

YouthForce NOLA

2021
YEAR IN
REVIEW



2021 By the Numbers

Despite the extraordinary challenges of 2021, YouthForce NOLA made great strides toward ensuring every New Orleans high school graduate is skilled, connected, confident, and on the path to succeed in the 21st century economy.

Our collaborative of schools, employers, training providers, and civic organizations is building bridges between school and work, opening more doors to economic opportunity for our city's young people.

This Year in Review presents an overview of our progress in 2021 to inspire students, to remove barriers that prevent them from accessing or advancing in high-wage careers, and to expand opportunities for career-connected learning and real-world experience.

134

Students completed paid YouthForce Internships



\$1M

Generated by YouthForce policy work to support career-connected learning

430

Educators trained through soft skills workshops

20K

Internship hours completed



417

Industry credentials earned by the Class of 2021



225

Partners aligned and collaborating around a shared vision

1,920

Students engaged in career awareness



\$1.4M

Outgoing subgrants*



17K

Students impacted by educator soft skills training



\$2.3M

New philanthropic commitments to support the career-connected learning ecosystem*

\$4M

U.S. Department of Education grant awarded

37

LAUNCH participants

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Spotlight on Future Young Professionals



Kyrah Green

Warren Easton High School
New Orleans Technical
Education Provider (NOTEP)

A senior at Warren Easton High School, 18-year-old Kyrah Green also is a student at New Orleans Technical Education Provider (NOTEP), a YouthForce NOLA training provider that provides training in Carpentry, Electrical, and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC). "I decided to attend NOTEP because I was interested in learning how to build and fix things without having to call someone for help," she said. "I grew up around someone who works in construction, so I've always been interested in it."

So far, she has learned how to use many different hand and power tools, and how to use those tools and materials to build such things as tool boxes and electrical panels. "I love being able to apply what I learned in class to actual hands-on projects," Kyrah said.

"NOTEP is an amazing and free opportunity to learn skills that could be useful in life, even if you don't plan on going into a skilled crafts career. NOTEP has helped me plan for my future career by showing me a bit of what it's like to work in the trade field. Doing this is helping me come to a final decision on what I want to do in the future."



Wilber Suriel

New Orleans Military & Maritime
Academy (NOMMA)
Operation Spark

Wilber Suriel, a senior at New Orleans Military & Maritime Academy, first heard about Operation Spark, a YouthForce training provider partner, right before the Covid-19 shutdown. "I decided to give it a try because I have always liked computers," Wilber said. "The Fundamentals of HTML, CSS, and Javascript, which was the first program I attended, gave me a clear view of how awesome technology can be. Since that day, I have fallen in love with programming."

As an Operation Spark student, 17-year-old Wilber has acquired many skills. From soft to hard skills he has learned how to problem solve, communicate, work as a team member and to never give up. He did so well in the program that he landed a part-time job at Operation Spark. He assists with after-school classes, works with students one-on-one, works on projects and assesses students' codes. "I also assist with instruction as needed," he added, "whether it's giving a lesson to a whole class, or doing one-on-one tutoring with a student."

"Now that I have gained more knowledge about programming and the world of technology, I have decided that I want to go to college, major in computer science and create my own startup while working in a good tech company."

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2021 Partners

Schools

- Abramson Sci Academy
- Booker T. Washington High School
- Edna Karr High School
- Einstein: Sarah T. Reed High School
- Eleanor McMain Secondary School
- Frederick A. Douglass High School
- George Washington Carver High School
- International High School of New Orleans
- John F. Kennedy High School
- L.B. Landry College and Career Preparatory HS
- Livingston Collegiate Academy
- McDonogh 35 Senior High School
- Morris Jeff Community School
- New Harmony High School
- New Orleans Accelerated High School
- New Orleans Charter Science and Mathematics High School
- New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy
- Opportunities Academy
- Rooted School
- Rosenwald Collegiate Academy
- Sophie B. Wright Charter School
- The Living School
- The NET Charter High School: Central City
- The NET Charter High School: Gentilly
- Walter L. Cohen College Prep
- Warren Easton Charter High School

Training Providers

- Acadian Ambulance Service
- Delgado Community College
- Gateway EMS Training
- New Orleans Career Center
- New Orleans Technical Education Provider
- New Orleans Video Access Center (NOVAC)
- Nunez Community College
- Operation Spark

- Southern New Hampshire University
- Spark Mindset

Board

- **Andy Wisdom**, Crescent Capital Consulting
- **Ayame Dinkler**, LCMC Health
- **Coleman Ridley**, Business Council of New Orleans and the River Region
- **Courtney Williams**, Torsh, Inc.
- **George Wilson**, Barriere Construction, Board Secretary and Treasurer
- **Leslie Jacobs**, Belltower New Orleans, Board Chair
- **Mark Stein**, Lowe, Stein, Hoffmann, Allweiss & Hauver, LLP
- **Michael Hecht**, Greater New Orleans, Inc.
- **Missy Sparks**, Ochsner Health
- **Nathalie Simon**, Laitram
- **Nicole Patel**, Lucid
- **Shaneika Dabney-Henderson**, New Orleans Saints & Pelicans

Collaborative Steering Committee

- Baptist Community Ministries
- City of New Orleans
- Greater New Orleans Inc.
- JPMorgan Chase & Co.
- Junior of Achievement of Greater New Orleans
- Louisiana Department of Education
- New Orleans Career Center
- New Schools for New Orleans
- New Orleans Business Alliance
- New Orleans Public Schools
- Urban League of Louisiana
- United Way of Southeast Louisiana

Employers

- ADEETA Corporate Staffing
- AFSP Louisiana
- Allimac Mobile Lab
- Ani Miller-Yahzid

- ARB Meetings and Events
- Artisanal Brewing Ventures
- Ascension DePaul Services
- Ashé Cultural Arts Center
- Audubon Institute
- AxoSim Technology Inc.
- Bayou District Foundation
- BCS Graffix & Design
- Bee Graphix
- Boeing at Michoud Assembly Facility
- Brass Roots Foods
- Campo Architects
- Cancer Association of Greater New Orleans
- Capital One Bank
- Catalyst Ed
- City of New Orleans
- New Orleans City Council
- New Orleans Civil Service Department
- Colloqate Design
- Community Sailing New Orleans
- Community Works of Louisiana
- Concordia
- Delgado Fab Lab
- Dirty Coast + Bayou Brand
- Dirty Coast Press
- E.B.O.N.Y Consulting LLC.
- Energy Wise
- Entergy KeyStrings Labs
- Ernst & Young LLP
- EskewDumezRipple
- Fat Happy Media
- Fleurish Printing
- Flexicrew Technical Staffing
- Frischhertz Electric Company
- FLUOR
- Flyte
- Free Alas
- Get Online NOLA

2021 Partners

- Gieger Laborde Laperouse
- Greater New Orleans, Inc.
- Go.Be.
- GoodWood
- Greater New Orleans Housing Association (GNOHA)
- Grow Dat Youth Farm
- Growhaus Studios
- Hancock Whitney Bank
- Heart N Hands
- Holmes Healthcare Training Center
- HousingLOUISIANA
- HousingNOLA
- HR, Board & More, Inc.
- IGL FOUNDATION
- International Game Developers Association (IGDA)
- Intralox
- Jacobs
- Janee Michal
- JPMorgan Chase & Co.
- LA Green Corps
- LCMC Health
- Louisiana Public Health Institute
- Loyola University's Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- LSU Health Sciences Center
- LSU School of Nursing
- Lucid
- Magnolia Yoga Studio
- Makin Groceries Market
- NASA at Michoud Assembly Facility
- National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA)
- New Orleans BioInnovation Center Inc.
- New Orleans Multicultural Tourism Network
- NOLA Hotel Group
- Nola Organic Wellness Spa
- New Orleans Public Schools
- NOLAvate Black
- Obatala Sciences
- Ochsner Health

- OfficeOps LLC
- Omerge Alliances
- Online Optimism
- Our Mammy's
- Palmisano
- Parcel
- Performance Health Partners
- Phillips 66 Alliance Refinery
- Ragusa Consulting
- Raire Label
- Rare Trait Hope Fund
- Restoration Ecologist for the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council (RESTORE Council)
- Reunion Shoe Co
- Ride New Orleans
- Saachi & Saachi
- Saints + Pelicans
- Scale Workspace
- Scott Johnson
- Search Influence
- Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans
- Sheraton New Orleans
- St. Bernard Economic Development Foundation
- StudioBE
- Symbiont, Inc.
- The Cook Shop
- The Historic New Orleans Collection
- The Solomon Group
- THE SPACE
- Tulane University IT + Admissions
- Tulane School of Professional Advancement
- VentureWalk
- Zeus' Rescues

Funders

- Anonymous
- Baptist Community Ministries
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Bloomberg Philanthropies

- The Joe W. and Dorothy Dorsett Brown Foundation
- Capital One
- Carnegie Corporation of New York
- Cate Swinburn
- Charles & Carol Swinburn
- City of New Orleans
- Entergy Charitable Foundation
- George H. Wilson Fund
- GPOA Foundation
- Greater New Orleans Foundation
- JPMorgan Chase & Co.
- Kirsten Breckenridge
- Leslie Jacobs
- Louisiana Department of Children & Families
- Louisiana Department of Education
- Lucid
- Mary McCarthy
- Missy Hopson Sparks
- NBA Foundation
- New Orleans Business Alliance
- Phillips 66 Alliance Refinery
- Prime BAS
- Pro Bono Publico Foundation
- Results for America
- RosaMary Foundation
- Shaindel Kramer
- Stephen and Sandy Rosenthal Family Foundation
- Thomas Hayes
- U.S. Department of Education
- Walton Family Foundation
- W.K. Kellogg Foundation

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