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***Jersey City Summer Works' Saturday Jump Start Program
Continues Throughout August; Includes Events at NJCU,
Jersey City Medical Center, and Eastern Millwork***

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Steven M. Fulop** announced today that during the month of August, Jersey City youth will again have the opportunity to participate in a range of hands-on college and career prep activities as part of the City's **Saturday Jump Start Sessions** through the **Summer Works Initiative**, which expands employment and enrichment opportunities for young people. In addition to ongoing programs in digital literacy and resume preparation, events include a **College Life Day at New Jersey City University (NJCU)**, a **tour and CPR certification at Jersey Medical Center (JCMC)** on Saturday August 2, 2014, and an upcoming **tour and information session at Eastern Millwork**, an advanced manufacturing firm, on August 16, 2014.

“Youth will get a chance to experience crucial professional development, college and career workshops this weekend as part of the Saturday Jump Start program,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “The City of Jersey City is thankful for its partnerships with these institutions and thanks them for their important contributions to free enrichment and professional development opportunities for JC Summer Works.”

NJCU's College Life Day on Saturday, August 2nd will introduce participants to the campus and provide offer hands-on learning sessions in a wide-range of academic areas. Planned activities include an introduction to Teq's NAO robots, which are used in science classes to foster teamwork and problem-solving, and a swim at the university's olympic-size swimming pool at NJCU's John J. Moore Athletics and Fitness Center.

Free transportation for participants will be available tomorrow from City Hall at 8:30 am, Dickinson High School at 8:40 am, and Loewe's Theatre at 8:50 am.

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“This is a fun way to introduce our young adults to the excitement of study on a university campus, motivate them for college prep, and engage them with peers to explore new ways of learning and encourage professional development,” said NJCU President Sue Henderson.

JCMC is sponsoring a tour of its facilities, professional development seminars, and free CPR training and certification. Participants will gain insight into careers in healthcare, and will listen to experts speak on interview skills, work ethic, dress code, and career-building skills.

“Jersey City Medical Center is committed to providing Jersey City’s youth with access to information and training for employment opportunities in healthcare,” said Joseph Scott, President and CEO of Jersey City Medical Center. “We are proud to partner with the City of Jersey City to offer free educational programming as well as CPR certification and training to Jersey City’s youth.”

Eastern Millwork, a firm that produces high quality architectural woodwork for a wide range of interiors around the world, will host a tour and information session at its Jersey City headquarters on Saturday August 16.

“To provide real career pathways young people need to be successful begins with hands on opportunities to understand that authentic world of work,” said Andrew Campbell, President and CEO of Eastern Millwork. “We look forward to helping Jersey City youth understand the opportunities in advanced manufacturing and the skills they will need to develop to be part of our growing industry.”

To learn more about JC Summer Works and to register for the Saturday Jump Start sessions, please go to: www.jerseycitysummerworks.org.

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