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**Symantec's Innovative Cybersecurity Training Program  
Graduates NPower Students in NYC on 3/23/15**

**New York, NY (March 19, 2015)** – NPower is graduating fourteen young adults from the Symantec Cyber Career Connection (SC3) program on Monday, March 23, 2015. Graduating students represent four of the five boroughs of New York City as well as Stamford, CT. The commencement begins at 6:00 p.m. and will be hosted at the One Bryant Park offices of Bank of America. Sheila B. Jordan, SVP & Chief Information Officer, Symantec Corporation, will deliver the commencement address. In addition to the proud families of the graduates, executives from Bank of America, CBS, Citi, the Clinton Global Initiative, KPMG, Morgan Stanley, New York Times, Marathon Consulting, Symantec, TD Ameritrade and other program partners and leaders in the cybersecurity field will be in attendance.

**SC3 New York City Class 1 Key Stats (to date):**

- **80% graduation rate**
- **100% Network + certified**
- **80% Security + certified**
- **25% Linux + certified (optional incremental certification)**
- **6 internship extensions and two job offers**

An [estimated 300,000](#) open cybersecurity jobs in the U.S. cannot be filled despite evidence that 20% could be filled by candidates without a four-year college degree. Additionally, the youth unemployment rate for ages 18-24 has reached [15 percent](#), or double the national adult average, while women and minorities are under-represented in cybersecurity roles.

Announced last June at the Clinton Global Initiative, the SC3 pilot program combines Symantec's expertise in cybersecurity and their commitment to serving young adults with NPower's proven model for training and placing underserved young adults in tech careers. Symantec, an NPower underwriter and repeat internship host for their Technology Service Corps program, collaborated closely on the curriculum and format of the free cybersecurity training program.

The twenty-six week program was held at NPower's Brooklyn, NY headquarters. Students accepted into this rigorous program benefitted from an accelerated training model that prepared them to obtain industry-recognized CompTIA Network+, Security+ and other valuable industry certifications like Linux+.

Seventy-three percent of the SC3 New York City students had less than an associate's degree and eighty-six percent had less than a bachelor's degree when entering this program. The final portion of the program included a ten-week paid internship placement at one of the eight NPower internship host partners: Bank of America, CBS, Citi, KPMG, Morgan Stanley, New York Times, Marathon Consulting, and TD Ameritrade.

*"Thanks to the leadership of Symantec and each of our corporate internship partners, NPower's graduating class of young adults are now set on a permanent path for employment,"* said Stephanie Cuskley, NPower CEO. *"Each graduate will help fill the IT security field talent gap and ensure a wider range of young adults have the opportunity to become future cybersecurity leaders."* She added, *"We strongly believe our model can be applied nationally to train and place underserved communities in entry-level security positions."*

*"I'm so proud to see the first cohort of students graduate from Symantec Cyber Career Connection,"* said Sheila Jordan, Chief Information Officer for Symantec. *"It's a pivotal day for these ambitious young adults who – thanks to one of our key partners, NPower – are stepping into their first cybersecurity careers and filling the expanding need for cybersecurity professionals. For Symantec and the entire industry, it's a day worth celebrating, and we look forward to ushering in more graduates at our other partner sites soon."*

*"Bank of America is proud to actively support this important technology skills training program and congratulates a standout group of graduates. This first SC3 class marks an important milestone in our partnership with NPower to provide opportunities for young adults and military veterans pursuing careers in technology. We encourage the business community to engage in programs like this in preparing the next generation technology workforce and close the STEM gap,"* said David Reilly, Chief Technology Officer for Bank of America.

*"Through their Clinton Global Initiative commitment to expand opportunities for younger generations of Americans, we're thrilled to see the measurable progress and meaningful change Symantec, NPower and their partners have brought to this graduating class,"* said Madhuri Kommareddi, director of JobOne at the Bill, Hillary & Chelsea Clinton Foundation. *"We congratulate the honorees and look forward to more positive developments from all of our Job One commitment makers to ensure more youth are equipped with the training, skills and opportunities they need to succeed in today's economy."*

Twenty-six year old Michael Borges from the Bronx, has been selected to represent his class that evening. Michael never envisioned himself pursuing a career in cybersecurity and stated, *"sometimes life has its own plans for you."* Through the SC3 program, he has obtained his A+, Network+, Security+

and Linux+ certifications and interned at CBS as a Security Analyst. Now he aspires to become a Threat Intelligence Analyst or a Digital Forensic Analyst and someday becoming a CTO or CISO.

Learn more about the New York City program at [npower.org/SymantecC3](http://npower.org/SymantecC3) or follow the journeys of our students by searching [#NPowerCyberSecurity](https://twitter.com/NPowerCyberSecurity) across social media.

## About NPower

NPower mobilizes the tech community and provides individuals, nonprofits, and schools opportunities 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 innovative education partners. Our tech volunteers enable schools and nonprofits across North America to help them use technology more effectively and inspire the next generation science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) professionals. Services are free to individuals, nonprofits and schools.

## About Symantec

Symantec Corporation (NASDAQ: SYMC) is an information protection expert that helps people, businesses and governments seeking the freedom to unlock the opportunities technology brings – anytime, anywhere. Founded in April 1982, Symantec, a Fortune 500 company, operating one of the largest global data-intelligence networks, has provided leading security, backup and availability solutions for where vital information is stored, accessed and shared. The company's more than 21,500 employees reside in more than 50 countries. Ninety-nine percent of Fortune 500 companies are Symantec customers. In fiscal 2013, it recorded revenues of \$6.9 billion. To learn more go to [www.symantec.com](http://www.symantec.com) or connect with Symantec at: [go.symantec.com/socialmedia](http://go.symantec.com/socialmedia).

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