



WHSAD Students Forge Unique Partnership with Brooklyn Borough President's Office

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On March 4, 2014, WHSAD was honored to host 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 Architectural Preservation program, 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. He continued his work on a volunteer basis into the summer, when he was joined by Mark Martinez, Class of 2015, one of the WHSAD summer interns. This fall, Mark will be joined by several other interns from WHSAD to continue this ongoing project.

Kellie O'Brien, Manager of the 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.



Mark Martinez, Class of 2015, uses AutoCAD to update documents in the Office of Topography.

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