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## THE NEIGHBORHOOD ACADEMY TO HOLD INAUGURAL CAREER FAIR FOR ALUMNI

The May 12 Fair hosting professional networking, workshops, and professional headshots.

PITTSBURGH, PA – April 29, 2022 – In an effort to connect alumni with potential employers in the Pittsburgh area, The Neighborhood Academy located in Stanton Heights will be holding its first ever Alumni Career Fair on Thursday, May 12, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

This career fair presented by Allegheny Technologies Incorporated (ATI) will feature 21 participating companies in the professions of healthcare administration, social services, finance, marketing and communications, human resources, law, manufacturing, energy and construction, and real estate.

With 90% of alumni from The Neighborhood Academy returning to the Pittsburgh region for work, this The Alumni Career Fair will give them the opportunity to network with professionals representing reputable businesses and corporations.

"I am very excited about the inaugural Alumni Career Fair. It will be an enterprising day filled with networking, career focused workshops, and meaningful connections between our alumni and local businesses. I would like to thank our corporate partners for ensuring that our students have a quality education and career-focused opportunities which will prepare them for success in college and in the workforce," said Dr. Anthony Paul Williams, Head of School at The Neighborhood Academy.

"Finding a job or internship out of college can oftentimes be overwhelming and discouraging. It's nice to be able to provide alums with opportunities that can assist in their professional growth," said Shannon Prentiss, TNA Alumni and current Dean of Student Affairs.

The Fair will also hold raffles, lunch, and workshops on job interviewing, resume and cover letter creation. Attendees will also receive a professional headshot by Denmarsh Studios.

"This is my second major alumni event on behalf of the school, and I'm proud to be able to assist our alums by providing them with the proper tools and resources necessary to advance themselves further in their professional journeys," said Marcus Platt, TNA Alumni and current Alumni Support & Development Associate.

Celebrating its 21<sup>st</sup> academic year, The Neighborhood Academy boasts a 100% college acceptance rate, and its alumni have a 75% five-year college graduation rate. Nationally, 16% of low-income college students graduate from college (*National Center for Education Statistics, 2017*)

To learn more about The Neighborhood Academy and the Alumni Career Fair, visit <a href="https://www.theneighborhoodacademy.org">www.theneighborhoodacademy.org</a>.

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## **About The Neighborhood Academy:**

Established in 2001, The Neighborhood Academy is a faith-based, college preparatory, independent school whose mission is to break the cycle of generational poverty by empowering youth and preparing them for college and citizenship.

The Neighborhood Academy exists to provide a holistic college-prep education for students in grades 6-12 whose families demonstrate financial need. The Neighborhood Academy is dedicated to developing the minds, bodies and spirits of our students so that they might become fully productive members of our society. By doing so, our students will break the cycle of generational poverty that has held them captive and deprived society of the full value of their lives.

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