

2019 YOUTH CEO MENTORSHIP PROGRAM A SUCCES

August 9, 2019 – Payworks recently completed its third year of participation in the Youth CEO (Creative Employment Opportunities) program that introduces Manitoban youth to the world of business. Payworks hosted Rhea Alves, a grade 12 Winnipeg high school student in a weeklong internship from July 29 – August 2.

“My time at Payworks has given me the opportunity to venture throughout multiple, diverse fields!” said Rhea Alves. “It has opened new doors for my future. Everyone at Payworks was super friendly and very welcoming!”

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 15 participants, all of whom are 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 23, each participant spent the week of July 29 job shadowing at one of the organizations.

“To provide opportunities where youth are introduced to an array of potential career avenues and are invited to collaborate their ideas with members of various departments is essential,” said JP Perron, President & CEO of Payworks. “We are pleased to have had the opportunity to participate once again in the Youth CEO program, while sharing insight and a comprehensive look at various job possibilities with Youth CEO Rhea Alves.”

During the weeklong mentorship, Rhea ventured throughout our departments, including Marketing, Product Management, Finance, Sales, and Development. This experience introduced Alves not only to potential career avenues, but also provided her with valuable hands-on work experience. In a matter of five days, Rhea was involved with a plethora of initiatives, from product marketing, digital website analytics, accounting, sales dashboards, security awareness, and relationship management. The time spent with our team and leaders proved valuable, as they shared their wisdom and business acumen with the student.

Having completed their weeklong internships, the Youth CEO participants return with feedback to WASAC, and will utilize their leadership skills and various certifications received throughout this experience while giving back to the community as WASAC Kids Camp Leaders.



Payworks President & CEO JP Perron (left) alongside Youth CEO participant Rhea Alves (middle) and Payworks Director, HR, Nicole Stewart (right).

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