

## **Southeast Tech**

Citi Foundation Youth Workforce Fund  
CTE Academy and Southeast Tech Partnership

Update Report

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Purpose:**

To provide the School Board an update on the Citi Grant CTE Academy/Southeast Tech partnership.

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Southeast Tech and the CTE Academy received a joint Citi Foundation Youth Workforce grant of \$250,000 in fall 2017.

In November, the Citi Foundation released that Southeast Tech and the CTE Academy have received an additional \$250,000 grant for FY19 to continue the momentum of our current Workforce and Educational Pathways project.

The purpose of the grant is to specifically work with low income and other underprepared youth ages 16-24 to give them opportunities to explore and receive skilled training opportunities.

Since receiving the grant, Southeast Tech and the CTE Academy have worked collaboratively to provide internships, shadowing experiences, career fairs, campus visits, camps, pre-apprenticeships, assessments, and other career exploration opportunities to Sioux Falls youth. Additionally, grant funds have helped provide soft skills training to support student internship and work opportunities, as well as direct skilled training in specific areas, including CNA, CPR, and EMT.

The FY19 grant will continue to build on the FY18 grant success, working toward development of a sustainable process that will reach more students and create more opportunities for our youth.

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**Administrative Recommendation to School Board:**

Acknowledge the Citi Grant CTE Academy and Southeast Tech Partnership Update Report

# CITI FOUNDATION YOUTH WORKFORCE FUND

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# Purpose of Citi Foundation Grant:

- Providing grants to nonprofits working in innovative ways to place low-income young adults on a path toward college and career success in 10 U.S. cities – *including Sioux Falls!*
- Southeast Tech and the CTE Academy strategically and intentionally collaborate to prepare Sioux Falls young people for sustainable career in the city and region.
- The programming focuses on 16-to-24-year-olds from low-to-moderate income families and/or who are at risk of not completing high school or post-secondary training
- The partnership provides students with hands-on experience, industry-specific skills training, and a career coach (Renaë Oines) and internship coordinator (Mitch Lynch) to support them on the school-to-career pathway.
- Pathways include: certificate and credential granting course curricula, personalized career development (e.g., résumé writing and interviewing) and advisement and work-based learning opportunities (e.g., apprenticeships and internships).

# **Year One Grant Results Statement:**

*This project will impact 1,500 youth at some level.*

# Year One Results for CTE Academy:

- Hired a Career Coach and Internship Coordinator
- Internship Participation = 200+ in Fall '17, Spring/Summer '18
- Construction Pre-Apprenticeship = 10-out-of-10 students
- Career Exploration Events
  - Career Fairs: Fall 2017, 348 students; Spring 2018, 270 students
  - Industry Tours: More than 300
  - Student Campus Visits: More than 800

# Year One Results for Southeast Tech:

- **Bring Your 'A' Game** – to date, more than 110 high school students have received Soft Skills training. Georgina Cavin has trained 53.
- **Aspire2Tech Program** – developed a 15-week certification program that specializes in providing adult education for English as a Second Language students at Southeast Tech, integrates general and career education.
- **23 Admissions/Program Visits to SFSD High Schools**
- **Hosted 44 Group Visits to Southeast Tech** (e.g., Camps, Tours, Sophomore Career Planning Days, Visit Days, and more).

## **Year Two Grant Results Statement:**

*This project will impact 3,000 youth at some level.*

# Year Two Goals for CTE Academy:

- 280-300 Internship Experiences = 90 internships just this fall!
  - Serve 100 Different Organizations
  - 300 youth better prepared to enroll in postsecondary education
  - 300 youth better prepared to complete postsecondary education

# Year Two Goals for Southeast Tech:

- Expand reach in SFSD and Sioux Falls MSA: Continue to track Career Fairs, Admissions Events, Instructor Outreach, High School Visits and more
- Continue expansion/progress of Aspire2Tech
- Continue *Bring Your 'A' Game* Training
- Continue and grow Pre-Apprenticeships
- Provide Professional Development for Staff

# Good News!

- Center for Promise (see article)
- Welding Competition – May 9<sup>th</sup> at CTE Academy  
(sponsored by Marmen Energy; Build Dakota Scholarship; Southeast Tech instructors/students help judge/assist with event)
- KELOLAND Story:  
<https://www.keloland.com/news/local-news/internships-for-high-school-students/1609821142>