



**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