We are pleased to announce that amid the COVID-19 crisis we were able to successfully host our first virtual HBCU in LA Internship Program! Our virtual engagement made it possible for us to host our largest cohort to date. The students affectionately call themselves, “The 150 Dream Team.”

Now that our HBCU in LA Summer 2020 Dream Team has returned to school, the time has come to share some of our summer highlights! Students kicked off the summer with our Virtual Hollywood Welcome Week featuring an in-depth view of the entertainment industry presented by Stacy Milner, a powerful panel discussion with HBCU in LA alumni working in the industry, and a special WarnerMedia HBCU panel of employees sharing their journey to WarnerMedia from an HBCU.

The bar was raised for our programmatic educational component with the establishment of ICONs SPEAK. This summer we wanted to make sure we gave the students the chance to connect with iconic creators and tastemakers in the industry. Some of our speakers included Lena Waithe, Debra Martin Chase, Mara Brock Akil and UTA’s Darnell Strom to name a few. In addition to this new series, we kept things going with our popular Thursday Speaker Series. Students enjoyed sessions with Legendary Music Director - Rickey Minor, Walt Disney Television - Creative Talent Development & Inclusion team and Monica Young, Producer of the Oscar winning animated short film, "Hair Love."

Here are more of our summer highlight moments:

- **Master Classes**- We offered our students Master Classes from production companies including Bad Robot and ARRAY. This gave students the chance to not only learn about the stages of production, but also gave them insight into the various positions within a production company.

- **Resume Workshop**- We were able to offer the students a live hands-on demonstration of editing a resume and developing a professional LinkedIn profile. As a result, many students received more interviews and opportunities from the updated resumes.

- **Endeavor Summer Series**- We were delighted to team up with Endeavor Content to provide our students with the opportunity to attend panels by leaders in the industries of Sports, Fashion, Music, Film & TV, Marketing, and much more. Through this program students learned more about succeeding in their careers and making social change.

- **NBCUniversal Fellows**- We welcomed our newest partner, NBCUniversal, who took on three of our students as not only interns but fellows as well! Four of our students will be joining them in the fall for virtual internships! They also hosted, “A Conversation with E!” for the cohort.
More of our summer highlight moments:

• **ZOOM In Chats** - We created these chats to build community between our 2020 cohort and program alumni. Topics covered included: How to Move to LA, Spiritual & Mental Health, An Entry Level Guide to the Entertainment Industry, Grad School 101, and Finding Your Post Grad Location.

• **Alumni Mentor Program** - Students were paired up with our alumni to give them a chance to learn from someone not too far removed from the things they are going through. This peer-to-peer engagement proved invaluable while extending our student member network reach.

What a summer it has been! Thanks to all of our industry partners and friends of HBCU in LA for making it possible for us to continue our mission of creating access and opportunities for HBCU students across the media and entertainment industry.

In closing, I am pleased to announce that the program will continue throughout the fall semester with our professional development sessions, speaker series and with industry partners hosting students for fall and spring remote internships!

We look forward to your continued support of this important pipeline development program. Together, we are creating a more equitable and inclusive industry, while changing the lives of HBCU Scholars, one student at a time!

Kindest regards,

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