



URBAN TECH

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Who We Are

The National Urban Technology Center, Inc. (Urban Tech) is a 501(c)(3) education technology corporation, founded in 1995 to provide access to technology and training to address the widening computer literacy and achievement gap in inner-city communities. Its mission is to empower communities with technology. Urban Tech accomplishes its mission by partnering with schools and community-based organizations (CBOs) to implement two flagship programs: Youth Leadership Academy® (YLA) and SeedTech®.

What We Do

Youth Leadership Academy® (YLA) is a web-based e-learning curriculum that equips youth with essential skills to become productive, self-fulfilled and achievement-oriented leaders. YLA empowers students with research-based education programs targeted to increase academic proficiency, life-long leadership, healthy living and financial literacy. The program consists of self-contained modules with content that is relevant to the students and employs a carefully designed mix of group activities, games and structured exercises. Interactive and web-based applications create a stimulating learning environment for youth, promoting an image that “it’s cool to be smart.” YLA is a powerful and empowering approach to building academic competence and life skills through technology. Independent evaluations of YLA have shown that the technology-based curriculum engages students and parents and provides effective professional development of teachers and administrators. SeedTech® is a turn-key and fully integrated hardware and software solution for computer and technology training. Contributing to the success of the SeedTech® computer training centers is Urban Tech’s Computer Literacy Curriculum, designed and developed by Urban Tech to demystify technology and build proficiency for effective use of technology, telecommunications and the Internet. Through SeedTech®, Urban Tech provides state-of-the-art computer hardware and software and trains local residents to teach a range of computer classes in the community. Youth and adults develop the skills they need to compete in a digital world, and have a greater chance of success in today’s economy.

15-Year Track Record

460,000 people served **750** Computer Training Centers **200** Youth Development Programs

- ✓ Recognized by the Verizon Foundation for “improving academic performance and workforce preparedness among at-risk youth.”
Success Award: Partnership for Developing America’s Future Leaders given by the Verizon Foundation, 2005
- ✓ Recognized by the Ford Foundation and Harvard University, Urban Tech’s SeedTech program with the U.S. Department of Justice is considered an “...exemplary program in American Government.”
Innovation Award given by Harvard University and Ford Foundation, 2000
- ✓ Recognized as a “...model for bringing technology to people in inner-cities and remote rural areas.”
“International Journal of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation,” 1997

Outcomes

- ✓ **Engaging Students** - “Students in Urban Tech programs respond with sheer enthusiasm to learning and exemplify the higher order thinking skills necessary to master classroom material and extend learning into their daily lives.”
“Youth Leadership Academy 2-Year Evaluation in Newark, NJ”, Martin Finkelstein, Ph.D., 2007
- ✓ **Increased Reading and Math Skills** - YLA participants’ reading scores improved by 46% and math scores increased by 40% over 3 years, accompanied by a 26% increase in attendance, and a 100% graduation rate after the introduction of YLA into the curriculum.
“Evaluation of YLA in Montclair High School,” Elaine M. Walker, Ph.D., 2003

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Who We Work With: 2010-2011 School Partners

Brooklyn

M.S. 584 Granville T. Woods School of Science and Technology
Ms. Gilligan Hargrove, Principal

P.S. 165 Ida Posner Primary and Middle School
Ms. Fran Ellers, Principal

P.S. 041 Francis White Primary and Middle School
Ms. Theresa Siegel, Principal

P.S. 150 Christopher Primary and Middle School
Ms. Pamela Bradley Mucherera, Principal

Bronx

M.S. 223 Laboratory School of Finance and Technology
Mr. Ramon Gonzalez, Principal

Millennium Art Academy Principal
Ms. Maxine Nodel, Principal

The Antonia Pantoja Preparatory Academy
Ms. Nancy Diaz, Principal

Bronx Community High School
Ms. Flora Greenaway, Principal

Queens

I.S. 061 Leonardo Da Vinci
Joseph J. Lisa, Principal

Q204 Oliver W. Holmes
Yvonne Leimsider, Principal

Q126 Albert Shanker School for Visual and Performing Arts
Alexander Angueira, Principal

Manhattan

Alternative Learning Center at Choir Academy of Harlem
Ms. Vanessa Thomas, Assistant Principal

Alternative Learning Center at Wadleigh Secondary School for the Performing & Visual Arts
Ms. Marva Picou, Coordinator

Inwood Academy
David Boehm, Director of Operations

New York City Parks and Recreation Centers with Derek Jeter's Turn 2 Foundation

Jackie Robinson Recreation Center
Farrell Coates, Deputy Center Manager

Sorrentino Recreation Center
Danielle Goldfarb, Assistant Director