First State Tech Partnership to Host Graduation Ceremony

The First State Tech Partnership celebrates the successful graduation of high school students from the Yes, We Tech! Summer Internship Program

**When:** August 4, 2023 at 9 a.m.
**Where:** Riverfront Events @ Hyatt Place, 760 Justison Street, Wilmington, DE 19801

Register Here

**What:** Hear from FSTP partners and program leaders in celebration of the first-ever cohort of Yes, We Tech!

Wilmington, DE – The tech ecosystem in Delaware is buzzing with anticipation as the First State Tech Partnership (FSTP) prepares to commemorate the successful completion of the Yes, We Tech! summer internship program. FSTP is a sectoral partnership for the tech industry in Delaware, led by the Tech Council of Delaware. It is a collaboration between the Tech Council of Delaware, employers, educational institutions, tech workforce providers, and community organizations. By closing skills gaps and eliminating barriers, the FSTP strives to create a diverse talent pipeline and foster success in high-quality tech careers for underrepresented residents. FSTP has designed three customized workforce programs to date, of which, the Yes, We Tech! summer internship program for high school students was the first to launch its inaugural cohort on June 16, 2023.

Yes, We Tech! has empowered rising high school juniors and seniors from diverse backgrounds with a captivating seven-week paid internship experience to build in-demand workplace skills, achieve digital proficiency, and attain an industry-relevant certification that prepares them for careers in growing industries after graduation from high school and/or college. Hired as Technology Interns by the Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League at $15/hour, interns have immersed themselves in classroom-based learning and instructor-led activities facilitated by Code Differently, where they expand their technology and durable skills, as well as their knowledge of workplace standards and employer expectations. In addition, six prominent local companies have provided on-the-job learning to support the interns with practicing and refining the digital and durable skills learned in the classroom. These employer partners include WSFS Bank, The Buccini/Pollin Group, CSC, Richards, Layton and Finger, Delmarva Power, and the Tech Council of Delaware.

Yes, We Tech! is made possible by the tremendous support from the Rodel Foundation and Delaware Pathways 2.0 funding. By aligning with the Delaware Pathways 2.0 initiative, Yes, We Tech! has invested in Delaware’s youth—the state’s future workforce and its growth. In a remarkable gesture, EPAM, a software engineering and consulting company, contributed $15,000 in college scholarships for several of the rising seniors in the program. With unwavering dedication, the First State Tech Partnership has
fostered an environment where Technology Interns have flourished and expanded their horizons by gaining exposure to a wide range of tech careers and occupations.

The graduation ceremony will recognize the accomplishments of these talented students as they embark on their journeys toward a promising future. Join us in celebrating their achievements and witnessing the incredible impact of the Yes, We Tech! summer internship program.

About Tech Council of Delaware:

Tech Council of Delaware is a non-profit workforce intermediary dedicated to strengthening the local tech ecosystem and improving workforce diversity. The Council unites tech career seekers, employers, community organizations, and training and workforce providers around a collective vision to improve the lives of Delaware residents and support a thriving tech sector in the state by building and expanding inclusive tech talent pipelines. By building these pipelines and strengthening the tech ecosystem, the Council aims to strengthen Delaware’s position and perception as a tech hub.

For more information, visit techcouncilofdelaware.org. To register for the Yes, We Tech! Program Graduation Ceremony, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/yes-we-tech-summer-internship-program-graduation-tickets-673958166017?aff=oddtdtcreator

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