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Mayor Fulop Announces Opening of Application Process for the 2018 Jersey City Summer Internship Program

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Steven M. Fulop announced today the opening of the online application for the Jersey City Summer Internship Program (JCSI). Now in its fifth year, JCSI is a competitive program that places eligible public high school students in paid work-based learning opportunities at the City’s leading corporations and nonprofit organizations.

The program also includes an orientation session and weekly professional development classes, where students apply what they learn in their internships. Students earn academic credit through the Hudson County and Jersey City School Districts. To date, JCSI has provided over 250 Jersey City public school students with high-quality summer internships.

“In addition to its strong record of placing Jersey City public school students in competitive, quality internships, JCSI has measurably expanded their future career opportunities ,” said Mayor Fulop. “Jersey City is fortunate to be home to a wide range of private sector companies and non-profit institutions who share a deep commitment to engaging the community and helping young people reach their full potential.”

Developed by the Jersey City Economic Development Corporation (JCEDC), in collaboration with the Jersey City Mayor’s Office and the Jersey City Public Schools, JCSI is part of the city’s broader Jersey City Youth Works initiative, a comprehensive, multi-program youth employment and enrichment initiative that has provided summer employment for more than 3,500 young people in city departments and agencies, corporations and nonprofits since the initiative began in 2014.

JCSI exposes rising high school seniors to industry leaders across a diverse range of sectors including finance, manufacturing, healthcare, and hospitality. The program enables participants to gain firsthand experience in professions driving Jersey City’s economic expansion and development. Students accepted into the program are placed in six-week internships where they spend four days a week in an office and participate in weekly career training seminars every Friday that enable them to successfully navigate their work environments.

All Jersey City residents who are enrolled in their junior year at a public high school in Jersey City or Hudson County Schools of Technology (County Prep and High Tech) are encouraged to apply, using the following link:

<https://jcsiprogram.wufoo.com/forms/jersey-city-summer-internship-program-application/>.

Admission to JCSI begins with the online application, which requires students to submit, among other information, a transcript, report card, letter of recommendation, résumé, and two essays by **March 5, 2018**. Students who submit completed applications are then interviewed by representatives of participating organizations. Applicants will be notified whether they have been accepted to the program in May and June 2018.

JCSI continues to garner praise from students and participating companies and institutions. In 2017, 87 percent of responding supervisors reported that their JCSI interns performed at a similar or higher level than college interns. Participating companies include: Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., Carepoint Health Organization, Connell Foley, Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation (DTCC), Diversified Global Graphics Group, Dixon Advisory USA, Eastern Millwork, Inc., Fidelity Investments, Garden State Episcopal CDC, Goya Foods, Inc., Hudson County Chamber of Commerce, Hyatt Regency – Jersey City, Investors Bank, Jersey City Medical Center, JPMorgan Chase & Co., Liberty Science Center, Mack-Cali Realty Corporation, McManimon, Scotland, & Baumann, LLC, New Jersey City University, North Hudson Community Action Corporation, NPower, PepsiCo. (Tropicana), Saint Peter’s University, Sims Metal Management, Société Générale, SUEZ Water, The Waterfront Project, United Way, VF Sportswear, Inc., WomenRising, Inc., and York Street Project. Additional financial support is also provided by JPMorgan Chase & Co., Bank of America, BCB Bank, Goldman Sachs, Investors Bank, Silverman Properties, as well as individual supporters. This year, JCSI seeks to serve even more students and to welcome new businesses to the program.

Organizations who are interested in hosting interns, please contact the JCSI team at jcsiprogram@jcnj.org or visit our website at www.jerseycityyouthworks.org to learn more about the program.

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