

12/4/22 Kollab Youth Award Presented by Bill Reed, CEO, RemotelyMe

Throughout his young life, Abraham Lincoln endured extreme poverty, difficult farm chores, and being forced to read only by fireplace light. At the young age of 17, Lincoln labored on a ferryboat, and then at 19, built a flatboat to run loads of farm produce down the Mississippi River. Lincoln was obviously an underserved youth, but his difficult life led him to become passionate about ensuring diversity, equity, and inclusion for all Americans. This passion underscored his extraordinary leadership efforts, as the 16th President of the United States, and motivated him to pass the 13th amendment that led to the abolishment of slavery.

Following in Lincoln's footsteps to ensure DE&I for all, the Kollab Youth program helps underserved young adults in Los Angeles County by encouraging them to explore career opportunities in business, STEM, and other emerging 21st century careers. The Kollab Youth enrolled in the program receive mentorship from industry experts, and earn resume-enhancing work experience through paid apprenticeships and internships that connect them with hiring managers, and prepares them to compete in today's workplace.

By using the KollabKwiz, created by RemotelyMe, these aspiring young adults can discover their strengths, attributes, optimal career choices, and professional purpose. Likewise, mentors at leading organizations can use the neuroscience-based mentoring guides to better understand and engage with their mentees. RemotelyMe is honored to present the first annual Abraham Lincoln Youth Development Award to Mary Hewitt, director of the Kollab Youth Program, which is sponsored by Wells Fargo, and award-winning actress, Regina King.