



WHSAD Students Support Brooklyn and Manhattan Borough President's Topography Offices

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On March 4, 2014, WHSAD hosted a visit from Brooklyn's Deputy Borough President, Ms. Diana Reyna. When Reyna was a member of the New York City Council, she was a strong supporter of the school's developing CTE curriculum, and the commencement speaker in June 2009. This visit was an opportunity for her to see how her support and efforts have helped further the growth of the school and its architecture program.

During her visit, Reyna spoke with students about the need for well-trained workers in the fields of architecture and construction, and observed students demonstrating the skills they are learning and developing in their architecture classes. Seeing first-hand the work the students are doing, Reyna believed that WHSAD students could put their skills to use immediately by working in the Office of Topography at Brooklyn Borough Hall, assisting the professionals there with modifying, updating, and maintaining the historical maps and records of every street, building, and plot of land in Brooklyn.

Albert Brunn III, Class of 2014, was the first student intern at the Office of Topography, during the spring semester. Since then, six additional students have worked at Brooklyn Borough Hall, and in 2015, the program expanded to Manhattan Borough Hall, with six students working there in 2015 and 2016.

Kellie O'Brien, Manager of the Brooklyn Office of Topography, says of the WHSAD students and internship program: "The program met and I feel went beyond my expectations. The students were mature and well versed in their ability to move our project along."

Reyna speculates "[Perhaps] we may be training the next civil engineer for the Borough of Brooklyn!"



Deputy Borough President, Diana Reyna, with inaugural Office of Topography intern, Albert Brunn III, Class of 2014.



Joseph Lo, Class of 2017, uses AutoCAD to update documents in the Office of Topography.

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