



## **FIRST WORKINGS RECEIVES \$10,000 GRANT FROM NEWMAN'S OWN FOUNDATION**

### ***Funding to support participants and alumni of First Workings' Summer Internship Program***

NEW YORK, August 20, 2018 -- Newman's Own Foundation, the independent foundation created by late actor and philanthropist Paul Newman, made a \$10,000 grant to NYC-based nonprofit First Workings. The grant will be used to train and place high school juniors into paid summer internships and strengthen programming for the program's alumni.

First Workings is dedicated to broadening underserved and underrepresented students' horizons by giving them the opportunity to experience a professional work environment and build connections that could help them academically and professionally.

The grant to First Workings was made by Newman's Own Foundation as part of its commitment to the empowerment of individuals. It will allow First Workings to purchase the necessary materials interns need in order to have a successful internship experience, like professional attire suitable for an office environment, transportation cards and lunch stipends. The grant will also be used to strengthen programming for the program's growing alumni network.

"First Workings was founded to close the social capital gap for New York City teens from underserved and underrepresented communities," executive director Chloe Mullarkey said. "This grant from Newman's Own Foundation allows us to provide countless more students with opportunities to network and make strong professional connections that propel them towards reaching their full potential."

This year, 50 students from underserved and underrepresented communities in New York City have paid summer internships at companies like Nasdaq, Morgan Stanley, Bandier, KPMG, Lazard, Ogilvy, and White and Case. At the culmination of the program, they will join a network of over 120 First Workings alumni.

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First Workings was founded in 2014 by a retired Wall Street executive and a former college advisor. They designed First Workings to address the gap in access to opportunities faced by underserved and underrepresented New York City youth by connecting highly-motivated students to exceptional businesses. First Workings builds students' social capital through trainings, internship placements, comprehensive support, and efforts to foster professional relationships. Students' experiences have led to the discovery of a career or industry, letters of recommendation on college applications, future internships or employment, and long-term professional mentors for our students. Similarly, companies have benefited enormously from having new perspectives and exposure to young and diverse talent.

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