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Congratulations Future CTOs, CIOs & CEOs: NPower Technology Service Corps Class 34 Graduates

New York (June 23, 2015) – Eighty-three young adults graduated from NPower’s Technology Service Corps New York City, an innovative technology job training program focused on helping underserved youth. Several awards for excellence during the program were given out to graduates by corporate partners including Bank of America, Citi, Morgan Stanley, and Symantec. Bank of America hosted the capacity-crowd for this, the 34th NYC graduation ceremony.

Through the Technology Service Corps program, graduates participated in fifteen weeks of intensive class-based training, learning skills such as installing, configuring and troubleshooting computer hardware and software and providing web design and maintenance. Based on the Cisco Networking Academy, this rigorous curriculum prepares program graduates for employment in a range of technology positions, including technical, business and project analysis.

Awards for Class 34

- Bank of America *Trust the Team Award*: Vanessa Henry & Stephen Powell
- Citi *Principle of Ingenuity Award*: Christopher Adorno & Ashford Morgan
- Morgan Stanley *Leadership Award*: Thayne Clarke & Adanna Omatu
- Symantec *Connecting to the World Award*: San Huang & Keyon Palmer

Attendees were fortunate to hear moving speeches by Technology Service graduates, current students, and a commencement address by David Reilly, NPower Board Member and Chief Technology Officer, Bank of America. Mr. Reilly shared some really memorable advice during a portion of his speech he called, “Things I Wish I Had Know....When I Started.”

Harlem Class representative, Zanea Loving, spoke emotionally about her transformative journey with NPower. In her speech, she stated: *“Before NPower, I couldn’t find a reason to wake up every morning and see the positivity in living. I’ve struggled so much that there was a point that I didn’t want to live anymore... Something in me though, however tiny it was pushed me to keep fighting because there was so much I wanted for my life*

that I just haven't accomplished yet. I want to live on my own someday, I want to complete my Bachelor's degree at CUNY Lehman, work a great job doing what I've come to love and hopefully see parts of the world."

A special thank you to repeat internship host partners like Citi, CBS, TD Ameritrade and United Way of New York City. We are pleased to add new internship partners to our list like RoboFun and Gov Lab NYC. NPower is thankful for the support from the following companies:

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Founded in New York City in 2002, Technology Service Corps just reached a milestone with 1,000+ young adult and veteran graduates. Inaugural classes in Toronto and San Francisco Bay Area saw their first graduates walk in May and June of this year.

To view photos and more from the graduation commencement, visit npower.org or search [#TechnologyServiceCorps](https://twitter.com/TechnologyServiceCorps) across social media.

About NPower

NPower mobilizes the tech community and provides individuals, nonprofits, and schools access and opportunity to build tech skills and achieve their potential. We pursue this mission via our two signature programs:

Technology Service Corps builds brighter futures for underserved young adults and veterans through free technology and professional skills training. The program includes technical classes, mentoring from business leaders, internships and career development workshops at leading corporations and nonprofits, industry-recognized certifications as well as employment and alumni services. More than 80% of our alumni are employed or pursuing higher education within one year of graduation.

The Community Corps is a skills-based volunteering program connecting technology professionals with high impact nonprofits and schools. Our tech volunteers enable schools and

nonprofits across the country to use technology more effectively and inspire the next generation to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

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