



Letter of Endorsement

To Educators and College Access Colleagues:

I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you about BeNeca Ward, an incredible colleague that partnered with the Fulfillment Fund at this year's Internship Training. BeNeca is an educator that provided clarity, vision, passion, and relevant information to our Intern Cohort during our annual training seminar. BeNeca was just that person to enhance our team. She propelled our college students in their pursuit to understand while gaining specific tools on how to get the most out of their summer internship opportunity. BeNeca lead each workshop with enthusiasm and intention demonstrating to the interns through her role modeling how one can work in their true purpose. She welcomed the opportunity for students to discover their own career path and created space for conversation around their personal and professional career journey. She shared her story of when she was an intern and described how networking and mentoring were a critical part of what guided her through college and ultimately leading her to success in her desired field of work. BeNeca also provided a glimpse into her personal life as a mother of two, making our internship training a more real experience for our students. They began to ask questions about work-life balance and how to navigate affectively through their career exploration process. I was especially impressed with BeNeca's ability to have the openness to work off-line with students that asked for follow up around topics covered during the two day training.

In wanting to provide our own college intern a professional development opportunity, I wanted Reyes to also attend training. From his statement, he seemed to receive a lot of information from the experience. Below is a brief statement about what he felt about the training:

As a Fulfillment Fund intern who is still growing professionally, I found BeNeca Ward's presentation on March 22nd to be a huge contribution towards my growth to maintain and manage my professional image. BeNeca made a point that to be considered a professional, one must maintain a professional image, and in our technologically advanced time, we have to be especially careful with social media profiles. I took BeNeca's point to heart and made adjustments to my social media profiles, editing content to truly represent my goals and image so that professionals would get a clear idea of who I am. I will continue to grow in refining my professional image in areas like verbal and email communication. BeNeca Ward's insightful message of growth has already made an impact in my professional life and I will continue to use her message to further develop and mature as a professional.

-Reyes Gonzalez,
Scholarship Operations Intern

I highly recommend working with BeNeca Ward as it relates to the post secondary student's career discovery. If you have any further questions about the Fulfillment Fund's partnership with BeNeca, please contact me at jmitchell@fulfillment.org.

Kind Regards,

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