

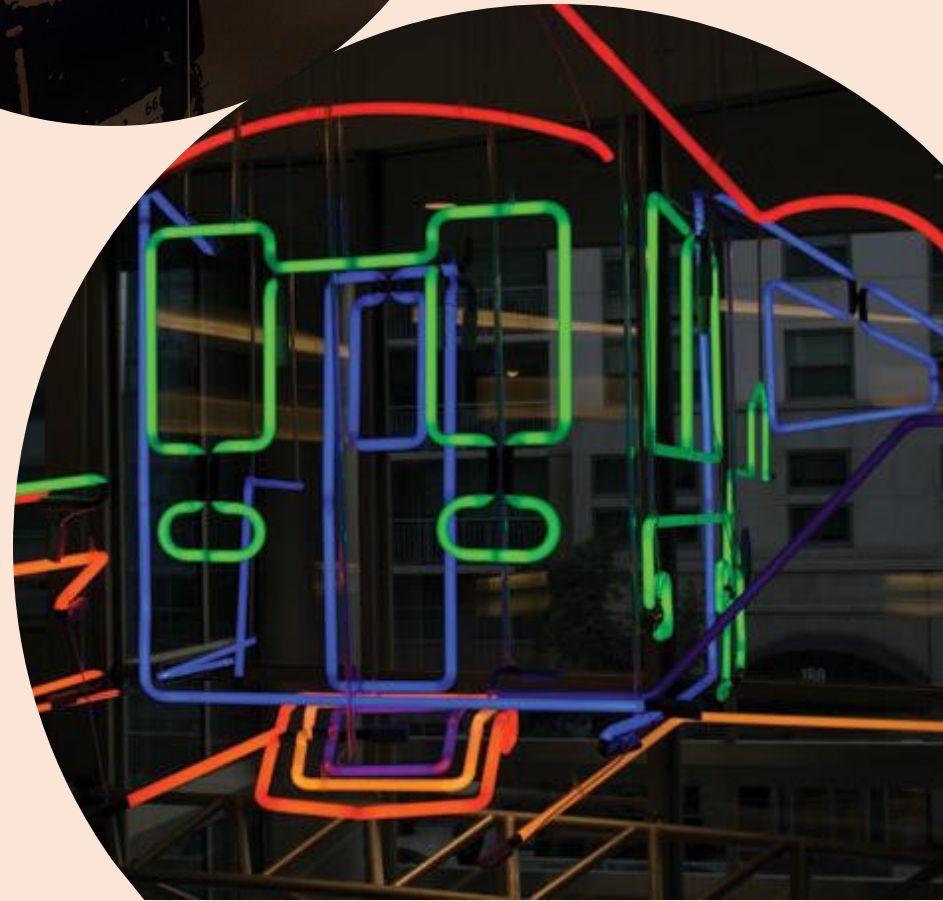


# Chicago Transit Authority 2025 One Summer Chicago High School Internship Program

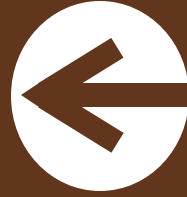


# Program Overview

- Onboarded nearly 270 2025 CTA OSC High School Interns
- 30 externs from Chicago Public School Partner
- 7-Week Hybrid Internship Program
- 5 Days Week/25 Hours Week
- \$16.20/hr. and Free Transportation
- Raise on July 1 to \$16.60/hr.
- CTA-Issued iPads, Internet, and Telework Supplies
- College Visits
- Community Service Projects
- CTA Site Visits
- Field Trips



# Internship Theme



## Navigating Your Future



The 2025 program theme, **Navigating Your Future**, serves as a roadmap to guide interns on a unique pathway to provide skills and strategies needed to set and achieve future goals.

During this CTA experience, interns will engage in meaningful professional development, mentorship, career exploration, and opportunities to connect and collaborate with like-minded peers.



# Green Line: Route to the Workforce

On the Green Line, interns set the foundation for the CTA OSC internship experience through **Orientation Week** which included various trainings and activities such as:

- **Orientation Kick Off Meeting**
- **Workplace Professionalism Workshop**
- **Building Healthy Workplace Relationships Workshop**
- **Teambuilding Activities**
- **Telework Equipment Distribution**



# Yellow Line: Route to Career Pathways

On the Yellow Line, interns learn about various CTA career pathways through virtual CTA Career Rides introducing them to CTA staff who share their organizational contributions and tangible steps to becoming future transit professionals. The following CTA departments are featured:

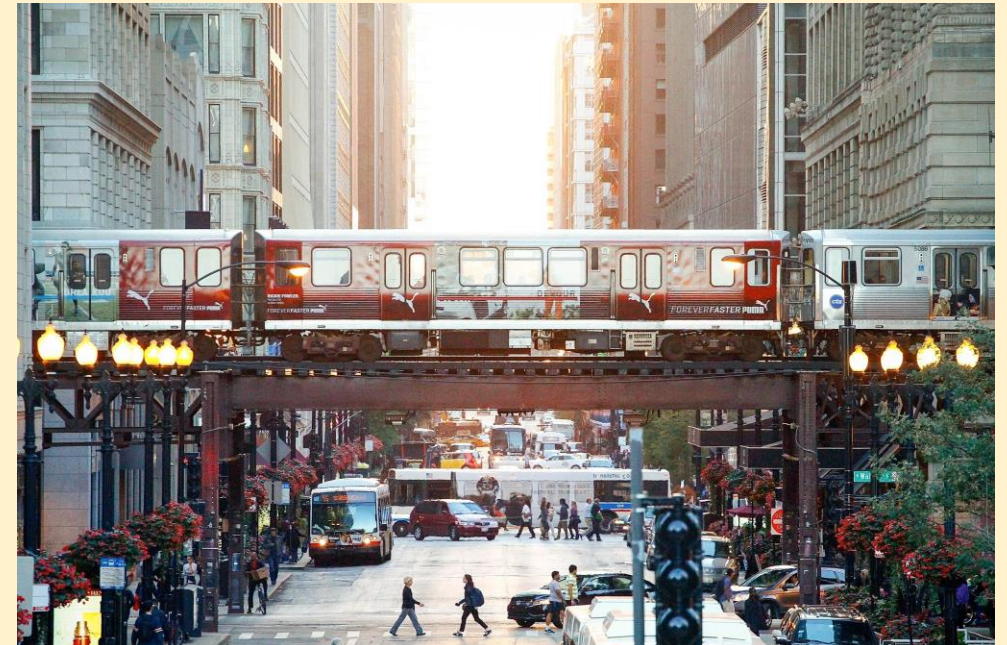
○ Dempster-Skokie  

○ Oakton-Skokie 

 Accessible station  
 Park & Ride

○ Howard  

- ❖ Training & Instruction
- ❖ Finance
- ❖ RLE
- ❖ Bus Scheduling



# Red Line: Route to Service Chicago Youth Service Corps



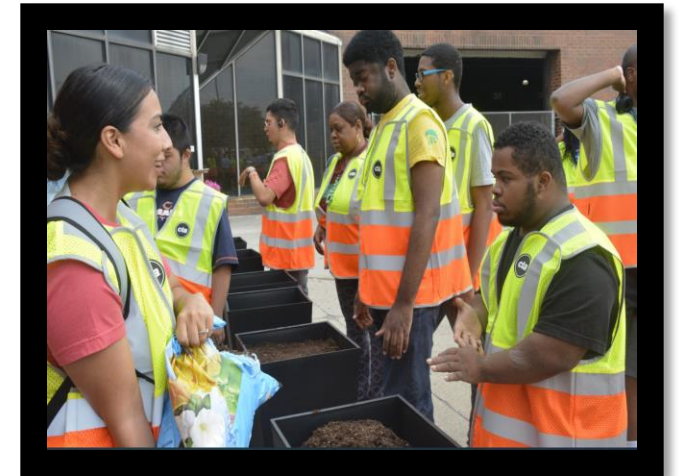
On the Red Line, interns will participate in Chicago Youth Service Corps guiding principles reflection sessions to learn about and discuss how they can contribute to improving Chicago by utilizing their skills and voice.

Each week, interns will also work together to prepare for a service project implemented during the end of the program.

This year our interns will "Elevate Their Voices" about food insecurity and volunteer at the **Greater Chicago Food Depository** and **Little Brothers of the Elderly**.

## CYSC Guiding Principles

- Self Leadership
- College and Career Exploration
- Government & Politics
- Broaden Your Community Impact
- Explore Your Passion



# Pink Line: Route to Professional Development

On the Pink Line, interns will participate in professional development experiences that build a foundational understanding of career readiness. These include sessions with:

- **Accenture's Learn 2 Lead curriculum**
- **CTA's OSC Professional Development Workshops with Cohort Conductors**
- **Field Trips (Art Institute & Museum of Contemporary Art)**



# Blue Line: Route to Higher Education

On the Blue Line, eligible Junior and Senior interns will have the opportunity to earn college credit by enrolling in one of the following courses at Olive Harvey College. This year, we have expanded course offerings to include:

- **Criminal Justice**
- **Ceramics**
- **Music Appreciation**
- **African American Studies**



# Purple Line: Route to Wellness

On the Purple Line, interns will actively participate in virtual sessions to improve their physical health with the CTA wellness team. These include yoga, deep breathing, cardio, and dance.

Interns will also engage in wellness success activities with performance coach, Nikki Hale, to connect wellness with the theme of the program and CTA wellness seminars to improve their emotional health.

## These sessions include:

**Manage Your Reactions**

**Stepping Outside of Your Comfort Zone**

**Interpersonal Relationships**

# Brown Line: Route to Financial Freedom

On the Brown Line, interns will broaden their financial understanding through financial seminars facilitated by the Economic Awareness Council's interns including the topics:

- Banking & Direct Deposit
- Budgeting
- Building Credit
- Entrepreneurship
- Saving & Investing



# The following departments provide support to the OSC summer program:

Do

**Supports onboarding, payroll, and programming:**

Human Resources

Information Technology

Payroll and Treasury

CTA Wellness

Bus Instruction

Communication

Do

**Serve as mentors to returning interns and provide special projects for interns to complete during on-site days:**

Rail Operations

Human Resources

Infrastructure

JLL

Safety

Bus Operations

Bus Maintenance

Training & Workforce

Development

Government &

Community Relations

Diversity

Claims

# OSC 2025 Partners



CTA Wellness Team

Live Well



ECONOMIC  
AWARENESS  
COUNCIL





Last year, we have forged a new partnership with Southside Occupational Academy. Whereby, 30 of their students with diverse needs are assigned as externs to our CTA/OSC program and will complete curated projects in various disciplines such as horticulture, culinary arts, art, and computer science.

**Summer 2025...  
Year 2 with  
Southside Occupational  
Academy!**



**Dilaun White**  
*Director,  
Workforce Partnerships*



**Kim Robinson**  
*Vice President,  
Training & Workforce  
Development, TWD*



**Melanie Ware**  
*Manager,  
Internship &  
Educational Programs  
(IEP)*



**Delaney Hayes**  
*Coordinator,  
IEP*



**Kendra C. Pugh**  
*Coordinator,  
IEP*



**Stephanie Rayborn**  
*Business Admin  
Coordinator,  
IEP*



**Joel Reimann**  
*Staffing Specialist,  
TWD*



**Anne Kelly**  
*Training Specialist,  
IEP*

# Meet The Team

# Meet the Cohort Conductors



Angelica Bluit



Ben Salazar



Bianca Garfield



Citlalli Reyes



Gabi Wilson



Indya Jolicoeur



Katherine Anderson



Laurel Miskovic



Natalie Cruz



Siphesihle Mbatha



Xander Mitchell

# Other Supporting College Interns



Ashley Corral

*Project Management Intern,  
IEP*



Kylie Huerta

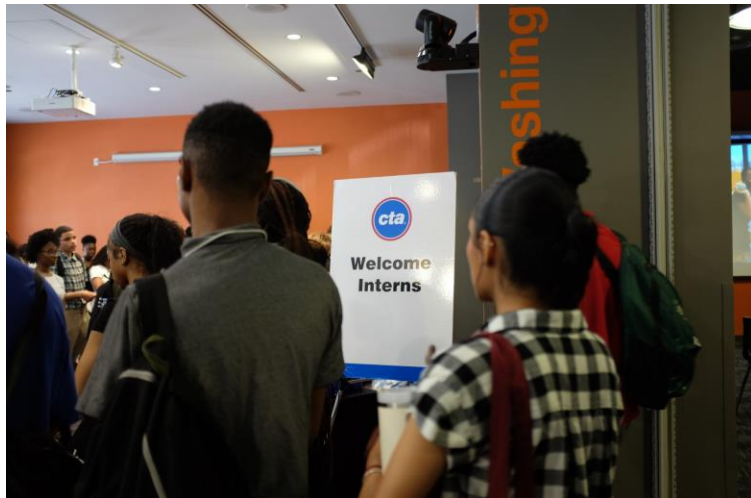
*Video Production &  
Media Intern, TWD*



Delmaya Brown

*Summer Digital Media  
Intern, IEP*

# CTA One Summer Chicago 2025 Orientation Day



# CTA One Summer Chicago Special Projects Meet & Greet

CTA Mentor Training  
Orientation Packet Pick-Up  
Intern and Mentor Meet and Greet



# CTA One Summer Chicago Trip to Greater Chicago Food Depository



**CTA OSC Interns will once again pack food for families in need!**

# UIC College Tour-2025



# Southside Occupational Academy

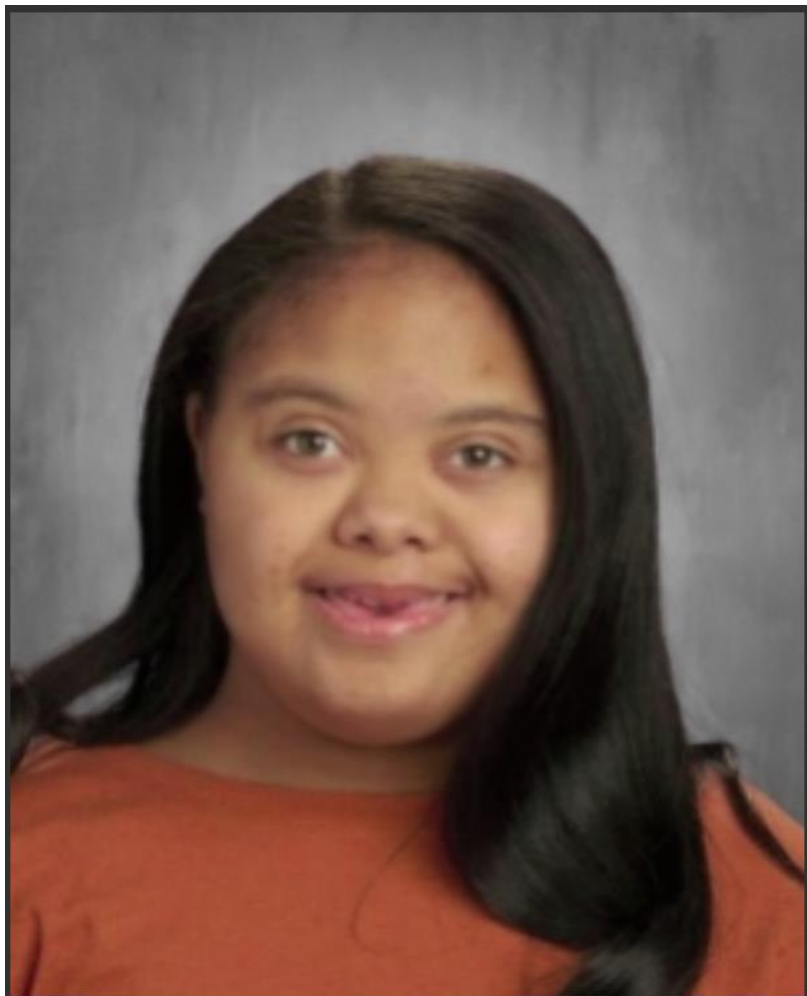
## 2025 Kickoff



# CTA OSC Leadership Meet & Greet



**Interns from Special Projects had a chance to meet Acting President Nora Leerhsen!**



**2025 CTA OSC  
EXTERN**

**Angel Patterson**

**SOA Cohort**



**2025 CTA  
OSC INTERN**

**Jameel  
Meeks**

**Purple -  
Accenture**