



Summer Newsletter

Welcome to The Thinkubator's Summer Newsletter. We just wrapped up a successful academic year for The Thinkubator, providing more than 150 work-based learning opportunities to youth and young adults, produced seven research reports, supported and worked with partners to provide more than 3 million meals to Bronx residents, and elevated youth voices through The Thinkubator Leads program (Youth Council).

Our youth and young adults are already making significant headway toward achieving their dreams. They continue to intern with The Thinkubator, some have gone on to college, and others have obtain full-time employment. The Thinkubator alumni are leveraging their work experiences to advance their career and educational goals.

As we mark our one-year anniversary, we continue to be excited about the future of The Thinkubator and thank you all for your participation and support that allow our team to make our youth dreams become a reality.

Sincerely,

Edward Summers, Ph.D.

President and CEO

One Year Anniversary



TODAY WE TURN ONE!

Our Greatest Wish- The Thinkubator will impact systemic change that creates a more inclusive, just, and equitable workplace!



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Bringing Power to Youth Voices.

The Thinkubator is a Bronx-based innovation and workforce development organization. We bring power to youth voices through internships, consultancy, work-based learning experiences, jobs, academic advising, mental health and well and career counseling. We are working



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YOUTH AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The Thinkubator was founded on the principle that employers, educators, community-based organizations, government, and youth are required at the table to build equitable, inclusive, and diverse talent pipelines.

The Thinkubator's core competency is in developing innovative youth



The Thinkubator's Apprentice James Walrond has Accepted Admission to Marist College. He will join the class of 2025!



Congrats!

The Think Tank and The Thinkubator Leads Hosted The Bronx Borough Presidential Candidates.



THE BRONX PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES MEET AND GREET WITH YOUTH OF THE BRONX

Featuring The Thinkubator Leads (Youth Council) and The Think Tank with Candidates: The Honorable Vanessa Gibson, Luis Sepulveda, and Nathalia Fernandez



During the Spring, The Thinkubator hosted a Robust Career Panel of Board Members and Friends.



Organizational Updates

Dr. Edward Summers Selected to the Robin Hood's Power Fund!



MEET THE POWER FUND LEADERS



RAMON PEGUERO, ESQ.

Committee for Hispanic Children & Families (CHCF)
President & CEO

Ramon Peguero, Esq. is the President & CEO of CHCF, which combines education, capacity-building, and advocacy to strengthen the support system and continuum of learning for children and youth. Prior to that, Mr. Peguero served as the Executive Director of Southside United H.D.F.C. (also known as Los Sures), the largest multi-service organization in South Williamsburg, Brooklyn. He has over 30 years of experience working in grassroots organizations that tackled the most challenging issues facing low-income residents in New York.



DR. EDWARD SUMMERS

The Thinkubator
Founder & CEO

Dr. Edward Summers is the Founder and CEO of The Thinkubator, an innovation and workforce nonprofit based in the Bronx. Prior to The Thinkubator, Dr. Summers served as the inaugural Executive Director of The Bronx Private Industry Council (PIC) Powered by HERE to HERE, a coalition of Bronx businesses that focused on creating long-term talent pipelines to support their local hiring needs. Dr. Summers also served in executive-level management roles at several colleges and universities including Long Island University, Union College and Marist College.



CHELSEY ROEBUCK

Emerging Leaders in Technology and Engineering
Inc. (ELITE)
Executive Director & Co-Founder

Chelsey Roebuck is the Executive Director and Co-Founder of ELITE where he is dedicated to addressing STEM education inequality as a means to close the achievement gap and provide opportunities for economic mobility for thousands of youth across the Americas and Africa. Chelsey earned an Echoing Green Fellowship in 2013, was on the Forbes '30 Under 30 in Education' list in 2016, and was honored alongside President Obama as the recipient of the Evelyn Kamen Rising Star Award in 2017.

The Thinkubator Launches a Business Council to Strengthen Ties with the Business Community.



The Higher Education Consultancy featured on
Bronxnet for a white paper on Higher Education
Models.



The Thinkubator Staff has been busy writing thought leadership papers on a variety of topics. Check out Asantie's recent piece!

OPINION

Solutions For Climate Change Are Begging For Young People Have A Seat At The Table

Natural disasters, raging fires, environmental degradation, water insecurity and other climate-related issues have been prevalent in recent decades in a way that older individuals are not used to experiencing.



by Asantie Murrell



Spirit of Giving

Facebook Donates 30 Laptops to bridge the digital equity gap for Black, Brown, LGBTQ, and Low-Income Youth served by The Thinkubator.



M and T Bank Foundation Supports The Think Tank
with a donation to elevate youth and community voices.

NYC'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

VACCINE

POLICY BRIEF

DR. LESSIE BRANCH ASANTIE MURRELL
ANTONIO PARISI



Congressman Ritchie Torres and President Edward Summers participated in a Conversation on Leadership at the LGBTQ Presidents In Higher Education Leadership Institute.



CONVERSATION WITH THE HONORABLE RITCHIE TORRES, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE OF NEW YORK'S 15TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT & EDDIE SUMMERS, PRESIDENT, THE THINKUBATOR

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We are grateful for making one years old today. Most importantly we are appreciative for our youth, the Bronx, and you for the tremendous faith and support you've given us over the past year. We look forward to many more years to come!

The Thinkubator Appreciates YOU!

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