

More Than Bootstraps

It takes
MORE THAN
BOOTSTRAPS
to succeed



MTB News

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Did You Know...

January is National Mentoring Month!

MEET MENTEE & MENTOR:

CATHERINE
SENIOR HS FELLOW

“ My mentor made me realize that there will be challenges in my life that I have to face but I shouldn't let those difficult moments bring me down. ”

REKA
COLLEGE STUDENT LEADER

“ Mentoring has taught me to be **brave and fearless** because you are often encountering the unknown. Even when you thought you knew everything about the situation, you don't and you still have a lot to learn. ”

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NETWORKING

Last Monday, our College Student Leaders and High School Fellows had the opportunity to meet with a group of professionals to practice their interviewing and networking skills. Special thanks go to Juan Rengifo, Carlos Yepez, Rosanna Vargas, John Lopez, and Hector Silva-Restrepo from Investors Bank; Dayanara Nino and Ivan Dossantos Rocha from PNC; Michael Sowell, Matt Jackson, Dawn Wilson, and EJ Mitchell, from the MTB Board; and supporters of MTB, Donna Vallario, Sue Suarez, and Dan Ward.

Click [HERE](#) to see a clip of the event!

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MLK and MTB

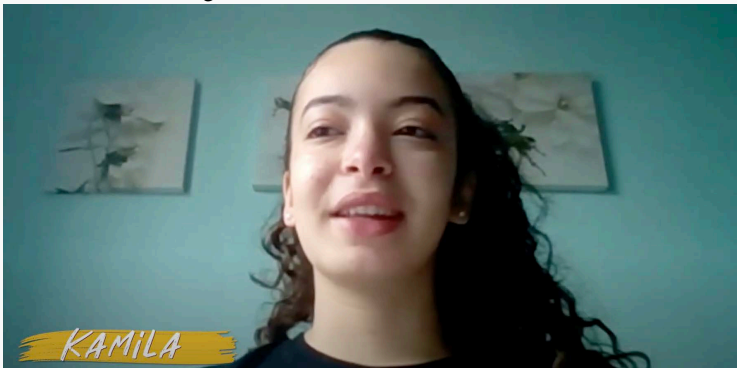
Martin Luther King Jr. understood that quality education is the bedrock of a great nation because education broadens our perspective and strengthens our ability to combat inequality. Dr. King was conscious that higher education could substantially enhance the living standards of people of color in the United States as well as allow people to break free from social injustices such as racism.

More Than Bootstraps takes our name from Martin Luther King Jr. who once said: "It's all right to tell a man to lift himself by his own bootstraps, but it is cruel jest to say to a bootless man that he ought to lift himself by his own bootstraps." We are proud to have our name associated with these words of inspiration as we seek to live up to the vision of a world in which young people can support each other as they access and in higher education.

"We cannot walk alone" – Along with our donors, board members, interns, and other constituents, MTB strives to create a community of success as our students support each other in gaining equitable access to and achieving success in higher education.

The MTB Desk

Click the video to watch College Student Leader, Kamila Gell, as she speaks about how she tackles anxiety when it comes to taking tests.



Upcoming Events

Wed., Feb., 2, 7-8 PM: Setting up your
LinkedIn Profile & Using it to
Network

Sat., Feb., 12, 10-11 am: Full Group
Meeting

Thurs., Feb 17, 7:30-8:30 pm: Career
Designs

MTB WELCOMES...

Carl A. Salisbury - New Board Member

An attorney with a national reputation as a policyholder lawyer who has more than thirty years of experience helping companies and individuals resolve insurance disputes. Mr. Salisbury also sits on a number of non-profit Boards of Directors, including the Westfield YMCA. He is a founding member of the Board of Trustees of the Westfield Arts Collective, which operates the Center for Creativity at the Rialto in Westfield, NJ.

Shannon Yau - New Advisory Board Member

An art director at a healthcare advertising agency based in New York City. Her experience lies in concepting integrated campaigns, designing for print and digital, creating brand identity systems, and on the side, she also dabbles in illustration and motion graphics. She strives to use her creative and strategic thinking to create work that will have a positive impact.