

### Small BusinessConsulting Practice Cohort-4 Report

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# **Open House**

#### Over 50+ Lehman College business students showed up!

- On November 6<sup>th</sup> the Small Business Consulting Practice held an Open House event.
- The event was open to all Lehman College Business and Economic students.
- A panel comprised of previous cohort members and previous clients answered all questions for students.
- The program objectives, schedules and application process were explained to the students.

# **Application Process**

After the Open House we received over 30 Applications

In order to be selected for the program students had to do three things:

- Students had to complete and submit and application on time
- Students were then asked how would the program assist them in their life goals and how would they assist the program.
- Lastly students completed a series of interviews

# **The Curriculum**

After being selected for the program, the Interns were

then taught the subjects that are key to consulting to small businesses

Web Design

#### PowerPoint Presentation

- Students learned how to prepare Business Presentations using PowerPoint
- Students learned the importance of pitch decks and presenting their ideas to potential clients.

Students learned the importance of Communication and Networking.

Soft Skills

- Students also learned how to read and understand body language.
- Students learned how to design and develop websites using software like: SquareSpace, Wix, and Shopify.
- Students learned how to improve a businesses online presence

#### Social Media Marketing

 Students learned how to create content and the importance of scheduling posts.

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Students were taught how to identify target markets, identify the platforms they use, and curate content that would lead to an increase in customer engagement

#### Financial Projections & Businesses Planning

 Students learned how to develop strategies for the businesses using the "Business Model Canvas"

# Hands-on Training

Pictured: Left, Kathy Kelly, Media Coach, Right, Marlon Cartagena, Junior Consultant



Students were given real business problems to tackle as examples during training workshops.

Pictured: from left to right, Business Owner Harriet J, Junior Consultants Melanie Beltran, Salim Bamrani, Mariely Matilde, and Melissa Gutierrez,

# Now The Real Work Begins

# Due to COVID-19 we were unable to host our in-person **Meet The Interns** Event.



### **MEET THE INTERNS**

#### FIND OUT HOW TO GET A INTERN WHO WILL ASSIST YOU, AT <u>NO COST.</u>





Assist with Loan Packaging & Financial Projection Improve Online Presence

Social Media

We can help you organize your financials so you can improve your business and tackle new opportunites

We help in developing and growing your business`s online presence We can assist you in building a Social Media following and grow your business's outreach.

### We support your business

#### You give us experience!

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**Meet The Interns Agenda** Tuesday, April 14th 3:00-6:30PM

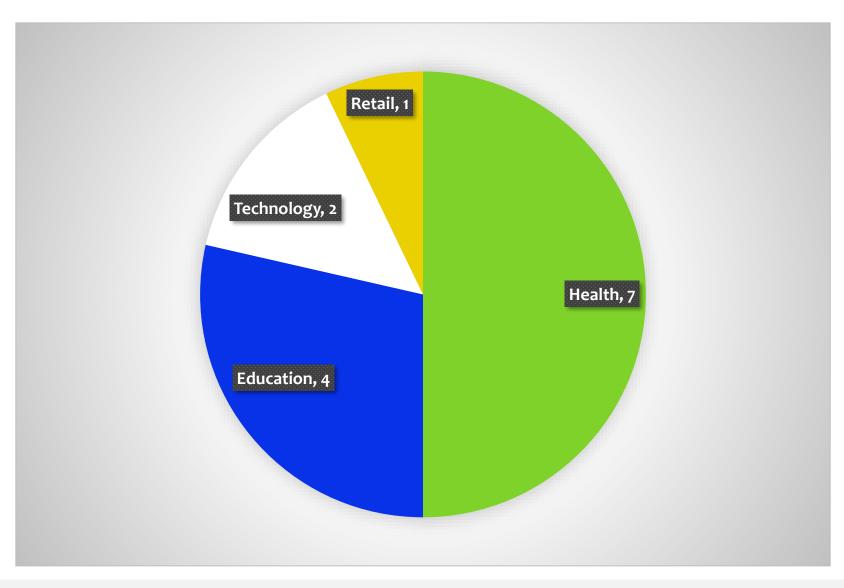
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3:20 PM	Cohort - Student Introductions
3:45 PM	Break Out Session 1
4:20 PM	Break Out Session 2
4:55 PM	Break Out Session 3
5:30 PM	Break Out Session 4
6:05 PM	Recap & Goodbyes – Coordinators

## Many Businesses came to the Virtual Event

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Let's look at some of the businesses the Interns helped this Cohort

### All the principle Bronx businesses were represented.

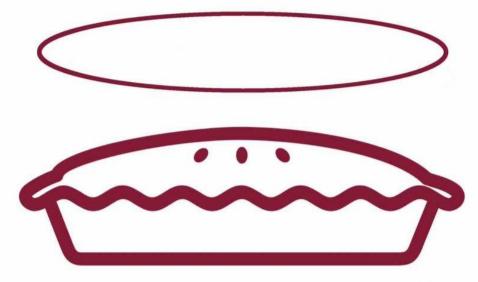


## **SBCP Fast Facts**

- This Cohort helped 14 Businesses.
- Seven businesses in the Health
   Sector, four in Education, two in
   Technology and one in Retail.
- This Cohort comprised 13 Students, most of them in their junior or senior year of college.



### Example 1: Sweet Carolina Pie



# Sweet Carolina Pie

- Traditional Southern Desserts -

Pictured above: Logo created by Interns

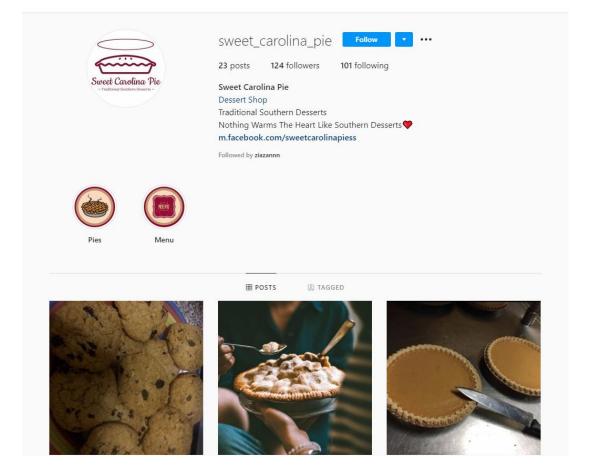
- CEO: Deborah Smalls
- About: A Bakery inspired by Southern style deserts.
   Deborah was inspired by her grandmother's cooking.
   She wants people to feel good and happy whenever they eat her pastries.
- Needs: Social Media Marketing and Online Presence including websites, social media and search engine optimization.

## **Student Work for Sweet Carolina Pies**

# Students create a website for Deborah using SquareSpace

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"Nothing warn	ns the heart like southern	desserts"		
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# Students create an Instagram account for Deborah



## Example 2: Steel Tribe Muscle Gear Apparel



- About: Steel Tribe Muscle Gear is all about creating workout apparel and promoting a healthy lifestyle.
- Needs: Rebrand their Social Media accounts
   (Facebook and Instagram) as well as revamp their
   websites for a more professional look.



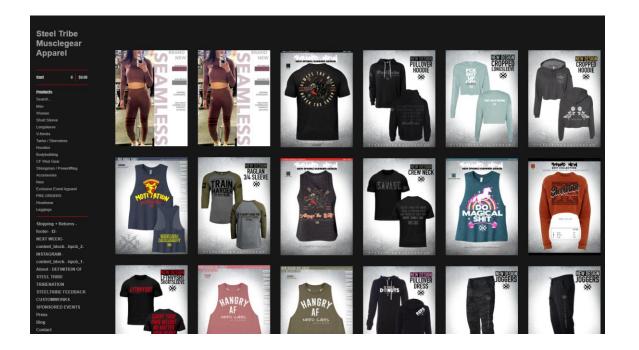


## Student work for Steel Tribe Muscle Gear Apparel

Students worked with the business and began to reorganize their website and make it seem more professional and more user friendly.

### **Steel Tribes Old Website**

### **Steel Tribes New Website.**





## Steel Tribe Muscle Gear Apparel Student Work cont.

- Students also created a 50-page business plan detailing which Influencers they can reach out to for partnerships, as well as Social Media audits for the client as well as their competitors.
- Students assisted them in revamping their financials
   leading to them finding ways to reduce the costs of
   running the business



### Example 3: Learn Tech Teach

- CEO: Khaitsa Wasiyo
- About: Learn Tech Teach is all about helping

institutions create online classes in order to train

professionals and educate people.

• Needs: Someone to help their marketing, remodel

their entire business model and assist in fixing their

finances.



### Student work for Learn Tech Teach

To the left is a financial projection created by the Interns for Khaitsa to keep track of her profits and expenses.

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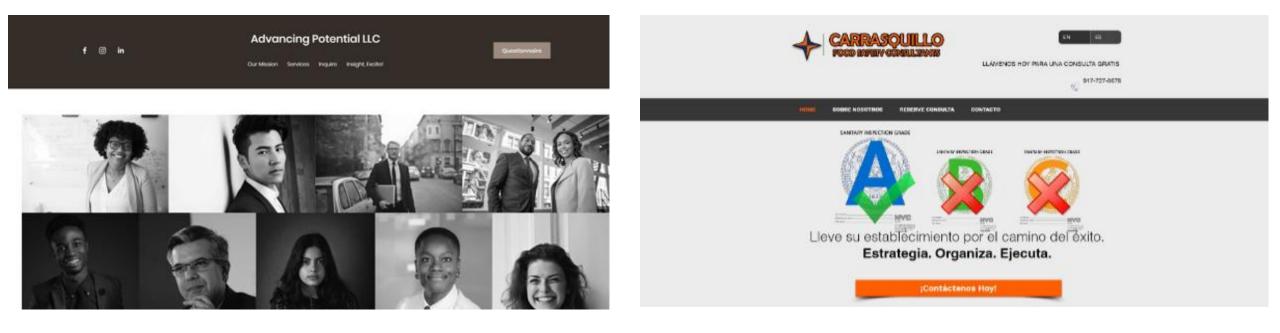
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# The following images are of more projects completed by the Cohort 4 Interns

### Our Interns created websites for the businesses.



Interns create different types of content for their client's online presence and social media marketing.







#### SandrineBeauty Published by Hootsuite [?] - 11 hrs - 3

Sandrine Beauty offers a wonderful line of natural Aromatherapy beauty products. All, products are made from scratch. They are very moisturizing to the skin, not to mention their amazing scent.

#sandrinebeauty #aromatherapy #naturalbeauty #lavenderfromprovence #naturalbeautycare #skincare #refreshyourskin #holisticbeauty #madebyme #holisticlifestyle



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Intern Samia creates a Facebook post for **Sandrine Beauty.** (Left)

> Interns Melanie creates two customer personas for her client **Sandrine Beauty**. (Below)

#### Personas



This is Melissa, she is single and is between the age range of 21-28, full time college student with a part time job, watches beauty tutorials in her free time. Would likely watch organic face cleansing, look up the top 10 organic soap products, would be interested in Sandtrine Beauty tutorials every thursday.



This is Shelly. She is a young professional, in the age range between 25-35, sensitive skin and acne that want to use organic products. Interested in dermatology and fitness. (interested in organic lifestyles, that involve skin and makeup)

#### Daily Challenges For Instagram Story

#### Body parts to target in challenges:

- Arms (targets:biceps, triceps, etc) 1 week
- Legs (targets:quads, glutes, hamstrings, etc) 1 week
- Abs (targets:upper abs, lower abs, obliques, and core) 1 week
- Back (targets: Latissimus Dorsi, Trapezius, Rhomboids and Levator Scapular Muscles, Erector Spinae, etc) 1 week
- Upper Body 1 week
- Lower Body 1 week
- Tag Participant
- #JoinUs #joinusnow #joinusorwatchus #joinustoday #Stayhome #quarantineworkou
  - #resistancebands #nogymnoproblem #atl
- 3. Post It
- Hear back from followers in regards to their results through DM's

## So what's next?

### For the Interns:

- Employment
- Starting their own businesses
- Graduation

### For the Businesses:

- Dealing with the pandemic
- Getting back on their feet
- Expanding and growing with their new skills

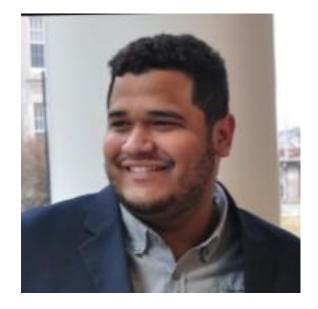
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