



**NEW YORK JOBS  
CEO COUNCIL**

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**Letter from Kiersten Barnet,  
Executive Director of the New York Jobs CEO Council**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Since launching in 2020, the [New York Jobs CEO Council](#) has facilitated unprecedented collaboration between business and education. The Jobs Council has broken down silos between the classroom and the workplace, equipping low-income New Yorkers with the skills that companies fight for in today's war for talent. Transforming workplace learning, hiring and recruitment practices has created new career pathways for students - and companies benefit from access to new and diverse pools of talent.

**As the Jobs Council's new Executive Director, and a longtime leader in advancing diversity and equity in the workplace, I couldn't be more excited to build on this foundation. I have seen first-hand how incredible possibilities turn into realities when CEOs unite around a shared mission.** The CEOs behind the Jobs Council lead some of the largest employers in the world and are committed to hiring 100,000 low-income New Yorkers by 2030. The vast majority of those jobs will be filled with talent from Black, Latinx, and Asian communities – advancing the sustainable, systemic change our City needs to compete on a global stage. The future of work is not something that happens, it's something we build.

I look forward to working with our partners in the public and private sector, especially the City University of New York (CUNY) and our growing number of member companies. **We have a wealth of diverse talent in our own backyard, and New York depends on this talent to power our future.**

Sincerely,

**Kiersten Barnet**

**Executive Director, New York Jobs CEO Council**

