

# Corporate Scholars program opens many doors

SUEZ North America has begun preparations for its 2019 UNCF Corporate Scholars program, following a successful 2018 program that placed five students in internship programs. The program, now in its ninth year, is run in cooperation with the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) and provides opportunities for traditionally underrepresented groups.

The internship program runs for 10 weeks between May and July and provides mentorship in a corporate environment. Since 2010, SUEZ has placed 64 scholars from 25 schools, including Tuskegee University, Howard University and other historically black colleges and universities.

“Across the board these are interns who are very passionate about their careers, but this is their first corporate job,” said Ritu Madan, senior recruiter of SUEZ’ Human Resources department and manager of the Corporate Scholars program the past three years. “So they learn what it’s like to work in that environment.”

SUEZ’ 2018 scholars, who were eligible to receive up to \$5,000, administered by UNCF, included:

- **Destiny McFadden**, who is majoring in strategic communications at Hampton University in Virginia. Destiny completed her second year of internship under the guidance of Sonja Clark, director of community outreach. for New Jersey Operations.
- **Emily Nealon**, also in her second year of interning, is a civil engineering major at Manhattan College. She worked with Paula McEvoy, director of engineering for our New York Operations.



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- **Dennis Prasad**, majoring in business administration at State University of New York, Albany, joined the finance department under Dan Jordan, director financial planning & analysis, Environmental Services. Dennis leveraged the experience to develop his accounting, financial planning and technical skills.
- **Nicholas Linton**, majoring in management information systems at McGill University, Montréal, said he wanted to use his experience at SUEZ “to create powerful and unique business solutions to make a lasting impact on the organization.” He also hopes to expand his passion for the business technology and data analytics fields, solidifying his desire to pursue a career related to these domains. He reported to Lorna Scully, manager, reporting & databases.
- **Isabel Sofia Gonzalez**, an environmental engineering major at Yale University, worked with Denise Horner, senior project chemist at IDEAS, Richmond, VA. Sofia used her real-world experience at SUEZ to gain insight to cutting edge research needed to build a sustainable environmental future. Through this program, she worked to learn innovative ways to help provide clean drinking water to those in the most remote areas.

While SUEZ’ Corporate Scholars program does work with some of the largest and well-known universities, including Yale and Rutgers, it is a particularly critical resource for those schools that lack robust career services, said Madan. “This can be life-changing for students from those schools. Not just from a financial aspect, but this levels the playing field for career opportunity.”