



District Arts & Education “New DAE” initiatives will expand access to digital-era skills to students in New Haven and Stamford

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut: January (20), 2022 – Today, District Arts & Education (DAE) unveiled a series of initiatives to usher in a “New DAE” for the organization, announcing the launch of two new education partnerships. Through these programs, the Connecticut non-profit is increasing the scale of its ongoing mission to provide tech education and career resources to underrepresented communities and to equip people with the digital and human skills required to create social and economic change for themselves and their communities.

A.M. Bhatt, DAE’s Founder & CEO said in a recent public conversation: “if we are truly committed to the long-term health and growth of our most underserved young people, we must take responsibility for tending the soil in which their lives first take root.”

The first wave of initiatives that are connected to DAE’s commitment to ‘tend the soil’ are:

- DAE developed and is teaching the curriculum for the **Synchrony Skills Academy**, an eight-month intensive that will provide tech education and college and career assistance for 25 Stamford Public High School students. The program launched on Wednesday, January 19 and an additional 25 students will participate in a full-time summer program starting in June. A full year-long program will launch in Fall 2022 and eventually grow to 100 students per year in Stamford.
- In collaboration with New Haven Public Schools, on Monday, January 24th DAE is launching a yearlong tech education program for 50 public high school students that will provide students with the tech skills to either move directly into the workforce in entry-level, high-growth tech jobs, or have a competitive advantage in gaining access to premier higher education programs in STEM disciplines.

These new initiatives are the first wave of new the New DAE. In the coming months, the organization will be announcing additional high school and adult programs that further extend DAE’s mission to make the tech industry more accessible to underrepresented communities. DAE will also begin hosting monthly conversations with local and industry leaders. [Subscribe to DAE’s newsletter for more information](#) on these events.

[District Arts & Education](#) is a New Haven, Connecticut-based non-profit that provides underserved communities with tech education resources and opportunities to change their lives.

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