



Good afternoon CWNYS family,

As we move in April, and the prospect of further weeks of quarantine, it seems fitting to recognize the heroic work of our frontline workers in our city's healthcare system, EMS, police, and fire departments as they battle this insidious virus that has changed all of our lives and created new, massive challenges to our social networks and economy. They are our heroes and we owe them all a debt of gratitude.

At HERE to HERE, we are keeping a close eye on our communities' day-to-day survival needs ([see our COVID19 response](#)) as well as keeping the CWNYS family of employers, educators, and apprentices connected and communicating. Stay strong and thank you all for your continued commitment and passion for our collective work. Here is this week's update.

Fall 2019 Cohort 1 Update

Huge shoutout to our Cohort 1 employers, the vast majority of whom have agreed to continue to pay apprentice wages even during this uncertain period!! This income is critical to the apprentices and their families and we can't thank you enough. Our employers join those of [Genesys Works](#), whose employers also committed to continue paying their interns' wages. We're so proud and thankful that the employer community is stepping up in the midst of such uncertainty.

We are in weekly contact with the DOE and hope to soon see a lift in the restriction on work from home. In the meantime, please expect a call from Melinda or Greg regarding re-starting work and potential upskilling for apprentices.

Fall 2020 Cohort 2 Update

- Students continue to put their profiles onto the Hiring Hub and employers continue to move forward on recruitment. We currently stand at 266 students approved to apply to apprenticeships; of those, 194 students have collectively submitted 629 applications.
- Currently we have 85 open positions, with 98 committed slots confirmed, 20 offers issued, and 18 offers accepted (up 6 from last week!)



HERE to HERE Business Council Update

Last week, the HERE to HERE Business Council sought to procure hotspots and tablet devices to fill a critical gap in technology access for our thirty plus high school partners throughout NYC. Thank you to the Google Ed team of Samantha Lieberman, Sarah Henderson, and Andrew Liebowitz for their help in connecting us with their suppliers. Our challenge is to fulfill a potential order of 750 Chromebooks while warehouses and shipping facilities are shut down. We're now looking at options to purchase Chromebooks through BtoC channels and hope to have an update for you all next week.

Despite our current situation, work continues to move forward on youth apprenticeship. Specifically, we are working with CUNY on a path toward college credits for our apprentices, including securing credits for the on-the-job work experience. Thank you to our colleagues at Borough Manhattan Community College and Lehman College for working with us to recognize the work component of the apprenticeship and to innovate on their traditional model of prerequisites and course sequence to design an integrated work-learn model!

We are also talking with the NYS Department of Labor about registering our apprenticeships with NYS. We are excited about this prospect, which could give our apprentices a bona fide portable credential and our employers access to tax credits and training funds.

Resources

1. **CareerWise New York Website:** We have added a new page to the [CareerWise New York website](#) where these updates will be added every week. Check that site for apprenticeship-specific information including special messages and FAQs for our [apprentices](#), our [employers](#) and our [school partners](#). The HERE to HERE website has more expansive information about community resources and response.
2. **Google Matching DonorsChoose contributions:** Google has pledged a corporate match on donations made to CareerWise New York participating schools via [DonorsChoose](#). If your school has an active, COVID-related DonorsChoose campaign, please reach out to thaines@heretohere.org, with your school contact name and campaign information.



REMINDERS

TRAINING FOR CWNYS EMPLOYER SUPERVISORS -- CURRENT AND NEW

Our **Cohort 1 Supervisor check-in** for all CWNYS supervisors will commence on April 8th from 1:30 to 3 pm. We know that this check-in comes during a very challenging time. Our intention is to offer a space to provide updates and to hear from you. If you are unable to join this check-in, please let us know.

We are also finalizing a virtual session for **Cohort 2 Supervisors**, which will be the first portion of their training prior to supervising an apprentice this fall. Only new supervisors should join the 5/4 session. They will receive more information about Part II at a later date.

4/8 - Virtual Supervisor Check in - Cohort I Supervisors (Confirmed from 1:30 - 3)

5/4 - Virtual Supervisor Training Part I for Cohort II Supervisors (Timing TBD)

We will continue to update you on training as we approach the summer months.