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More Than Bootstraps Student Selected as New Jersey Governor's Hispanic Fellow

WESTFIELD and PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY – June 26, 2023. [More Than Bootstraps](#) (MTB), a New Jersey non-profit, is thrilled to announce that one of our College Student Leaders, **Ashley Delgado**, has been selected for the New Jersey [Governor's Hispanic Fellows Program](#) for Summer 2023. Funded by the New Jersey Center for Hispanic Policy, Research and Development, this prestigious and selective internship provides a \$3,000 stipend and eight weeks of professional and personal development training.

Ashley, a graduate of Passaic High School, completed two years as a High School Fellow in MTB and now serves as a College Student Leader, mentoring two high school students in Passaic. Ashley completed her first year at William Paterson University, where she studies Criminal Justice. She is interning at the Immigration and American Citizenship Organization (IACO) in Passaic.

MTB is also hosting a Fellow in the program this summer. **Ismel Martinez Sanchez**, a graduate of New Brunswick High School, attends Rutgers University, New Brunswick, where she studies Criminal Justice and Psychology. She selected MTB for her internship site because of the opportunity to give back to her community and bring awareness to opportunities for first-generation students.

More Than Bootstraps congratulates Ashley and Ismel for striving for and earning these opportunities for themselves. "Paid internships are critical for first-generation college students," said **Audrey Fisch**, president of More Than Bootstraps. "The Governor's Hispanic Fellows Program is an amazing opportunity for students to build experience and expertise, grow their professional skills and network, and still earn funds to support their families and the many expenses of college education."



Ashley and Ismel attend an event for the Fellows hosted by PSEG.

Interested donors are invited to visit the MTB website: www.morethanbootstraps.org/donate.

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[More Than Bootstraps](http://www.morethanbootstraps.org) builds a community of first-generation, underrepresented students who empower each other to access and succeed in higher education. *More Than Bootstraps* is a 501(c)3 organization, Tax ID 83-2245008. For more information, visit www.morethanbootstraps.org or call (908) 397-0893.

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About the GOVERNOR’S HISPANIC FELLOWS PROGRAM

The Governor’s Hispanic Fellows Program, for high-performing students with an interest in diversity and inclusion who seek to acquire the skills necessary for success in a professional workplace, combines practical, hands-on experience with traditional classroom instruction, guest presentations by leading professionals, as well as other unique skill-building opportunities.



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