



The Urban Center for Community Innovation and Technology



## Our Mission...

**Ansar Services is proactively engaged in the implementation of strategies and complementary programs that consciously enrich community life.**

African American Youth, in particular, are being impacted by rapid technological advances. At the same time, the projected demand for workers with the requisite technological training is growing globally. These changes will have a profound impact on labor markets and job prospects for low-skilled workers. Workers in this emerging age of advanced automation will also need to combine technological and critical-thinking skills, with the ability to work collaboratively in team environments.

## The Urban Center for Community Innovation and Technology (UC2IT)®

UC2IT is part of Ansar Services' long-term strategy to help address current and future career challenges faced by youth living in minority and underserved communities. It provides a well-structured environment in which young men and women are encouraged, supported, and effectively guided as they work to reach their human potential; and become high achieving contributors to their respective professions, communities, and to society.

## Our UC2IT® Academy

In 2020, we launched the UC2IT Academy as a virtual, interactive learning environment. We guide youth (ages 14 to 21) through an engaging process of personal growth and enrichment, as part of our Youth Self-Leadership Development (YSLD) program. The Academy provides minority youth with online opportunities to learn more about and receive instruction in areas of emerging technologies. This also helps lead them to new career opportunities. The Academy includes our collaboration with IT organizations, such as the IBM Corporation.

These areas include Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, Cybersecurity, Blockchain, etc. UC2IT students also earn IBM Badges, which provide them with an industry recognized level of learning.

## How Parent and Families Benefit

Parents are empowered to be champions and cheerleaders in the educational experiences and success of their children. They learn to provide important encouragement and help to cultivate their children's development of science, technology, and leadership skills.

## Preparing for the Future and Success

Students who attend UC2IT develop confidence, competence, and marketable skills through hands on and "minds-on" experiences. They learn about the implementation of emerging technologies across various technical disciplines, which prepares them for future exploration and career opportunities in the Global Innovation and Technology marketplace.

## What students gain from UC2IT...

*"This is stuff that can seriously help us! You've made this into an opportunity for us to improve ourselves and better ourselves for the future. Thank you."*

- William

*"I liked the structure where things were more self-led, you could go ahead if you want to. Going into the program thinking it was just IT stuff. But I didn't look into the leadership stuff, which is also just as valuable as the IT when you're going into a job in IT." - Grant*

*"Everything worked. Setting goals for myself worked out. The IBM [eLearning] worked out. It was nothing too hard or too much."*

- Andrea

*"It was good I had to put my goals I want on paper. Having to make a mission and go through all of the details of it was nice. Physical and mental goals and defining what those meant for me. And having to make the things I want more so tangible."*

- William

## We Seek Your Support

We ask for your financial support to help sustain this innovative educational training model, to empower all youth, and to position the next generation of scientists, engineers, inventors, and technologists.

To see how your organization can support our on-going activities and programs, visit us at:

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