

NEW EXPERIENCE FOR NEWARK YOUTH

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The city of Newark announced a partnership between City Hall and Businesses to provide Summer Youth Employment. Summer Jobs may be a good experience for Newark Youth for stepping up for their future.

The Booker administration has succeeded in creating the most exciting summer job program for Newark kids in years. After decades, Newark launched a program which businesses will employ Newark kids for an on the job-training program. Mayor Booker in his exciting voice said that some businesses went even further. The city pays for 20 hours for the youth, and some businesses guaranteed the city that they will provide another 20 hours and full time employment for the city youth. Some major companies like PSE&G, Cablevision, Continental Airlines, and Gateway Security joined hands with the

city. Some small businesses also will provide employment for the youth. The Mayor added, "We still have vacancies to fill and I challenge all parents and their teens looking for a job to join us by investing in the future of Newark. These summer jobs show our youth different career paths, help them learn about the realities of the workplace and empower them with the confidence to achieve their goals".

City councilwoman Dana Rone and councilman Carlos Gonzales were the main force behind all of the councilpersons that voted to raise an additional \$200,000 with the 1.5 million dollars already there through the subsidies.

"This is a very, very important day for the city of Newark. We have partnership with local businesses", said Council woman Rone. *(Cont on Page 4)*

Da'Cheray Thomas, a Science Park High School student, was the first to announce to the city about the summer

youth. Ms. Thomas will work in the law department of the city and she wants to study law at Seton Hall Law School.

Mayor Cory Booker was joined in this call to action by Stefan Pryor, the Deputy Mayor for Economic and Housing Development, and Rodney Brutton, director of Newark WORKS (formerly the Mayor's Office of Employment and Training). Councilman Ronald Rice, Jr., Councilman Oscar James III, and Councilman Anibal Ramos were also present to answer any questions.



