This summer the NCLC kicked off the first Summer Leadership Institute (SLI) for 800 students at Essex County College. The 800 youth were selected from the City of Newark Summer Youth Employment Program, which placed 2600 Newark youth in a variety of jobs. The goal of the Summer Leadership Institute was to provide young adults with engaging programs that instill the life skills needed to ensure their success to and through a postsecondary pipeline.

Students met every Monday for six weeks, from July 6th - August 10th. The students engaged in various workshops that focused on financial literacy, college knowledge, careers and arts and wellness. The program concluded with a college and career readiness fair which included college prep programs, higher education institutions, internship and scholarship providers and employers. According to a student survey over 50% of students felt the workshops increased their desire to think about college and encouraged them to think about their career aspirations.

This fall, NCLC is introducing a monthly leadership institute at Newark’s Centers of Hope. The workshops will target high school students and their families and center on imparting college knowledge information to help students get into and through college successfully while connecting them to college prep programs such as Abbott Leadership Institute and College Summit. The workshops will take place on the third Thursday of each month. For more information please contact admin@nclc2025.org

The NCLC Leadership Institute will kick off on October 29, 2015 at the South Ward Center of Hope site, located at 84 Clinton Pl, Newark NJ 07108.