

**LEVELUP DAY 2025
AGENDA**

Panels & Presentations
DWECK CENTER

1:1 Coaching
11am-3pm

CLASSROOMS

Register during check-in

11:30 AM
OPENING w/ JuneteenthTech™
Ex. Producer & BPL Level Up
Program Coordinator

11:35 AM
Welcome Address
Matthew Fraser, CTO NYC Office
of Technology & Innovation

11:50 AM
JuneteenthTech™
Jerry Lawson Award
Gerard "HipHopGamer" Williams

12:00 PM
Tech Scholarship Announcements
Mentor Me Collective

12:10 PM - 12:40 PM
Panel- Code, Culture + Community
Moderator: J. Alexander Martin
Panelist: Cordelro Brown- Investor,
Techstars ; Yvonne Elosiebo-Oguntola
Esq, (Partner) Peirson Ferdinand, Owner
of Diversiply; TeLisa Daughtry
Technologist | Educator | Advisor | UN
Global Goals Advocate |Advisor for
Women.nyc

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**Transformative LeadHERship: The
LevelUP Cybersecurity Experience**

**Moderator: Lauren Dorvil, Lead Program
Coordinator, BPL LevelUP Program**

Panelist: Najah Muhamad, 2025 LevelUP
Cybersecurity Graduate; Aliza Carter,
2024 LevelUP Cybersecurity Graduate;
LevelUP Instructor: Dion Paul, Program
Manager, Google

1:35 PM

WELCOME BACK

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Safety With AI Demonstration

Safety AI Product Demonstration by
DAMSEL IN DEFENSE

1:00 PM

LUNCH w/ NYC Business Solutions

Christian Damiba- Senior Director

1:45 PM - 2:00 PM

A Moment In Tech Healthcare

Quanda Francis
Womb Watch AI, Founder

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**Future Forward Tech Education &
Empowerment for the Next Generation
of Black New York Techmakers**

**Moderator: Athenia Rodney,
Juneteenth NYC**

Panelists: Derrick Stroman- The
Knowledge House, Senior Manager of
Corporate Relations; Nyamekye Wilson-
Black Sisters In Stem, Founder;
Kenrick Small- Manhattan Business
Academy CTE Director

2:30 PM

**Leveling Up In Tech: Navigating Tech
Careers as a Black Professional in
New York**

**Moderator: Shaunda Johnson,
LevelUP 2024 Graduate**

Panelist: Curtis Cox-Curtis Careers LLC.
Founder + CEO | Career Support Specialist;
Tech Talent Pipeline Residency (TTPR)
Program; April King- 15 Year technologist;
Cynthia Bradshaw- Upgrade Training Services
-25 year Corporate Technology Training

3PM - CLOSING REMARKS

**3:10-4PM Networking &
Career +Resource Expo**