



i.c.stars Fact Sheet

Overview

i.c.stars provides IT career programs and services that strengthen the leadership potential of Chicago's inner city young adults through project-based learning and full-immersion teaching. The program began in 1999 and has graduated 118 participants to date. i.c.stars pays participants a stipend twice per month during the four-month internship.

Careers Earned by i.c.stars Graduates

After completing the i.c.stars program, several participants have moved on to successful careers in the IT industry. Below is just a sampling of companies and positions in which i.c.stars' participants have been placed after graduation:

- * *Blue Cross Blue Shield* (4) - Business Analysts, .NET Developer, Desktop Support, Mainframe Programmer
- * *SIEMENS* - Desktop Support
- * *Hewitt* (3) - Business Systems Configuration Analysts
- * *Intellect* - XML Search Engine Developer
- * *Juno Lighting* - Systems Administration
- * *Navteq* - Database Developer
- * *Option Monster* - Web Producer
- * *Northern Trust* - Project Manager

Patrons

The i.c.stars organization is supported by foundation grants, corporate sponsorships, individuals' contributions and events. We actively engage our patrons as volunteers and members of the i.c.stars community of over 11,000 stakeholders in Chicago. i.c.stars' leadership mission and vision attracts a very hands-on set of supporters who enjoy providing direction and seeing an organization respond to that direction very quickly. We are also fortunate to attract entrepreneurial supporters who are helping us in the journey to identify and manage self-sustaining forms of income.

Program Metrics

	2005	2006	2007
- Total Alumni	80	101	118
- Initial Placement Rate	100%	88%	100%
- Industry Retention Rate	73%	80%	95%
- College Attendance Rate	34%	45%	62%
- Avg. 12 Months Earnings Before Program	\$15,715	\$16,662	\$6,658
- Avg. 12 Month Earnings After Program	\$28,663	\$35,774	\$34,598

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At a Glance

- Founded in 1999
- 100% job placement rate for qualified graduates
- Annual participant earnings increased in 2007 from an average of \$6,658 before program to \$34,598 upon completion
- 80% of all i.c.stars alumni are working in the technology field
- Partner with DePaul University, where all i.c.stars alumni are automatically admitted to the CTI Bachelors of Science program

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