Item No. 11a Supp Meeting Date: March, 9 2021

## YOUTH INTERNSHIPS UPDATE

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021



# Background

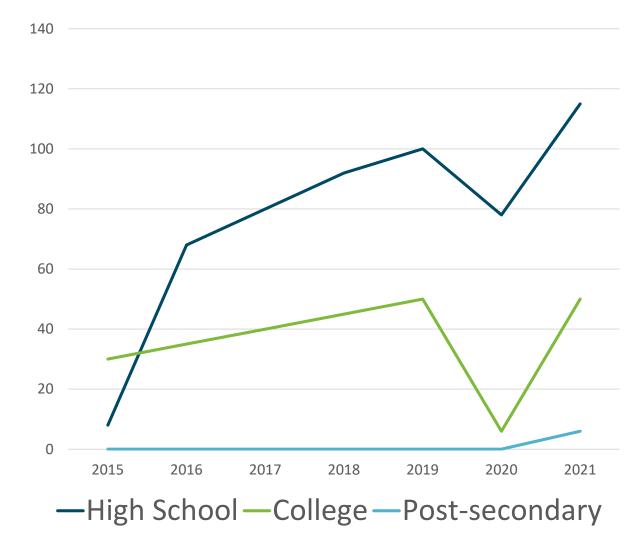
### Since 2015 Commission Motion:

- Doubled college internship opportunities
- Went from 8 to 115 high school interns hired each year
- Created over 15 new partnerships

### We are currently:

- Offering quarterly internships
- Working on CTE frameworks
- Piloting a program for opportunity youth pursuing tech certificates

### Youth Interns Hired



# Met 2020 Challenges with Innovation



VIRTUAL PROJECT-BASED INTERNSHIPS



100% COMMUNITY REFERRAL PROCESS



FOCUS ON EQUITY
IN ECONOMIC
RECOVERY



NEW COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

# Virtual Project-Based Model



### Week 1

Getting to know the Port

Team development

Workplace expectations



## Weeks 2-6

Transferable skill development

Meetings with project stakeholders and mentors



### Week 7

Finalize project deliverables

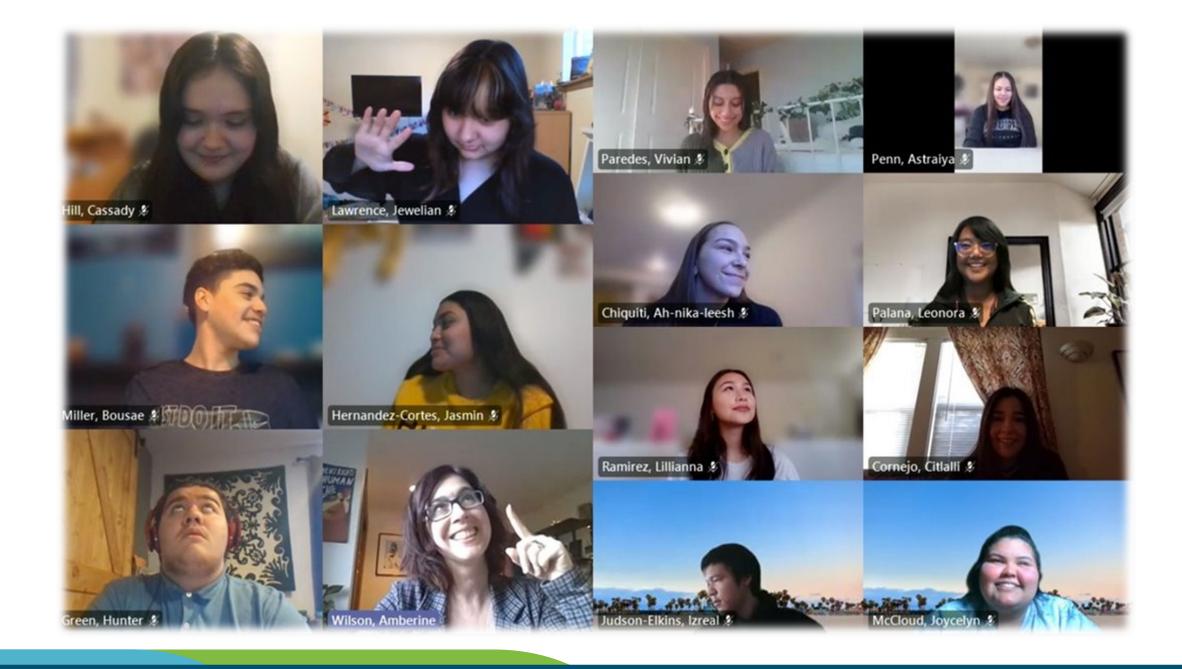
Work on resumes



## Week 8

Lessons learned process

Prepare for and deliver final presentation



# High School Program Restructure Benefits



Aligns with state and regional Career Connected Learning recommendations.



Answers community desire for year-round programming.



Virtual program meets social distancing requirements; reduces transportation barrier.



Reduces program and wage expenses during tight budget year.



Scalable design allows for growth when the economy improves.



Reduces workload on Port department staff.



Increases collaboration with industry partners to create multi-agency pipelines.



Virtual design allows for increased Tribal engagement.



Smaller cohorts support mentorship.



Strengthen	relationships with community partners.
Increase	credit earning and career connected internships.
Grow	direct engagement events with diverse student associations.
Leverage	Equity index to identify communities most in need.
Pilot	internships for opportunity youth attending certification or post-secondary programs.
Implement	alumni engagement initiatives focused on creating talent pipelines and skill banks for Port careers.
Build	at least one multi-agency pipeline.

# Youth Experts Panel

- Me'Kyel Bailey hired as consultant to lead collaborative process with community and educational partners.
- Community-driven:
  - Intern selection process
  - Intern support and success measures
  - Program evaluation
  - Community priorities

## 2021 High School Programs Timeline



## Winter (Jan-March)

Virtual

**25 Port Interns:** Maritime 101, Aviation Capital Planning



## Summer (July-Aug)

**Virtual or Hybrid** 

**40 Port Interns:** Habitat Restoration, Aviation Operations, Aviation Security

### **Virtual**

**25 Port Interns:** Inclusive Green Economy, Aviation Capital Planning

**Spring (May-June)** 

### Virtual

**25 Port Interns:** Maritime 101, Construction Trades



# Long Term Vision

 Recruit from community partners offering prep-work and/or related curriculum

Step One

## **Step Two**

- Port of Seattle Internship
- Paid and credit/ credential earning

• Industry Partners recruit from our interns into their opportunities

Step Three

## Step Four\*

- Entry level employment
- Enrollment in Post-Secondary program

\*Goal to have pilot programming by 2024















