

# 2016 SUMMER EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM: **CLOSING CEREMONY**

## **Do you know your Pitch?** **The Power of Networking Effectively**

Friday, August 5, 2016 • 6pm-8:30pm



**One Step Closer Foundation**

# ABOUT ONE STEP CLOSER: SUMMER EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

One Step Closer: Finding the Fun in Math was initiated in 2012 with a mission to assist in removing the fear and demotivation to want to continue mathematics through fun and comfortable methods. From there we accumulated a good amount of funds to create a book scholarship that accepted 10 students with the assistance toward the deferment of their college loans. We saw the smiles and the relief that this program had on our awardees, so we continued on pursuing pilot programs to assist as supplements for high school and college students. 100% of our tutoring proceeds have gone to our programs. The Summer Externship Program was initiated July 6, 2015 and provided support, compensation, workshops, and community service hours to 8 high school apprentices. Each apprentice was paired and placed at a Washington, DC Host Employer Worksite. Each apprentice received business cards and incentives, along with great tips to continue on becoming successful.

## About the Staff



**Felicia Fort, Founder**

Felicia Fort is a native of New York City. Felicia is a philanthropist dedicated to assisting individuals in gaining a different perspective on the subject of math and teaching them how to actually enjoy it. Felicia is a leader and entrepreneur; passionate about serving the needs of her community. Felicia is a proud Alumnus of Benedict College, an HBCU in Columbia, South Carolina, where she earned her Bachelors of Science degree in Mathematics. While attending Benedict College, she was a well-rounded and active student leader in several organizations including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. She was afforded the opportunity to study abroad in the Yunnan Province of China for the summer of 2008 in an effort to support the advancement

of STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) courses. In 2014, Felicia received her 2nd degree- a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) degree from Trinity Washington University. In May 2012, Felicia started One Step Closer: Finding the Fun in Math Tutoring Company, based in Washington D.C., Maryland and Virginia. Committed to helping individuals find the fun and fascination in the study of mathematics. From her tutoring company, Felicia launched several pilot programs with a motto: Mathematics Through Mentorship that gives students a higher chance in succeeding through college. Pilot programs [College Care Packages, Fort's Book Scholarship, Summer Externship Paid Program, College Tours, Community Service Activities and more].



**Natasha Modeste-Etienne,  
Administrator of Programs**

Natasha is a native of Connecticut and has lived in DC Metro area for past few years. Natasha is currently a Digital Marketing Analyst at Oracle where she manages digital campaigns for a variety of clients. She received her Bachelors of Science in Business Management from University of Saint Joseph College and her Master's in Public Administration from University of Baltimore. She is currently pursuing a career in Education Policy. She has a passion for education and community development. She currently assist with education outreach projects with DC School Reform Now to improve public education and ensure families are aware of high quality education programs for their children. She volunteers for Preston Mitchum Foundation raising funds to provide career development and after-school programs for students in Baltimore City and surrounding towns.

# ONE STEP CLOSER FOUNDATION

## Closing Ceremony: Pitch Yourself Right?

Friday, August 5, 2016 - 6pm-8:00pm

### Agenda

Welcome/ Eat/Greeting .....6:10pm -6:15pm

Guest Performance..... 6:15pm-6:25pm

**Apprentice Pitch Tank** —5 minutes to sell your company (summer Experience).....6:25pm – 6:45pm

Introduction of judges:

- Judge 1
  - Judge 2
  - Judge 3
1. **Aaron M. Williams – Pitch 1**
  2. **Makinzie Warren ---- Pitch 2**
  3. **Amir Manier ---- Pitch 3**

### **Break**

Roundtable Discussion with Speaker ..... 6:50pm

Check Distributions ..... 7:15pm

Awards of Completion ..... 7:25pm

Comments/ Questions .....7:30pm-8:00pm

*Thank you all for your participation, cooperation, and productivity*

# MEET OUR 2016 APPRENTICES



**Aaron M. Williams**

Grade Level: Rising 12th grader  
School: Lawrence Academy Boarding School  
Aspiration: To own a business  
Employer: State Farm Primo Agency  
Position: Junior Agent  
Potential College: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC)  
Potential Major: Political Science or Music



**Makinzie Warren**

Grade Level: Rising 9th Grader  
School: KIPP DC College Preparatory (KCP)  
Employer: Youth Organizations United to Rise (YOUR) Community Center  
Position: Youth Coordinator  
Potential College: Princeton University  
Position Major: Law



**Amir Manier**

Grade Level: Rising 9th Grader  
School: DeMatha Catholic High School for Boys  
Aspiration: Architectural Engineering  
Employer: State Farm Primo Agency  
Position: Junior Agent  
Potential College: University of Virginia  
Potential Major: Engineering



# HOST EMPLOYERS

shaw community ministry

## Shaw Community Ministries

Since 1991, the Shaw Community Ministry (SCM) has operated as a 501(c) (3) organization devoted to further enhancing the lives of children, youth and adults in the Shaw area. The Ministry seeks to increase family stability and encourage residents to become responsible, well-rounded, and productive citizens by providing opportunities that increase knowledge and encourage youth and families to reach their full potential. Their mission is to work together with the children, youth, adults and seniors of the Shaw community to enhance lives and to expand opportunities in the areas of: education, health and wellness, leadership and youth development.



## Blue Labs

BlueLabs is an analytics, data, and technology company formed by senior members of the Obama for America analytics team. Using innovations in big data technology and individual-level modeling, we empower organizations to contact the right voters, solicit the best donors, and target services to the citizens and beneficiaries who need them most.



## Youth Organizations United to Rise (YOUR)

Y.O.U.R. Community Center's out of school time program provides quality child care for students of working parents, in a safe, supportive family like environment. The program provides enriching experiences for students to supplement their daily education. Mu-

tual cooperation and communication with parents concerning all facets of the program is sought in an effort to serve the daily needs of each child enrolled in the program. Mission is to promote academic, cultural, social and emotional development; improve computer literacy, help build self-esteem and strengthen leadership and confidence in the classroom.



## State Farm Allister Primo Agency

The mission of State Farm is to help people manage the risks of everyday life, recover from the unexpected, and realize their dreams.



## Howard University

On the campus of Howard University since 1965, Howard University Upward Bound (HUB) is one of the originally funded pilot Upward Bound projects. HUB is a college preparatory program for high school students designed to develop the skills and motivation necessary for success at the collegiate level. The program serves 130 students annually.

### Program Goals

- Improve the basic skills required to achieve educational goals;
- Assist students with the selection of college majors and careers;
- Improve the skills required for personal, social, and cultural development;
- Assist students with the educational planning required to achieve higher educational goals.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Natascha Saunders is a certified career coach, facilitator, speaker and consultant. As the founder of a career and consulting firm est. in Boston, MA now based in Alexandria, VA serving Gen X, Millennials, Gen Z, and corporations such as: EMD Serono, KPMG, YearUp and Target; The YCC Inc., Natascha has provided Executive C-Suite Coaching, developed curriculum, crafted workshops for Fortune 500 companies, coached foster care youth, created communication plans, and crafted Human Resource policies for small businesses. She leverages her experiences to help clients brand for the 21st century from the inside out.

### Who is Natascha?

#### THEN

Raised in a Domestic Violent Home  
Alcoholic Parent  
Low Income Housing  
Death of a Brother Found in a River  
Rape Survivor  
Abusive Relationships  
Home Fire Survivor  
Suicidal Youth  
Bullied, Low Self-Esteem  
C & D Student, Academic Probation  
Learning Disability

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#### NOW

First Generation College Graduate  
Dual Masters Degree Holder (M.B.A/MS)  
Executive Education Alumni, MIT Executive Education, Harvard  
Doctorate Candidate, Northeastern University  
MBA Communications Faculty, Trinity  
Leadership Faculty, Northeastern University  
Goodwill Ambassador, Gambia West Africa  
Chapter 5 Author: Obama & Black Loyalty, Youth & Unemployment  
Former Miss Black RI USA 2006 & 2007  
Harvard WECAN Woman of The Year

# THROWBACK!





## RECOGNITION

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Youth Organizations United to Rise • Allister Primo  
State Farm Allister Primo Agency • Escape Room DC

### Leadership:

David Smith, Chief of staff at U.S, Black Chamber  
Natascha Saunders • Coach and Leader; Linnita Hosten  
Youth Coach, Author Jerod Thomas • Capitol T Solutions  
Gabriela Briones, Former SEP Apprentice

### Venue:

Anacostia Public Library  
Masjid Muhammad

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