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Students Gain Real-World Experience in MBK Programs

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. (April 29, 2019) – About 70 New Rochelle High School students gained experience in the professional world recently thanks to two programs from My Brother's Keeper New Rochelle. The organization placed students in week-long internships over spring break, and sent dozens of students to employers throughout the region yesterday for the third annual Take a Student Ambassador to Work Day.

The one-day program coincided with Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day, and placed students with companies from IBM's Thomas J. Watson Research Center in Yorktown Heights to the Public Theater and Ogilvy in Manhattan.

Junior Asia Harris was one of several who went to the IBM Watson center. She is planning to study business administration.

“You're not absolutely sure what a career is until you see it first hand,” she said.

Betania Vazquez, a senior, spent the day at Columbia Law School to gain insight on the careers that interest her - law and teaching.

“It will help me to know what path I have to follow to get there,” she said.

“This is a special day for these students as they get the opportunity to interact with engineers, doctors, lawyers, judges, investment bankers and professionals in the tech, music, marketing and education fields,” said NRHS Interim Assistant Principal Camille Edwards Thomas, co-chair of MBKNewRo's Ambassador Committee.

“We are so glad this Career Exploration program MBKNewRo pioneered has been well-received by both students and employers,” added Colleen Gardephe, Managing Director of MBKNewRo and co-chair of its Ambassador Committee. “We have doubled the number of students who participate and have seen a seventy percent increase in the number of employers hosting our students.”

It was the first year for the Spring Break Internship Program presented by MBKNewRo, NRHS and the New Rochelle Chamber of Commerce. Employers included the New Rochelle YMCA, the Paine Cottage and the New Beginnings Performing Arts studio.

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