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Diversity in Fund Finance Volunteers with PENCIL

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Last week, the Diversity in Fund Finance group partnered with PENCIL, the NYC-based non-profit whose mission is to provide New York public school students with access to relationships and opportunities with business professionals. In conjunction with PENCIL's internship program, PENCIL provides hundreds of students with 20+ hours of pre-employment career readiness training. These trainings cover a variety of topics that help equip students with crucial skills needed to succeed at their summer internships, such as personal branding, financial literacy, resume editing, networking and mock interviews. Diversity in Fund Finance committee members Bryan Barreras, Partner at Mayer Brown, Chris Davis, Associate at Morrison & Foerster, and Trevor Freeman, Managing Director at Signature Bank, led a financial literacy session for 150+ students where they talked through various topics such as budgeting, saving, investing and responsible credit card use. The students provided great feedback on the session, where they were able to ask questions and even admire Bryan's quarantine beard!

We look forward to continuing to work with PENCIL in their virtual sessions this year. If you are interested in volunteering or getting involved in our Diversity & Inclusion efforts, please reach out to Michelle Bolingbroke or Natasha Puri to learn more.

Please join our next meeting next Thursday, March 4 at 11:30 a.m. EST.