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New York Edge Partners with Top Corporations for Career Mentorship Program

Speed Mentoring program provides underserved students in NYC with opportunities to learn from executives at M&T Bank, Fidelis Care and more

New York, NY – February 18, 2020 – [New York Edge](#) – the largest provider of afterschool programming in the New York metropolitan region – is expanding its Speed Mentoring initiative by partnering with several prestigious corporations to mentor New York City youth.

The Speed Mentoring program will connect middle school and high school students in New York City public schools with professionals from M&T Bank and other organizations in banking, software and technology through high-level, rotating mentoring sessions. During each session, students meet with a new volunteer every eight minutes to discuss high school, college, career paths and life choices.

“This is a unique mentoring initiative that provides our students with invaluable opportunities to learn from successful individuals, gain new perspectives and become inspired to achieve their goals,” said **Rachael Gazdick, CEO of New York Edge**. “We are grateful to each company for volunteering to mentor students and instilling in them the confidence and skills needed to succeed in the workforce and in life. We encourage all businesses across New York to follow suit to help build our city’s next generation of leaders.”

For more than 25 years, New York Edge has addressed the needs and goals of under-resourced schools through customized, curriculum-based afterschool programming. Today, the nonprofit provides more than 40,000 students in grades K-12 with rigorous, innovative programs designed to give them the edge needed to succeed.

Corporate partners can participate in Speed Mentoring as part of a volunteer day, or through a long-term partnership by adopting a school and visiting several times throughout the academic year. For more information or to register, please contact: Esthefania Rodriguez at 347-884-1644 or erodriguez@newyorkedge.org.

About New York Edge:

New York Edge, formerly known as the Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation (SASF), is a non-profit organization and the largest provider of afterschool programs in all five boroughs of New York City and the metropolitan region. With more than 40,000 students from over 300

programs in grades K-12, the organization provides under-resourced students with year-round programs to give them the edge needed to succeed. www.newyorkedge.org

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