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Interns from Central High School Successfully Complete

NAF Academy of Business Internship Program at WAPA



Image: Amari Bodley, Central High School, NAF Business Academy receives certification next to Christopher Brooks, WAPA District Safety Manager, at the Senior Presentation on Monday, May 13, 2024, at the Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center VI Cardiac Center conference room.

St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands (May 14, 2024) - The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority ("WAPA" or "Authority") proudly announces the successful completion of the NAF Academy of Business internship program by a group of talented interns from Central High School.

Throughout the internship program, these dedicated students showcased their passion for learning and their commitment to excellence while gaining valuable hands-on experience in various departments of WAPA. Under the mentorship of several members of the team, they immersed themselves in real-world projects, contributing fresh perspectives and innovative ideas to the organization.

The NAF Academy of Business internship program provides high school students with the opportunity to explore different career paths, develop essential skills, and build professional networks. By participating in this program, the interns from Central High School have demonstrated their readiness to excel in the workforce and make meaningful contributions to their community.

"We are immensely proud of the interns from Central High School for their outstanding dedication and hard work during their time with us," said Brenda Aloyo, Acting Director of Human Resources at WAPA. "Their enthusiasm and willingness to learn have been truly inspiring, and we have no doubt that they have bright futures ahead of them."

"We are so excited to have WAPA as one of our partners giving students the opportunity to partake in these internship experiences," Jennifa Mohammed-Parrilla, Business Education Teacher and Department Chair NAF Academy of Business Site Coordinator. "We look forward to partnering with the various employers including the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority."

As they move forward in their academic and professional journeys, the Authority extends its heartfelt congratulations to these interns on their accomplishments. The organization remains committed to supporting the next generation of leaders and fostering opportunities for growth and development within the community.

To watch the video of some of the Central High School students sharing their experience during the internship at WAPA, please visit WAPA's YouTube page <u>here</u> or scan QR code below:



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About WAPA: The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority is an autonomous agency of the Virgin Islands Government which produces and distributes electricity and drinking water to residential and commercial customers in the territory. WAPA was created by the Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands in 1964 through Act No. 1248. Today, WAPA generates electrical power at production plants on St. Thomas and St. Croix and distributes electrical service through smart grids to customers on St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John, Hassel Island, and Water Island. Potable water is distributed to almost 13,000 customers through water lines and standpipes. WAPA also has the responsibility of installing and maintaining streetlights.