



**The City of Newark's Summer Youth Employment Program and Altice USA Host *Real World Connections Chat* with U.S. Senator Cory Booker, Newark Mayor Ras Baraka, and Altice USA CEO Dexter Goei**

**August 8, 2018 (New York)** -- Altice USA yesterday hosted the *Real World Connections Chat* with U.S. Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) and Newark Mayor Ras Baraka in partnership with the City of Newark's Summer Youth Employment Program together to reinforce the importance of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and real-world life experiences for education success. The event was held at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) in Newark, and featured a discussion with Senator Booker, Mayor Baraka, Altice USA CEO Dexter Goei, and high school students participating in The Summer Coding Initiative at NJIT.

The Summer Coding Initiative is held in partnership with the City of Newark Summer Youth Employment Program and provides 20 selected Newark residents ages 16 - 18 access to real-world coding experiences and opportunities to engage with technology and community leaders. The program offers highly motivational learning environments in STEM that makes learning relevant, challenging and exciting as it becomes powered by learning-by-doing, real world experiences, students' ownership and social integration. The program leverages expert coaching, multi-tier mentorship and project-based learning with real world clients or based on entrepreneurship. As part of the 2018 program, students also experienced how technology plays a role in cable operations during a recent visit to Altice's headend video and data control center in Parsippany, NJ. In addition, several Altice leaders spent time at NJIT reviewing the student projects and providing coaching and mentorship for real-world application.

U.S. Senator Cory Booker said: "Smart investments in our nation's STEM education, which is falling behind competitor nations, is key to strengthening the future of our economy and preparing students for a 21st Century workforce. We must remain committed to ensuring students in communities like Newark have equal access to educational opportunities in the STEM field in order to pave the way for their future success."

Newark Mayor Ras Baraka said: "It is critical that our City's youth have access to technology and educational opportunities that will help them develop a successful career path after they graduate. These programs would not be possible without the support of Senator Booker and companies like Altice USA who are committed to the future of New Jersey's youth."

Altice USA CEO Dexter Goei said: "With customers and employees in Newark and throughout New Jersey, we are honored to participate in this event with Senator Booker, Mayor Baraka and NJIT to help support our future innovators for success by instilling the many possibilities available through STEM education. Stellar programs like NJIT's Summer Coding Initiative are integral to ensuring that everyone has access to the same technology and educational opportunities."

NJIT President Dr. Joel Bloom said: "These types of experiences can be eye-opening for young men and women, because they expose them to possible tracks of future employment. A critical part of what we do at NJIT is prepare students for the vast opportunities that await graduates with a technological skill set."

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The City of Newark NJ Summer Youth Employment Program and Altice USA host Real World Connections Chat. Student participants are pictured with (first row left to right): Moderator News 12 NJ's Katie Kyros, U.S. Senator Cory Booker, Altice USA CEO Dexter Goei, NJIT President Dr. Bloom and Newark Mayor Ras Baraka.



Students from NJIT's Summer Coding Initiative showcase a virtual reality project for Senator Booker (left), Newark Mayor Baraka (middle) and Altice USA CEO Dexter Goei (right).