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"As a result of Winning Futures’ guidance, I have learned what my values are and whether they are the same values needed for the career I want. I learned what to expect for college and how to present myself at job interviews. Most importantly, I learned that attitude is everything" – Catherine, Winning Futures student and 2012 graduate.

INTERN CONNECTION WINNER

SRG Global Inc. and Winning Futures announced last week the winner of its second annual The Intern Connection program. This year’s winner is Aaron J. Proudfoot, a senior at Paul C. Guenther High School in Warren, Michigan. The announcement was made today by Kevin Baird, SRG president and CEO, and Laurie Tarter, vice president of Winning Futures, during an awards ceremony.

The Intern Connection is a business / education partnership created jointly by SRG Global, one of the world’s leading providers of coatings on plastics for the automotive, commercial trucking and appliance industries, and Winning Futures mentoring program. As the winner of the competition, Proudfoot receives a paid summer internship which will consist of a variety of assignments within the IT Department at SRG Global.

"I’m very excited about winning this award," said Proudfoot. "I am so glad that SRG Global and Winning Futures provide this opportunity, not just the internship, but the entire program. I have learned so much through the program, and now with the internship, I’ll be able to learn about business. This will really give me direction."

PROGRAM FACILITATOR POSITION

We are expanding and need to add on another full-time career-development facilitator to run our school-based mentoring programs in Detroit, Harper Woods, and / or Pontiac! Click here for details, please do not directly contact the facilitator.

General Summary: Coordinating, implementing, and facilitating life skills and goal setting programs for urban high school students, along with managing relationships with urban schools and community groups. Individual must have the ability to motivate students and mentors through innovative classroom activities and community groups. See www.winningfuturesbooks.org to review topics taught to students.

AUTHOR DONATES BOOK PROCEEDS

Southeast Michigan-based author Dr. Chloe Whiting (pictured with Chicken Soup for the Soul author Jack Canfield) has highlighted Winning Futures in her book Hello Success! and is donating a portion of her proceeds from sales to the program. Filled with empowering stories, Hello Success! speaks about how everyone has the power to turn their world into what they want it to be.

Dr. Whiting has a long association with Winning Futures and serves as a personal mentor for program president and CEO Kristina Marshall. We thank Dr. Whiting for her generous support of Winning Futures and encourage you to visit Dr. Whiting’s website here to explore her philosophies, writings and products.

MENTORS OF THE YEAR TO BE HONORED

Five special individuals will be honored with the Winning Futures Mentor of the Year Award at the 14th Annual Golf For Kids Classic. This award is presented to volunteers from the programs’ multiple mentoring units in the fun activities. See www.winningfuturesbooks.org and www.winningfuturesbooks.org to review topics taught to students.

The 2012 Winning Futures Mentors of the Year are:

- Alyson Daris, Owner, Ali Shan Photographs – Mentor at Harper Woods High School
- Linda Hockney, Human Resource Manager, Extra Crust – Community High School
- James King, Retired Human Resource Manager, Foot Locker – Mentor in Pontiac High School
- Yonika Porritt, Junior Account Manager, Printlink – Cass Technical School
- Kevin Sutton, Senior Attorney, Look and Listen – Warren Mott High School

"These five individuals have made a positive, powerful impact on young people through their role as mentors," said Kristina Marshall, Winning Futures' president and CEO. "We are proud to honor them for their on-going dedication to volunteerism and making a stronger community."
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