

2018 YOUTH CEO MENTORSHIP PROGRAM A SUCCESS

July 30, 2018 – Payworks recently completed its second year of participation in the Youth CEO (Creative Employment Opportunities) program that introduces recent Manitoba high school grads to the world of business. Payworks hosted Zayna Danielson, an 18-year-old graduate of Kelvin High School, in a week-long mentorship from July 23-27.

“Being at Payworks for the week has taught me so much!” said Zayna Danielson. “I’m taking away plenty from the Youth CEO experience. I now know that there is so much out there for me to do and that I can end up in a completely different place than I ever thought I would be and it will always work out in the end. I’m excited to see where the future will take me!”

Youth CEO is a program coordinated by the Business Council of Manitoba in partnership with the Winnipeg Aboriginal Sport Achievement Centre (WASAC) and the Centre for Aboriginal Human Resource Development.

The 16 participants, all of whom were youth leaders at WASAC and come from a wide range of backgrounds, were given the opportunity to gain valuable insight into a diverse range of careers with participating Business Council of Manitoba companies, including Payworks. Following a tour of all the partnering businesses on July 17, each youth spent the week of July 23 job shadowing at one of the organizations.

“We had a great program for Zayna that included sitting in on board and management meetings. We wanted to open her mind to opportunities to things she had not considered for educational pursuits including treasury and coding,” says Barb Gamey, CEO of Payworks.

During her week-long mentorship at Payworks, Zayna was exposed to many departments, from product development to finance, and business analysts. She also received one-on-one time with Barb Gamey and attended a United Way of Winnipeg meeting where she met with Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman.

Having completed the Youth CEO week, the participants now return with feedback to WASAC, who offers free programming for more than 2,000 inner-city kids in over 70 schools in Winnipeg through their summer camps.



The Youth CEO 2018 tour at Payworks on July 17. Zayna Danielson is pictured in the front row, second from left.

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