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THE WOODLAWN CONSERVANCY GRADUATION CEREMONY CELEBRATES PRESERVATION TRAINING *Program provides career opportunities to young New Yorkers*



The Woodlawn Conservancy held a graduation ceremony for its preservation and workforce development program, **Bridge to Crafts Careers - Preservation Training Program (PTP)**. The group of graduates, ages 18 to 24, completed the 10-week course and participated in the ceremony held in-person, practicing social distancing. Woodlawn's spring 2020 Cohort of PTP interns had just begun their internships when COVID-19 closed schools and offices, moving the classroom portion of the program virtually online. The interns benefitted from the expertise of guest lecturers, submitted their sketches and homework, and completed their 30-hour OSHA training online. On June 8th, the interns were allowed back on site at Woodlawn when New York City entered Phase 1 of re-opening. Students gained hands-on experience learning how to clean monuments, cut and clean mortar joints and repoint using traditional methods. Participants received certification in the use of Jahn Mortar (masonry repair material), man lift operation, and Stationary Scaffolding. Additional training in financial management, interview skills, resume writing, and work place etiquette was conducted by The Door, Woodlawn's non-profit partner, with expertise in providing a comprehensive approach to youth services.