, with the exception of class scheduling.

Benefits:

Placement of position on Resume

Increased Networking across campus

Personal Recommendations from Advisors and recommendations provided from the society

Access to Career Development Office information and assistance

Ability to attend a conference for NSLS free of charge

Additional Scholarships/Grants available for Eboard

Alexandra McDonald, Advisor

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Congratulations to New York Needs You (NYNY) Fellows!

"New York Needs You helps first-generation college students select, secure, and succeed intheir careers. The Fellows Program is an intensive mentoring and training program where Fellows develop relationships with highly accomplished community and business leaders."

MYRTO PIERRE

1. What motivated you to pursue applying for this internship? What have been your greatest influences? What do you think has contributed to your success?

When I received the letter to apply for the fellowship program, the first thing I did was open the computer to know more about the program. I said, "Wow! This is what I am looking for." The way they present their statement let me understand I would get a great benefit for the future career I want to pursue. The testimony from the other fellows about their amazing experience with their mentors, and also prestigious work they did, influenced me. I loved that part. My determination to attend contributed to my success. However, the good advice and guidance I got from the best internship adviser in room M-101 at Kingsborough contributed also to my success. I was lucky.

2. What does this fellowship mean to you and your future?

Being a part of NYNY is an exceptional chance of advancement for me to learn and reinforce my knowledge, my skills and experience, and to promote a quality education. I believe that my future career can increase my knowledge through courses, intensive mentoring, and the training program provided by NYNY with highly accomplished community and business leaders.

3. What do you intend to do once you graduate from Kingsborough Community College? What are your career goals?

I was accepted in Lehman College to start for the fall semester 2013. My professional long term goal is to obtain a Master's Degree in Psychology, which will provide me the opportunity to prepare for a good career in counseling. My expectation is to integrate what I learn with my knowledge and career experience into community service and development. My achievement is to work for a prestigious local or international nonprofit or found a nonprofit organization to help young adults and teens fight against violence.

4. Do you have any words of advice to other students?

Never give up whatever the challenge you face. Do not waste time. Put your heart in what you trust that can be good for your future, your life. Be consistent in what you believe. And take your study seriously. What you learn is yours forever; nobody can take it out of your brain.



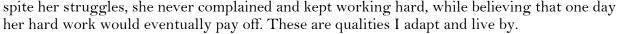


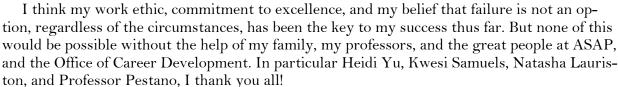
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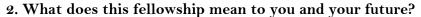
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The motivation to apply to the NYNY Fellows Program came as a result of the support structure, and the Personal and Professional Development that the program provides, as well as the Program's commitment towards community development.

My greatest influence has been my mother. Being a teenage mom, I saw first hand the struggles she went through, having to work and go to school in order to provide. But despite her struggles, she never complained and kept working I







This Fellowship means a lot to me and my future. It will give me the ideal opportunity to grow and develop both personally and professionally. It will also provide me with the right support structure, through mentorship and various workshops, for me to become a more well-rounded individual, with the skills and expertise required to compete in the competitive field of business.

3. What do you intend to do once you graduate from Kingsborough Community College? What are your career goals?

After graduating from Kingsborough Community College, I intend on continuing my education at a four -year college, where I will work towards my Bachelors Degree and ultimately my MBA. With my goal being to help people, my long-term career goal is founding and operating a not-for-profit organization focused on community development, and the development of Education and Healthcare within the Third World.

4. Do you have any words of advice to other students?

My advice to other students would be to work hard and to always believe in oneself regardless of the circumstances, because hard work coupled with persistence will eventually yield success.



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DAVIELLE MORTON

1. What motivated you to pursue applying for this internship? What have been your greatest influences? What do you think has contributed to your success?

I am extremely optimistic in whatever I do, but mostly where it comes to my education. I first heard of the NYNY Internship Program in the Fall 2012 semester, along with a short list of other internships. NYNY was the only one that got stuck in my head. I immediately did research on this program and became even more motivated to try it after reading the success stories of others who have applied. My greatest influence would be knowing what I want to be from an early age and having my family and Advisers steer me in the right direction. The ASAP seminars at Kingsborough have also helped me to ensure that my goal is realistic and have provided me with benefits to ensure that it is met. It is important to have a support system, whomever you consider them to be. Mine have contributed largely to my success at getting into college and maintaining good grades in college.

2. What does this fellowship mean to you and your future?

This fellowship has given me an opportunity to challenge myself on another level. Challenges are uncomfortable but I have grown to love being in uncomfortable situations in order to grow. The application process was very competitive. When I found out that I made it to the interview round, I was excited and my self-confidence level was boosted. Now that I am actually in the program, my dream of becoming a Speech Pathologist seems more and more like reality. This fellowship has reinforced in me that it is always worth it to take advantage of every opportunity presented to you and put your best foot forward.

3. What do you intend to do once you graduate from Kingsborough Community College? What are your career goals?

My career goal is to become a Speech Language Pathologist. From the time I was born, I have been told that I do everything early. I went to school early, started clubs early and still manged to skip a grade in primary school, thus allowing me to graduate form high school at the age of 15. I plan on continuing on this path by completing my Associates in Science Degree at Kingsborough in three semesters. I then plan on going to a four-year college where I would pursue my Bachelors Degree. My aim is to begin my Ph.d by the age of 24.

4. Do you have any words of advice to other students?

My advice to anyone would be to take advantage of any opportunities they see coming their way. There are many internship flyers that are placed throughout the college campus. Do not assume that you would not get selected—just try. It feels good to know that you are working towards enhancing your future. Making the decision to simply apply to school, internships, sports clubs or anything that you want to do should be a huge stepping stone for you.

INTERNSHIPS

Check out our offerings!

You can now search for internships online! Follow these easy steps:

Log on to Kingsborough Community College's website » select Career Services, Transfer, Scholarships and New Start tab from the Quick Links drop down menu » Select Internships from the Career tab » Select the Click Here tab.

Meet with an Internship Counselor when you are ready to apply by scheduling an appointment in room C102 or calling (718) 368-5115. Please be sure to have your resume and cover letter ready the day of your scheduled appointment.

SIGNATURE INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS:

New York Needs You Fellowship Program

This competitive fellowship program provides mentoring and career programs for first-generation college students. The two-year program provides two summer internships with partner organizations in New York, a professional development grant of \$2,500 and regular career and mentoring programs in which fellows can connect with and learn from local community and business leaders. The program targets high-potential first-generation New York City college students with the tenacity, ambition, and desire to enhance their lives and their communities. This year, eight Kingsborough Community College students were selected into the program.

StreetWise Partners Program

This program provides a career mentoring program that leverages and enriches the experiences of a diverse network of on internships, please business professionals; models corporate engagement best stop by Room C-102. practices; and equips students with the skills, confidence and strategies needed to achieve their career potential, break the cycle of poverty and get on a path to economic self-sufficiency. This year, thirteen students were selected into the program.

Others internships include: Emma L. Bowen Foundation, Montefiore Medical Center (Monte-HOP), Senator Kristen Gillibrand, FOX 5NY | MY9, Calvary Hospital, MTV, BET Networks, ABC, The Melissa Riggio Higher Education Program (AHRC), Clear Channel Radio, SIRIUSXM Radio, CDS | Xerox, CAUCUS CUNY SCHOLARS, Viacom, Women's Public Service Internship Program, Tri-Institutional Training Program in Computational Biology & Medicine, Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS), Ford Foundation and more...

Social Media Etiquette and Networking to Get and Keep a Job



In an effort to stay up to date with our technologically savvy student population and to expand their professional networking skills, this past semester C-102 launched a new workshop, **Social Media Etiquette and Networking to Get and Keep a Job.** The workshop highlights how people can use some of the most popular social media sites in their professional life and presents some tips on the do's and don'ts of using social media.

If you are interested in having one of our counselors visit your class and present this very interesting workshop and any of the other ones we offer, contact Nympha Pierre at the following:

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Sessions are available!

Sign up in C-102

Call 718.368.5115

Transfer In

- Offers info about KCC requirements and procedures
- Explains how courses taken at previous college will transfer to KCC
- Registers incoming transfer students

Transfer Out

- Offers info about CUNY,
 SUNY and private college
- Guides students through the transfer application process
- Provides information about transfer credits
- Provides transfer scholarship info





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