Dear On-Ramps Partners,

This year we’ve been particularly grateful for the impact that you’ve helped us make in connecting students in underserved communities throughout the Nation’s Capital to career paths in the technology field. In addition to growing our 2021 internships, apprenticeships and training, together we’ve continued to empower our alumni over the past nine years. We’re thrilled that our 2021 Alumni survey revealed that:

- 89% of alumni are now enrolled in college or graduated compared to 39% of other Washington, DC students.
- 76% entered STEM majors compared to 18% nationwide, and 12% of Black students.
- 100% graduated from high school, compared to 68.2% of all DC high school students.
- 98% said the experience clarified their career goals.

In 2021 we doubled our number of employer hosts enabling us to reach even more talented, motivated and underserved minority youth. We also deepened our partnerships with employer groups, like AFCEA DC and partners like CareerWise DC where we placed 6 of our Alumni in three-year apprenticeships with our long-time partners, Accenture and the DC Office of the Chief Technology Officer. Our funding partners grew as well – adding the Lever Fund to our major donors alongside AT&T, Accenture, Verizon and so many other generous donors.

Perhaps most exciting is our new STEM Pipeline Promise, a larger vision and strategy to reach younger students and support our alumni all the way through college or post-secondary training and into career placements. You’ll find a brief overview of our new STEM Pipeline Promise strategy in this year’s Impact Report, as well as the demographics, outcomes and testimonials of the people who matter most — our participants.

Thank you again for helping us to make this a year to remember. We look forward to engaging many more students and inspiring many more careers with your support again in 2022!

Monique LeNoir
Alumni Testimonials

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In the summer of 2020 I graduated with my Bachelor’s Degree in Computer Info Systems. Since then, I’ve gone on to start full time at Texas Instruments as an Analyst on the IT Security Compliance Team. I had the privilege of interning three times with On-Ramps with Athletech, Microsoft, and the Carlyle Group, and this opened so many doors for me.

The people associated with On-Ramps have helped me so much with resumes, elevator pitches, as well as a lot of hard skills I’ve learned from the internships. These internships look stellar on my resume for other employers such as Intel, the IRS, the Carlyle Group, and Texas Instruments and was a determining factor for a lot of the scholarships I received throughout college.

Brittany Young, IT Security Compliance Analyst at Texas Instruments & 3x On-Ramps Alumni

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I am very grateful that On-Ramps introduced me to Accenture, as I have recently accepted a full-time offer as a Security Analyst at the company. I have created lasting connections at Accenture and On-Ramps, and I am excited to see what the future has in store for me. I believe that On-Ramps is providing amazing opportunities for young people to grow professionally and as a person.

Steve Henry, Security Analyst at Accenture & 3x On-Ramps Alumni
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2021 By the Numbers

**Internships**
Up 43% since 2019, despite the pandemic

**Employers**
Nearly doubled from last year

**High Schools**
Across Washington DC

**Internships to Date**
Over 8 years

**College Enrollment**
89% compared to 39% District-wide are currently enrolled in College/Certification Program, or have obtained a College Degree (Associates, Bachelor’s or Master’s level)

**Majority Female**
On-Ramps Alumni are 53% Female
46% Male
1% Non-Binary

**College Majors**

**Demographics**
96% of On-Ramps Interns identify as a Person of Color

**STEM Majors**
76% of Alumni that are enrolled in College or obtained a College Degree, had a STEM Major compared to 18% nation-wide

Top 5 Majors Include:
- Computer Science
- IT
- Cyber Security
- Engineering
- Business Administration
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The STEM Pipeline Promise goals are twofold:

- Provide Washington DC young people with the multi-year work experience, counseling and mentoring needed to persist in STEM career paths through post-secondary education and all the way to hiring.
- Provide employers with a more coordinated talent development pipeline to more efficiently contribute and directly benefit from their investments in youth.

It addresses two key workforce challenges: ...

- The high attrition of under-represented students throughout the STEM talent pipeline.
- The difficulty for employers to navigate multiple programs and convert their investments into early career STEM hires.

... And leverages two virtuous cycles:

- Youth become ambassadors to employers and future interns as they grow in experience.
- Employers grow their engagement levels as they see the benefits of growing local talent.

DIVERSE STEM WORKFORCE

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Employer Hosts

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Acquired Data Solutions
Bloc by Block News
Dept. of Homeland Security
Dept. of Transportation
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Edge of Yesterday
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TO BUILD A DIVERSE TECHNOLOGY WORKFORCE, WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

GIVE

With every dollar donated, you are investing in the talents of underrepresented youth and laying a vital role in ending racial inequality and closing the wealth divide. To be part of the change, make a donation today at onrampstocareers.org/donate

HOST

By hosting interns, you will be sparking a new STEM career, finding new talent, and working on a project that can benefit your organization. Fill out our inquiry form today! Tinyurl.com/hostwithonramps

VOLUNTEER

You have the ability to impact the lives of interns by donating your time and experience. We have the volunteer opportunities available throughout the year. See our calendar: onrampstocareers.org/events

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