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Mechanical Engineer at the consulting company GG Engineering. He aids in consulting government organizations like the MTA on new renovations, and the construction of schools and public facilities. He is a graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a bachelor's in mechanical engineering.



Shannon Brathwaite

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Shannon Hasson is a Program

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2nd Annual Career Day – 2019

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- Ponfucius

NYU – Courant Institute Saturday, November 2nd, 2019 10:30am-1pm



Nurisha Rodriguez attended

Union College in Schenectady, NY and obtained a Bachelor's of Science in Electrical Engineering in 2016. She worked for an architecture and engineering firm for the last three years designing K-12 schools. She currently works at GE Renewable Energy designing energy storage solutions.

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Jake Ely is currently in his third year of law school at Cardozo School of Law. Jake has worked as an intern for the Hon. Lorna G. Schofield of the Southern District of New York, the New York State Attorney General, and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York, as well as a Summer Associate for Allen & Overy LLP. Prior to law school, Jake was a

professional dancer in New York City and has held a number of jobs across a spectrum of fields.

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Mariana De Los Santosis

currently the bilingual social worker at TAPCO, a theater and arts school, located in the Bronx. She works directly with students that have an IEP and have mandated counseling services. Through guidance, coaching, psycho education, and love, students are able to work on being the successful young person they were set to be. MDelossantos12@schools.nyc.gov



Just two months ago, Erin Haywood

took a leap of faith to move from Los Angeles to New York to become a Client Success Manager for Jopwell, a career development platform for Black, Latinx, and Indigenous students and professionals. Every day she has the privilege to develop engaging career development resources and act as a student advocate for top

corporations like Facebook in hopes to develop a better diversity hiring pipeline. Prior to Jopwell, Erin was a Career Counselor for UCLA and developed new initiative called "UCLA Tech 4 All", which focused on demystifying the notion that Tech is only for STEM majors and the importance of making Tech more diverse and inclusive. Her love for social justice, education, and community development was rooted in her college experience at San Francisco State University where she studied Liberal Arts and Africana Studies, and then, later on, got her masters in School Counseling at Loyola Marymount University. You can follow her on IG at Career on Purpose or email her at yoe.coaching@gmail.com



Noelle McKoy graduated from NYU-

Tandon School of Engineering in 2014 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering and a minor in psychology. I was also a collegiate athlete during my time in school. Now I am working at the MTA- Long Island Rail Road where I am currently a design and construction coordination lead for stations, garages, and employee facilities on a \$2.6 Billion

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Corin Cort hails from Brooklyn, New York

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Noreen Refai is a supervisor at an

advertising agency doing advertising for Microsoft, specifically Azure, their cloud solution. Her background is in digital media planning, primarily focused on using online data to target consumers who have demonstrated clear purchase intent. Her client roster spans a wide variety of brands like T-Mobile, HBO, and Atlantis

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Efua Peterson is currently a software

engineer at a small energy company in Manhattan. She started working there in 2018, shortly after graduating from Columbia University with a major in math and a minor in computer science. She is in a full stack position and works with the app's backend, frontend, database,

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Darryl Gladstone is a full-time

educator in the charter school world. Over the last seven years he has went from teaching English as a foreign language in China to students, whose ages ranged from 8 months old to 35 years old, to teaching middle school math. He is currently working at Ascend Brownsville Middle School as an 8th grade Algebra I teacher and is

very passionate about quality math education in the neighborhoods he called home as a child. dgladstoneib@gmail.com



Mark Cort was born and raised in Brooklyn,

NY by a Guyanese mother who made sure education was always a central part of his upbringing. From early in his life, he worked hard to become a doctor to help others; becoming an Oliver Scholar to attend the prestigious Hotchkiss School in Connecticut, getting his bachelor's degree in Neuroscience from Amherst College, and

currently interviewing for a residency program after spending his first four years of medical school at NYU. Mark is always looking to serve others, both through his chosen profession and making the time to bring other people from underrepresented backgrounds into the spaces he has been fortunate enough to enter. It is his dream that other students like him don't ever feel like they got lucky but instead that they earned their achievements.

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Chris Ortega is a Sales Development

Representative at Jopwell, an SaaS (Software as a Service) platform exposing career opportunities to underrepresented ethnoracial communities throughout the US. Chris graduated from Wesleyan University with a Bachelors in Neuroscience and while he was set on being a doctor, it was his underlying desire to empower those

within his community that led him to his current career.

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Rudy Blanco is a former Special

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for learning, career pathways exploration and development. Rudy has managed multiple partnerships with organizations like Google, The New York Video Game Critics Circle, Thrively, Here to Here and Mouse. Currently, Rudy is working on opening up one of the first gaming spaces in the Bronx called BX Start meant for community members to explore career pathways into the gaming industry. rblanco@dreamyard.com



Adriana Castilla Hernández grew up in Mexico City and

moved to Philly 6 years ago to attend Bryn Mawr College. She majored in Computer Science and was captain of the basketball team. She is currently working as a software engineer at Google

and enjoys being able to code every day, although one day she'd like to be a basketball coach.

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"Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

-Howard Thurman