



Syosset, November 4th, 2019 – We Connect the Dots (WCTD), a national educational organization based on Long Island, has been awarded a \$196,000 grant from the NYS Department of Labor. The grant is part of the Regional Economic Development Council’s Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) to provide each region with the tools to create and implement its own roadmap for economic prosperity and job creation. Governor Cuomo established a new Workforce Development Initiative to support strategic regional efforts that meet businesses’ short-term workforce needs, improve regional talent pipelines, expand apprenticeships, and address the long-term needs of expanding industries. Funding available under this initiative also seeks to support efforts to improve the economic security of women, youth, and other populations that face significant barriers to career advancement. The project funded by the grant “Pathways to Success” is a 22-week program to support the participants in acquiring the skills and credentials needed to successfully join the cloud IT workforce. Beginning in January 2020, participants can apply for selection to the program. The course will prepare them for careers in the rapidly-growing cloud computing space and help them pursue industry-recognized Amazon Web Services (AWS) Certifications.

Cloud computing is becoming a dominant technology platform, and AWS Academy offers an institutionally embedded pathway for participants to gain the necessary computing skills and knowledge that prepares them for the IT workforce.

The course offered at WCTD, in partnership with Nebula Academy, is a full stack web development program incorporating AWS Academy Certified Cloud Practitioner, which is intended for participants seeking entry level developer roles with an overall understanding of cloud computing concepts.

Authorized AWS Academy curriculum is developed and maintained by AWS subject matter experts, ensuring it is up to date and reflects current services and best practices. The course is taught by Nebula Academy AWS Academy Accredited Instructors who are trained by AWS to help participants become proficient in web development and AWS technology, the world’s more comprehensive and broadly adopted cloud platform.

“We are excited to be the first to offer a full stack web development program blended with Amazon Web Services Academy certification on Long Island,” said Laurie Carey, Executive Director of WCTD. “Cloud computing has become the new normal for organizations around the world, and the technical skills that participants develop through this program will position them well for their careers today and in the future.”

Information and registration for the “Pathways to Success” program can be found on <https://code.nebulaacademy.com/scholarships>

About We Connect The Dots (WCTD)

We Connect The Dots (WCTD) is a nonprofit organization that inspires and educates students in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) careers through collaboration with the community, education, government and the technology industry.

About Nebula Academy

Nebula Academy's mission is to use cognitive learning and coaching models to create positive outcomes across education and professional development communities, where technology is used as a tool for supporting productive and engaging learning experiences. Founded in 2015 and based in Syosset, New York, Nebula Academy specializes in Education, Coaching, Professional Development, Team Building and Collaboration both in person and online. We pride ourselves on the technology platforms we choose to teach and utilize within our everyday business. In order to model and teach how technology increases potential and productivity, we must understand it in real-world applications.