ALUM TEAM UP WITH THEIR COMPANIES TO EXPOSE LOSSOMORE STUDENTS TO CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

In August, Kerina, who also made her way to the financial industry, was able to convince her employer, Credit Suisse, to host an event for twelve LOSSOMORE’s sophomores. Twenty students were introduced to the world of finance and banking. Octavia Cephas ’09 and Kerina Thay ’06 returned to LOSSOMORE to introduce College Bound students to the book club.

Earlier this month, two LOSSOMORE alumnae organized a full-day trip to a Credit Suisse building. The day included various office spaces, the gym, beautiful offices across from Madison Square Park, Con Edison, where they worked, and a tour of the police station where they both have to major in finance or other business-related areas. However, through Octavia and Kerina’s encouragement, many of these students have stepped on campus during a tour. Kerina expressed her thoughts on the trip:

“It was great to work with fellow LOSSOMORE alumni and show them what it’s like to work in this industry. We wanted to expose them to the inside workings of a financial firm. We hope to inspire them that they can achieve at a level that would provide them with a meaningful career.”

The lessons learned, the conditioned developed, and the skills gained have translated into their second secret society, Brooklyn Girls Read. Both Octavia and Kerina have read and discussed young adult novels with students. They have incorporated the youth. We thought it would be a great idea to invite College Bound students to learn more about the book club. They were aware of similar accounts, but none that focused on the reader as much as the book. Brooklyn Girls Read has been a fantastic challenge for me. I think this really inspired them to achieve at a level that would provide them with a meaningful career.”

In her book club, Kerina shared her passion for reading. She believes reading is a critical skill. Through reading, students can develop empathy, critical thinking, and a deeper understanding of the world. Kerina’s passion for reading has inspired her to create a bridge for students in the LOSSOMORE community.

The book club has gained a significant following and Chrishana and Elizabeth have even organized exposure trips for LOSSOMORE students to interact and engage with professionals in the financial industry and to the benefits of working for an organization like CS.

Chrishana’s and Elizabeth’s decision to introduce current LOSSOMORE students to the book club is a personal endeavor and commitment. They are hoping to inspire current students by exposing them to the world of finance and banking.

Dear Martin,

Thank you to all our alumni who volunteered and/or donated to the student run book club.

The book club was started by Chrishana White and Elizabeth Canela with the support of Assistant Dean for Student Life, Mr. John Chen. The club is open to all who are willing to join!

The book club has grown exponentially in the years to come. To stay up-to-date with the book club, follow @BrooklynGirlsRead on Instagram.

Emma Peralta

ALUM INTRODUCE LO STUDENTS TO THEIR BOOK CLUB, “BROOKLYN GIRLS READ”

The recent book club trip to Credit Suisse and reviewing students’ resumes in one-on-one sessions. Kerina expressed her excitement about the event:

“The panelists shared their career journeys and the types of projects they take on annually. They took a tour of the beautiful offices across from Madison Square Park, Con Edison, where they worked, and a tour of the police station where they both have to major in finance or other business-related areas. However, through Octavia and Kerina’s encouragement, many of these students have stepped on campus during a tour. Kerina expressed her thoughts on the trip:

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