

As part of the Future Financial Professionals Pipeline, NASP holds the **Mentors Luncheon & Career Symposium** for diverse undergraduate students interested in finance, business, and the related fields. The 2017 event was held in March at headquarters of Citi in New York City. The Symposium provided students with internship and career resources from corporate recruiting teams, professional development workshops as well as networking opportunities with investment professionals.

Undergraduate students from **Brooklyn College, Baruch College, Bowie State University, Florida A&M University, North Carolina Central University, Penn State University, Rutgers University, Temple University** and others attended.

NASP is pleased to share that sponsor Colonial Consulting has already extended summer internship offers to two students from the event. One student will serve as a research intern and another as a human resources intern. Stay tuned for updates from these two students on their experiences.

The day commenced with keynote speaker **Raymond J. McGuire, Global Head, Corporate and Investment Banking, Citigroup, Inc.** Later, luncheon panelists **Kwadwo Acheampong, Director, PGIM Fixed Income; Andre Cuerington, Managing Director, Makena Capital Management; Edna Mariñelarena, Analyst, Moody's Investors Service; and Yasmeen Mock, Partner, Kimelman & Baird LLC** shared stories and advice about their path to achieving success in the industry.



Guest Speaker **Gerrard Bushell, President and CEO, Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY)** shared his insight on the value and impact of relationships throughout his career in the private and public sector followed by an interactive presentation on *Professional Presence and Relationship Building Essentials* by **Chelsea Williams, Vice President, Lazard Asset Management**. Students learned tactics to engage and connect by practicing with **Citi volunteers** and then utilized these skills immediately for the recruitment fair.

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The day closed with **Devin Dillard, Associate, Municipal Securities Division, Citi** and **Angela Matheny, Head of Diverse Manager Equity, Colonial Consulting, LLC** discussing the expectations of an internship, transitioning into the corporate environment, and key tips on how to stay motivated and overcoming obstacles in order to excel in the workplace.

Here's what some student attendees had to say!

- "My favorite part was putting the helpful networking tips to use in the recruiting portion at the end of the day."
- "I truly enjoyed the four guest panelists sharing their experiences!"
- "I really enjoyed networking with other schools and professors. It's always good to see another peer that has the same aspirations as you."
- "The keynote speaker, Mr. McGuire, did a masterful job of bringing things into perspective for us students seeking entry into Wall Street and moreover the workforce."

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