



SENIOR INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

WHAT IS IT?

Stamford High School Seniors will be matched to an unpaid internship occurring over four weeks during the school day for 30 hours a week. Starting in December 2016 you can visit www.stamford-sie.org to learn more about the SPS Senior Internship Experience and to register as a student or internship site for the program in Spring 2017.

WHEN IS IT?

May 15, 2017 to approximately June 9, 2017 (ending date subject to change based in graduation date)

WHERE IS IT?

Internships will be in various City Departments, Schools, Non-Profits and approved self-designed sites across the City of Stamford. Internships will be available in career focus areas such as engineering, finance, education, health and legal to name a few.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

The youth in Stamford face high barriers to success, with:

- ◇ 32% of children living below 200% of poverty (\$47,700 for a family of four)
- ◇ We have 12,674 youth 16-24 with 13% of them unemployed
- ◇ Work and job readiness programs are important because *National Longitudinal Surveys found that:*
 - ◇ High School students with 20 hrs. of part-time work per week in their senior year resulted in annual earnings 20% higher 6 to 9 years after graduation, as compared to fellow students who didn't work

WHO TO CONTACT?

If you have specific program questions please contact Michelle Lappas from Mayor's Youth Services at 203-977-0830.