

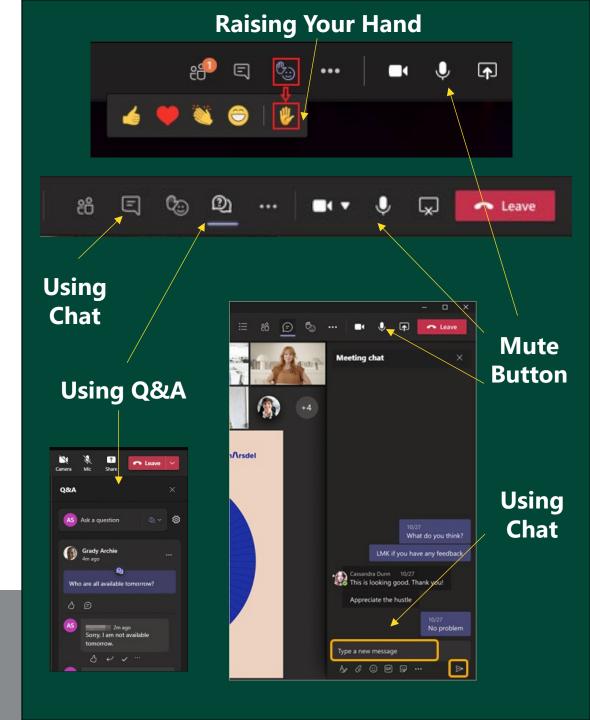


# FY 2025 Workforce Development Mentor Roundtable

**April 16, 2025** 

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## Agenda

- Welcome & Purpose
  - Gleniss Wade, Manager Workforce Development Program
- Greetings
  - Crystal McDonald, Director of Account Mgmt. & Workforce Development
- Introductions
  - Prospective Mentors
  - Staffing Agencies
- Program Overview & Design
- Mentor's Role
- FY25 Program Timeline
- Program Impact



#### **About the DCSEU**

The District of Columbia Sustainable Energy Utility (DCSEU) is a communityminded organization committed to making energy efficiency and clean energy more accessible to every person and business in the District. Since 2011, we have helped District residents and business generate more than \$1.4 billion in lifetime energy cost savings. We provide the industry-leading learning opportunities, expert hands-on assistance, and vital financial support that save our communities both energy and money.





#### **DCSEU Goals**





Reduction in Energy, MTCO2e





Green Jobs



Local Economic Development



Low-Income Spending



Renewables with EE



**Deep Energy Retrofits** 



### WFD Program Overview

- Twice a year, the DCSEU connects District residents with 4-month green externships working with local contractors and other organizations to discover new careers in energy efficiency and sustainability
- Host Sites/Mentors play a key role in the hiring, training, and graduation at little to no cost to their company

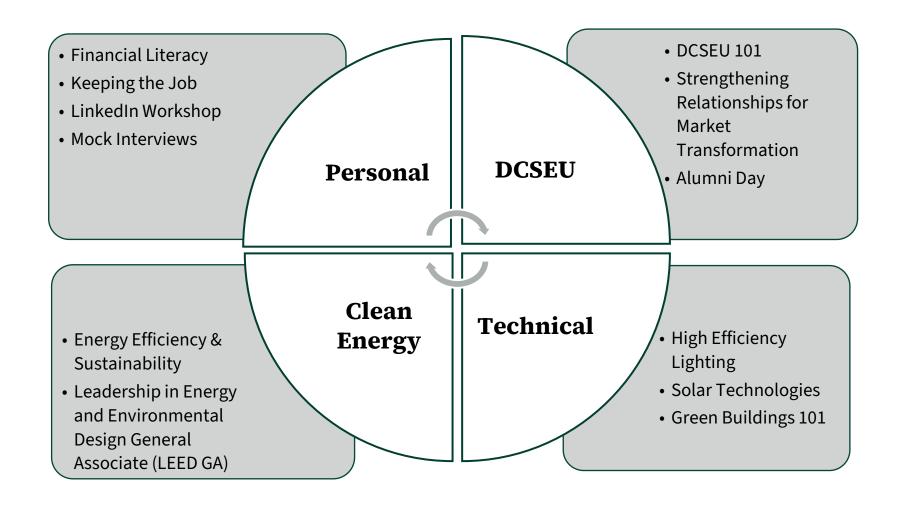
### During the program, externs receive:

- Competitive Hourly salary
- Job skills development
- On-the-job training
- Nationally recognized certifications at no cost to the extern
- Direct work experience with contractors
- Weekly training on energy efficiency topics and soft skills training at DCSEU offices
- Job placement assistance

#### The WFD Program is designed to:

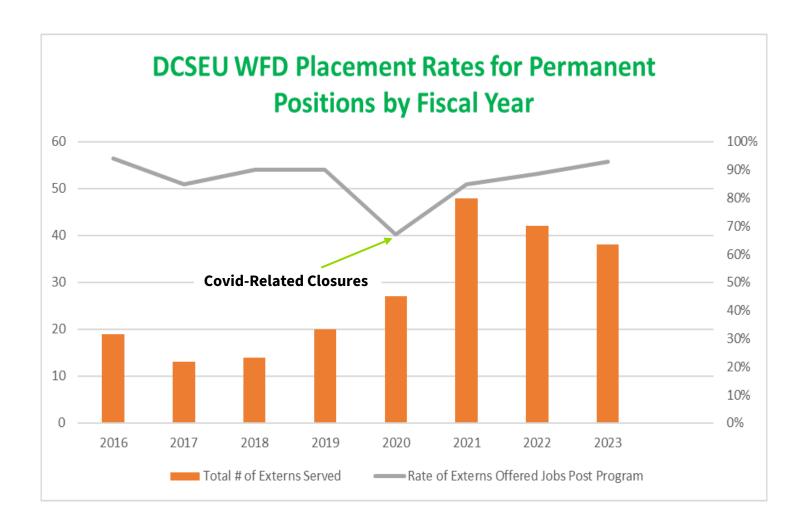
- 1. Connect District residents over the age of 18, with a GED or higher, who are new to the workforce, between jobs, or looking for a career change with local contractors in the green economy.
- 2. Provide training and certification opportunities aimed at helping workers to obtain green careers.
- 3. Enhance economic stability by focusing on a worker's marketable skills.
- 4. Reduce unemployment and underemployment in the District.
- **5. Shape the local clean-energy labor market** through programs that enhance green jobs' effects on the city's economy.
- **6. Educate** residents on energy efficiency-related topics.

#### Sample WFD Professional Development Training

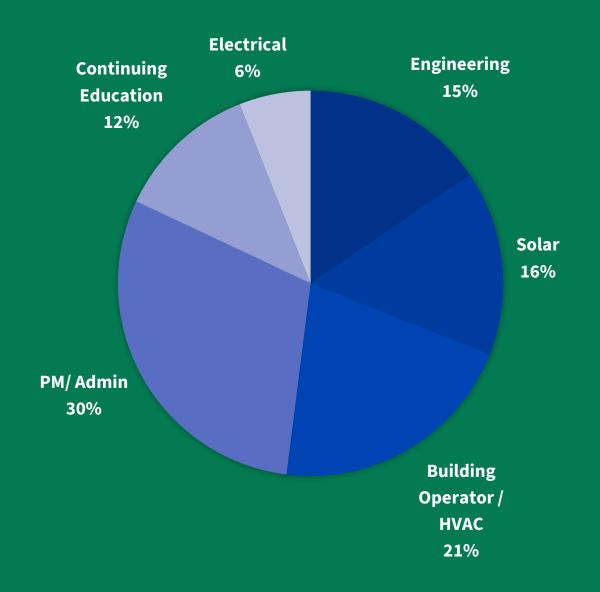


## Workforce Development by the Numbers

- DCSEU has served more than 220 DC residents to date (2016-2023)
- DCSEU/VEIC has employed 10+ workforce development externs
- DCSEU has experienced an 85% or better job placement rate post-graduation



#### WFD PROGRAM CAREERS 2016 – 2025



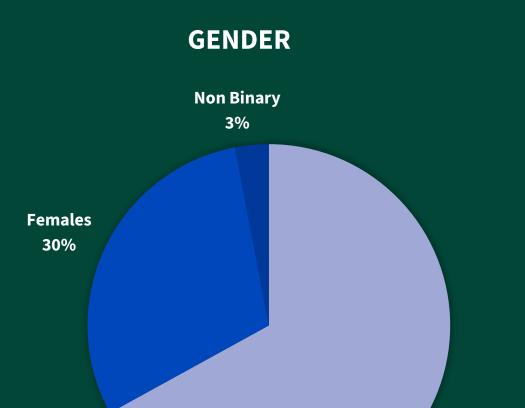
#### Positions include:

- Admin. Assistant
- Commercial Solar Installer
- Electrical Helper
- Engineer in Training
- HVAC Technician
- Sustainability Project
   Engineer/Project Manager

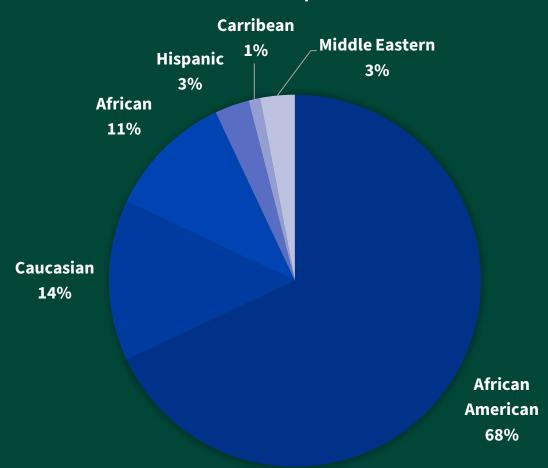
## WFD Program Extern Demographics 2016-2025

Males

67%



#### ETHNICITY/ORIGIN



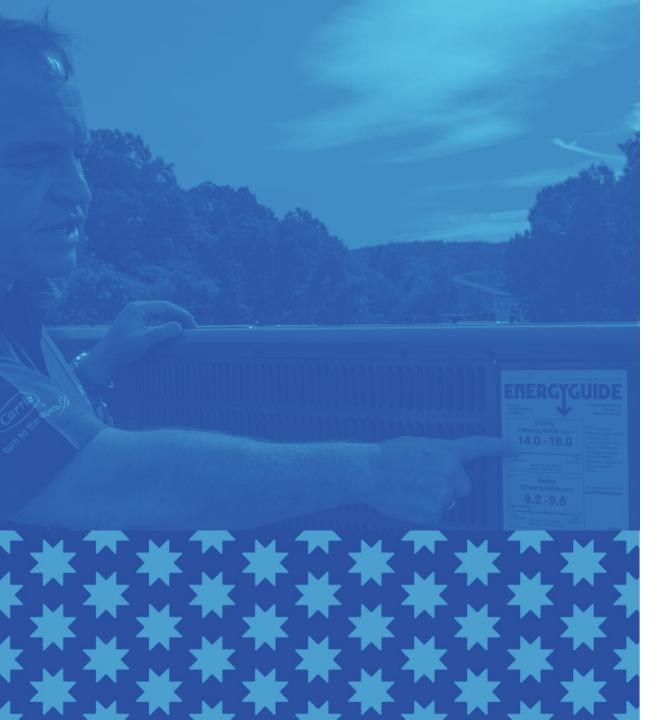
## Community Based Organizations (CBO) Partnerships:

#### **CBO Partners**

- Academy of Hope
- AimHire: The Friendship Place
- Back On My Feet
- CSOSA: Court Services and Offender Supervisor Agency
- Pathways to Housing DC
- United Planning Organization (UPO)

#### **Why Partner?**

- Enhance Recruitment Efforts: Build a Diverse Extern Pipeline
- Build Trust Amongst Externs and Frontline Community
- Provide Wrap Around Services for Externs



### The Mentor Role

Mentor provides work assignments and are responsible for:

- Daily supervision
- Daily assignments
- On-the-job training
- Mentorship
- Bi-weekly check-ins
- Extern performance evaluation

#### **FY25 WFD Mentor Timeline**







Attend the mentor roundtable

Identify skill sets needed via the **Extern Requisition Form** and determine goals by **COB April 23, 2025**  Participate in the interview process after reviewing resumes.

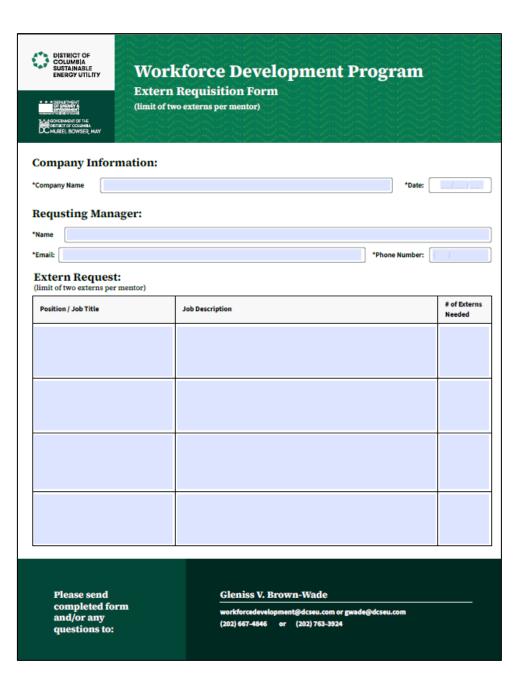
Select Participants/Extern(s) by **May 30, 2025** 

Begin Summer Cohort as a mentor **June 9, 2025** 

Winter Cohort ends May 14, 2025

Stay tuned for more information about the Summer 2025 Cohort

## Workforce Development Program Extern Requestion Form





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This program has a wealth of opportunity to give, whether it's job placement or resume building in addition to trainings and credentials that can advance anyone's career.

Frank Borris, Spring/Summer 2023 WFD Program Graduate

#### DCSEU Workforce Development Team

#### Yolanda Hayden



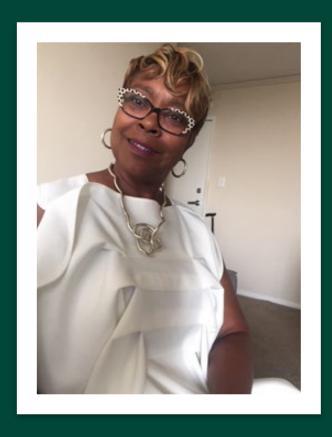
**Training Coordinator** 

Gleniss V. Brown Wade



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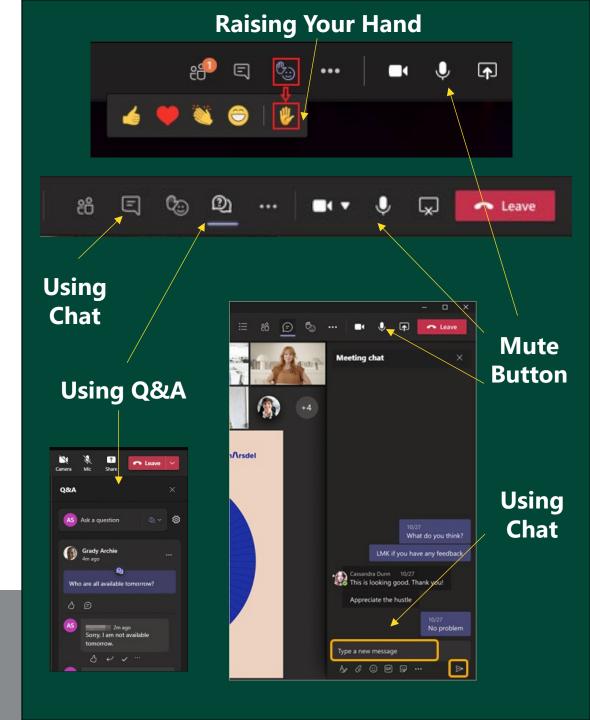
#### **Shiree Briscoe**



**Project Coordinator** 

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