

WHY YOUTHFORCE NOLA

Bridges from Our graduates are education to economic prosperity ~70K high-wage, more academically do not exist for our public school high-skills jobs prepared than ahead students ever K-12 HIGHER ED CAREER Deep education, employment, and economic inequities in NOLA ~7K opportunity youth in NOLA; 60% 52% of black males in New YouthForce had HS diploma or some college Orleans were unemployed

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A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

Students

Schools 22 High & 7 Middle **Schools**

Employers 100+ **Employers**

Training Providers 6 Providers, 2 IHEs

Community & Families

Thousands















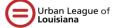












Collaborative Steering Committee



Backbone



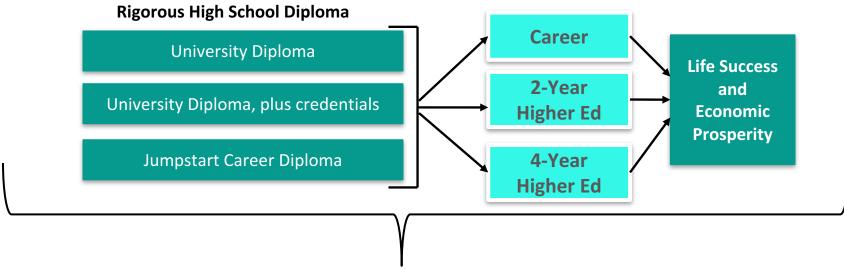
A SHARED VISION

New Orleans public school graduates are thriving economically, and are the most sought after talent for hiring and advancement in the region's high-wage, fast-growing industries.



WE ARE NOLA'S JUMP START TEAM

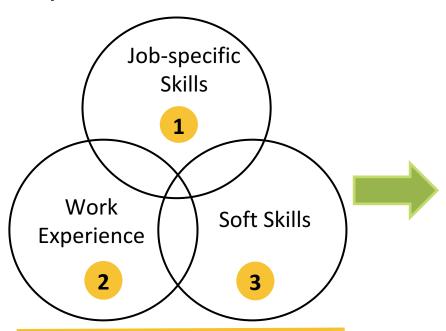
The Louisiana Jump Start Initiative set a statewide vision for expanding life and post-secondary success rates of graduates via more rigorous graduation pathways and career preparation.



YouthForce NOLA is an education, business, and civic collaborative that prepares New Orleans public school students for successful pursuit of high-wage, high-demand career pathways and facilitates systems change to ensure equitable outcomes, all in alignment with the broader JumpStart vision.

THREE GOALS FOCUS OUR EFFORT

Components of Career Readiness



Academic Skills

YouthForce

YouthForce NOLA Goals

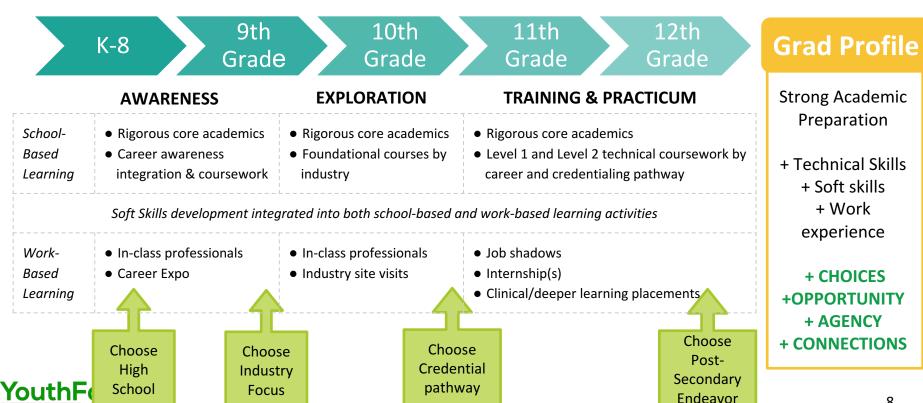
- Credentials. 20% of the Class of 2020 will earn industry-recognized, culminating credentials that will place them on high-wage, high-demand regional career pathways
- Meaningful Work Experience. 10% of the Class of 2020 will complete internships (aligned to student-selected pathway and coursework, includes 60 hours training and 90 hours of work)
- **3 Soft Skills.** More graduates will demonstrate employer validated, career-ready soft skills



FOCUS ON REAL-WORLD SKILL CLUSTERS

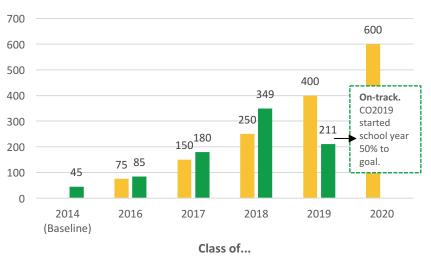
	Skilled Crafts	Health Sciences	Digital Media/IT	*Business/ Operations
Projected Workers Required	35,000	24,000	7,300**	Under review
Range of Occupations Needed	Engineers Managers Tradespeople	Doctors, Administrators Nurses (aides to NP) Technicians (lab, x-ray)	Developers Graphic designers Network specialists	List in development
Related Regional Industries (sampling)	ConstructionEnergy & advanced manufacturingWater management	Patient careHealthcare administrationBioInnovation	Digital MediaInformation technologySoftware/app dev	To come
Median Hourly Wages*** YouthForce	\$17-\$43/hour	\$11-\$55/hour	\$17-\$43/hour	To come

THE ENVISIONED STUDENT EXPERIENCE



WE ARE ON TRACK TO MEET OUR 2020 GOALS

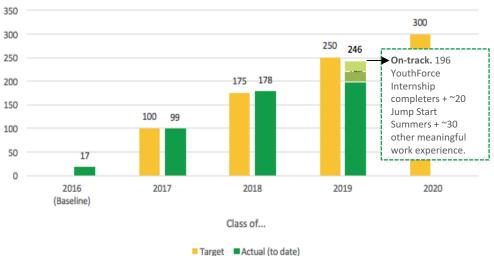




Target

Actual (to date)

Seniors Completing Meaningful Work Experience





KEY SUCCESSES TO DATE

In addition to the credential and internship successes...

Schools

- Partnered with 84% of open-enrollment schools
- Will & skill are improving steadily
- Post-secondary readiness conversations include more than academics

Employers

- Employers increasingly engaged
- Career Expo expecting 2,700+ students; 85+ employer & training exhibitors
- Twenty EducatorExterns placed to date

Training Providers

- Dramatic expansion of quality technical training seats
- Students earning increasingly diverse, and rigorous, credentials
- New Orleans Career
 Center launched 2018

Community & Families

- Family Engagement
 Toolkit for schools
- Almost 5,000 recipients on email list-serve
- Developing credentialbased career maps aligned to our priority industries and pathways

Strategic Alignment

- Multiple, industry validated credentials & pathways approved by Louisiana Workforce Investment Council
- Very **engaged steering committee** of 12 collaborating organizations



SOFT SKILLS EFFORT GAINING MOMENTUM



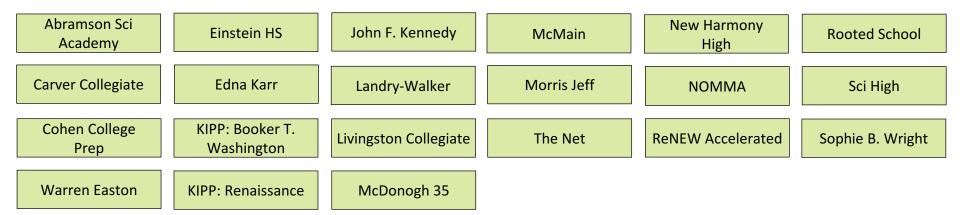
Current Programs

- YouthForce Internships
- Soft Skills Teacher Fellowship
- Soft Skills
 Community of
 Practice (K-12,
 OY, adults)



PARTNERED WITH MAJORITY OF ORLEANS SCHOOLS

Currently collaborating with 84% of open enrollment high schools



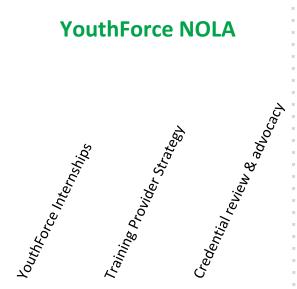
and one special program.





INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT AT ALL LEVELS









Employer Engagement
"Retail"-level
(high touch)
YouthForce

Industry Alignment/ Systems-Level (low touch)

TRAINING PROVIDERS LEAD HARD SKILL DEVELOPMENT

















FAMILIES ARE CRITICAL PARTNERS





PANEL DISCUSSION: BUILDING SUPPORT FOR CTE

Cathy Washington, Executive Vice President, Urban League Louisiana

Claire Jecklin, Executive Director, New Orleans Career Center

Lacy McManus, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, Greater New Orleans, Inc.

Larry Washington, President, Junior Achievement of Greater New Orleans

