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***Mayor Fulop Announces Opening of Application Process for Jersey City Summer Internship Program as Part of JC Summer Works; In Inaugural Year, Summer Employment Program Placed Nearly 1,000 Youth in Paid Internships and Jobs***

**JERSEY CITY – Mayor Steven M. Fulop** announced today the opening of the online application process for the second annual *Jersey City Summer Internship Program* (JCSI), a youth employment initiative that connects talented Jersey City public high school students to work-based internships at the City’s leading firms and institutions.

The Jersey City Summer Internship Program is part of Jersey City Summer Works, Mayor Fulop’s youth summer employment program that last year placed nearly 1,000 youth, ages 15 to 21, in summer jobs and internships.

“The Jersey City Summer Internship Program and Jersey City Summer Works were highly successful last year in not only placing Jersey City high school students in paid internships and jobs at local corporations and institutions, but at also helping to develop seminars and training that will grow the academic and professional opportunities for these youth,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “Jersey City is fortunate to be home to a wide range of private sector companies and non-profit institutions and we wanted to link our youth with these organizations to provide our youth with meaningful experiences.”

In its inaugural year in 2014, JCSI placed approximately 50 public high school students in paid internships at prestigious institutions across Jersey City and in neighboring cities. Last year’s major supporters included JPMorgan Chase & Co., Goldman Sachs and Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation. Participating institutions included JPMorgan Chase & Co., Brown Brothers Harriman & Co, Fidelity Investments, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation, Goya Foods, Hyatt Regency Jersey City on the Hudson, Saint Peter’s University, Hudson County Community College, New Jersey City University, Jersey City Medical Center, Eastern Millwork, Inc., United Water, Tropicana, Liberty Science Center, and United Way. This year, JCSI is focused on expanding to serve even more students.

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JC Summer Works includes the City Youth Jobs program, a municipal jobs program in departments including Recreation, Law, the Business Administrator's Office, Communications, and others; the Summer Works Arts Program, which provides arts enrichment and financial compensation for youth who will work in public mural arts internships; and the Project Graduation program through Jersey City Employment and Training Program (JCETP), which places rising high school juniors and seniors in nonprofits throughout the city and provides academic tutoring and certifications. JC Summer Works also offers the Saturday Jump Start program, a series of free enrichment, career guidance and certification workshops in partnership with higher education institutions and nonprofits. JC Summer Works seeks to expand its career and enrichment offerings for Jersey City's youth in 2015.

JCSI is a public-private collaboration between the Office of the Mayor, the Jersey City Economic Development Corporation (JCEDC), the Jersey City Public Schools, the nonprofit America Needs You, and the City's leading firms and institutions.

Through a competitive admissions process, JCSI selects rising high school juniors and matches them with work-based educational experiences with the industry leaders who drive Jersey City's dynamic economy.

Admission to JCSI begins with the online application, which requires students to submit, among other information, a transcript, report card, letter of recommendation, résumé, and three essays. Applications will be due on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Students will be notified of their acceptance in April. As part of the application process, students will be interviewed and evaluated by volunteers from participating institutions.

Accepted students will be placed in six-week internships during which they will work four days a week, and on the fifth day will participate in career training seminars that will allow them to successfully navigate the work environment. The program offers both a financial stipend and academic credit.

The Jersey City Summer Internship Program offers students the opportunity to receive professional exposure to industry leaders – from financial institutions to law firms, leading manufacturers and the hospitality industry. The city's youth will experience firsthand some of those professions which are propelling Jersey City's economic expansion, creating thousands of jobs and making Jersey City the largest city in New Jersey by the end of 2016.

All Jersey City public high school students in their junior year, as well as junior year students who reside in Jersey City and attend county vocational-technical schools High Tech High School and County Prep, are encouraged to apply by March 2<sup>nd</sup>:

<https://jcsiprogram.wufoo.com/forms/jersey-city-summer-internship-program-application/>

If you would like to suggest a company to host interns, please contact the JCSI team at [jcsiprogram@jcnj.org](mailto:jcsiprogram@jcnj.org).

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