

SUMMER INTERNSHIP & SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2025 Impact Report



About Our Program:

21st Century Leaders' paid summer internship and scholarship program provides a real-world opportunity and financial support to our graduating high school seniors. This year, 18 seniors each received a 4-6 week paid summer internship and a \$250 stipend, while sixteen seniors received a \$2,500 scholarship to their post-secondary institution or training program.

As a pre-requisite for the internship, students completed Levels 1-3 in Leadership Connect, our online learning platform. Through over 130 gamified lessons, they built a foundation of core leadership competencies, social-emotional skills, and life skills including financial literacy and civic engagement. *Learn more at www.21stcenturyleaders.org*

18

\$36,600+

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\$40,000

*paid
interns*

paid to interns

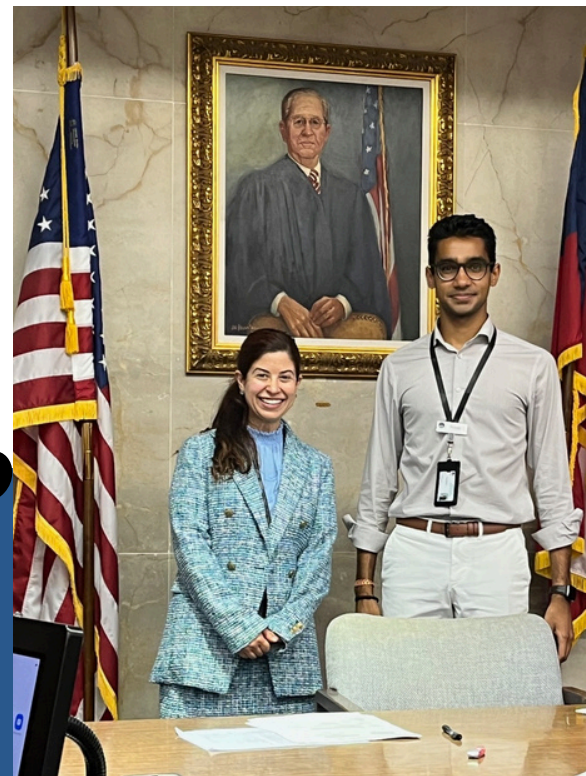
*host
companies*

*in scholarships
awarded*

“ (Because of 21CL) I have begun to consider careers that aren't normally thought of. My experiences in the Clerk's office showed me that these were real, sustainable careers that were open to me. The conversations I had with professionals in the office only reinforced this belief -- they believe in me and my dreams. - Ronak Vyas, Alpharetta HS '25, Stanford University ”

100% of students agree

I have grown in my leadership and professional abilities.



CAREER-READY LEADERS

94%

of students agree with these statements as a result of the program:



- I am **more confident** about the skills and abilities I bring to the workforce.
- I feel **prepared to succeed** in a diverse workforce.
- My involvement with 21CL has provided me with **opportunities to meet and network** with people that can have a positive impact on my career and post-secondary education.
- My involvement with **21CL** has taught me practical ways to be a better leader.



25%

of students reported that this internship was their first job

"I believe I was well prepared despite *never* having a job before because of the leadership experience 21st Century Leaders has given me. Through summer leadership institutes and Leadership Connect I felt prepared to work with others in different positions from myself." - Cindy Hernandez, North Clayton HS '25, Emory University

THANK YOU FUNDING PARTNERS

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MEET THE INTERNS *Class of 2025*



Afra Haque

Chamblee HS
Georgia State
University



Anoushka Naik

Alpharetta HS
Loyola Marymount
University



Avignesh Jagavkar

Northview HS
Georgia State
University



*Cameron
Sanders*

Landmark Christian
School
Augusta University



Cindy Hernandez

North Clayton HS
Emory University



Foluke Oladeji

Homeschool
University of Georgia



*Hannah-Lisa
Jones*

Johnson Ferry Christian
Academy
Georgia Institute of
Technology



Harlem Jackson

Westlake HS
University of Georgia



Jenabou Barry

Westlake HS
Georgia Institute of
Technology



Keza Macharia

Northview HS
University of Illinois
Urbana-Champaign



Leia Lankford

Woodstock HS
Georgia Institute of
Technology



Lokesh Pampatti

Chapel Hill HS
Georgia Institute of
Technology



Nia Hardy

North Atlanta HS
Albany State University



Rashad Monds

Benjamin E. Mays HS
Kennesaw State
University



Reece Robinson

Westlake HS
Morehouse College



Ronak Vyas

Alpharetta HS
Stanford University



SVanah Mcghee

Kendrick HS
Columbus State
University



Trinity Williams

Campbell HS
University of Georgia

*"It was our pleasure to host Avi.
He was a great add to the team,
even if just for a short time."
- Insight Global*

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